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GU's club approval process has changed to improve resource availability.

Club approval updated

By ALLY ALSEPT

Students and staff in the Gonzaga Student Body Association working to consolidate Gonzaga University's clubs in an effort to save money are urging patience as they work through a new approval process.

Requests for new clubs will now be reviewed twice a year, and the Center for Student Involvement is seeking to combine similar clubs and eliminate those without any members, according to Andrew Mercer, program coordinator and staff adviser to GSBA. The goal is to prevent the student government from running out of money to support clubs, as it did in February.

"I want people to find their niche and be excited about it, but to ensure that we're using our funds equitably, that's where [club funding] has to be cut," Mercer said.

The application remains the same, and students pursuing starting a new club must meet the requirements already in place

according to Mercer. They must have at least 15 GU registered students, one faculty adviser, a president and a vice president.

According to the new club process guidelines, clubs will be expected to ensure they follow all club rules and responsibilities listed in the Center for Student Involvement Club Manual. The student sponsor must also attend an informational session in order for the club to be reviewed or accepted.

Mercer said the new process should reduce the number of clubs on campus and also reduce demand on limited funds.

Mercer said he spoke with student body association advisers of other Jesuit schools and found that many of them held only one club approval process for the entire year. Their processes were simpler than GU's, which previously held approval processes four times annually.

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GU students host a voter registration drive on Sept. 17, helping students register to vote, request an absentee ballot and check their registration status.

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NATIONAL ELECTION REACHES GU

Presidential race intensifies

By CLARINNE KIRK

Following an unprecedented campaign season that resulted in current President Joe Biden's resignation, these past couple of weeks, including the first debate between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump, have given insight into the issues that remain at the core of the presidential race.

Paralleling the top concerns of voters, the economy, immigration and abortion remain key facets of the candidates' platforms. According to the Pew Research Center, 81% of voters, regardless of party, listed the economy as very important to their vote in the presidential election.

In regards to her economic plan, Harris said she is the "middle-class candidate" and would institute a plan to support small businesses, which she called "part of the backbone of the American economy," and extend a child tax credit of \$6,000 so that young families can afford to raise their children.

Harris also claimed that Trump's economic plan would continue to grant tax cuts to billionaires and large corporations and institute the "Trump Sales Tax," which she described as a 20% sales tax on everyday goods that would result in higher prices.

Trump has rebutted Harris's claims, saying he has no plan to institute a "Trump

Sales Tax," but would instead put tariffs on other countries and get "payback" for the U.S.'s global contributions. Trump's campaign has also targeted the Biden administration, calling inflation the "worst in our nation's history."

Contrary to Trump's claims, inflation historically peaked in 1917, though inflation rates have been higher under Biden's administration than Trump's, with an average annual inflation rate of 5.7% and 1.9%, respectively.

Trump has also used the topic of the economy to play on fears regarding immigrants stealing American jobs.

"We have millions of people pouring into our country from prisons and jails, from mental institutions and insane asylums, and they're coming in and they're taking jobs that are occupied right now by African-Americans and Hispanics," Trump said.

Among Trump supporters, immigration is a leading issue of this campaign season, with 82% citing immigration as very important to their vote. Addressing this concern, Trump's campaign messages have centered around immigration concerns, specifically calling Harris a "Border Czar" and claiming that under the Biden administration, there

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Voter registration gives students a voice

By HANNAH BROWN

With young voters nationwide feeling disheartened about upcoming elections and dissuaded from voting, Gonzaga University faculty and students say there are still reasons to cast a ballot this November.

"I've had a lot of people tell me, 'I don't know if my vote matters,'" sophomore Emma Davey said. "Even if you're just one vote, that does matter, and it makes a difference in the overall election. Getting people registered, especially on college campuses, is super important because your voice does matter."

To a student who might feel powerless, Sarah James, professor of political science, said she encourages them to look beyond the presidential election.

"The chances that your one vote is going to matter, especially in a highly polarized election, is probably not that great," James said. "That being said, that's the presidential election, and there's so many other important issues that are decided at the state and local level, and that's where your vote can have a really big impact — even if it maybe feels like a foregone conclusion in the presidential election."

James also said a changing political climate leaves room for the next generation

to create change.

"I think it's really critical, especially as we see more elder statesmen retiring, like Joe Biden, that Gen Zers need to step up and have a say in what they want the world to look like," James said.

According to research from Tufts University's Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, 50% of U.S. residents ages 18-29 voted in the 2020 presidential election. While this was an increase from previous years, the organization said young people have historically voted at lower rates than their older peers.

Rebecca Donaway, communication studies professor, said she encourages students to "lean into their power" because of the strength they hold as a voting bloc.

"I think it's important that as a campus, as an educational institution that says we care about social justice, and the dignity of the human person, and diversity and the common good, that we engage in the democratic process, which is an election," Donaway said. "In order to do that, we have to register voters, and we have to have voters that believe that their vote counts. I think it's really important work from an institutional perspective to help our students feel like there's an avenue for

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To encourage students to register to vote, James and Donaway hosted a voter registration drive on campus Tuesday. The resources at the event were meant to help students navigate the complexities of being

a college-aged voter, according to James. “On a college campus, especially early in the semester, there can be a lot of confusion and uncertainty about where or how or in what ways one can vote,” James said. “But figuring out how to get an absentee ballot, or if you want to register in Spokane County, how do you get registered in a new state — those are all things that are not necessarily obvious.”

This voter registration work, James said, is important from an institutional standpoint, especially because of GU’s objective to develop students who are active participants in social justice. “As we think about Gonzaga’s mission and our emphasis on humanism and developing the whole person, and thinking about care for the vulnerable and the climate and social justice, all of those things

are really long-term projects that are really hard to find solutions to,” James said. “One of the ways you make progress on those things is expressing your opinion and engaging in dialogue and conversation.”

Hannah Brown is a staff writer.

Film discussion empowers voters

By LILY PEARSE

Asians for Collective Liberation in Spokane and Mujeres in Action partnered with the Gonzaga Student Body Association and the Center for Student Involvement to host a screening of the Brave New Films documentary “Suppressed and Sabotaged.”

The documentary highlighted how voter suppression laws have gained traction, most notably since 2018 and focused on how marginalized communities have historically had their voting restricted through various forms of purging votes, identification laws invalidating registration and making ballot boxes inaccessible in predominantly urban BIPOC areas.

The film had both discussions before and after the event, featuring Tia Moua and Jacky Garcia, speakers from the two Spokane organizations, facilitated a discussion on voter suppression and the importance of empowering voters.

“Voter suppression tactics threaten to disrupt the voices of hundreds of thousands of Americans in the upcoming 2024 election,” Moua, a representative from Asians for Collective Liberation, said.

Moua said that in spite of this voter suppression, young people need to vote and create political change that will have ripple effects on policies including voter suppression.

“If we want to create a more inclusive democracy that represents the diverse needs of its people, we must empower young voters,” Moua said. “Young voters have the power to decide our upcoming elections.”

Moua said that students who are away at school still can vote in their hometowns and just need to update their mailing address on their voter registration. Updating the mailing address to a GU mailing address will ensure that students receive their ballots at school, rather than at home.

“Washington is a vote-by-mail state. As long as your registration lists your current address, you will receive a ballot,” Moua said.

Moua said that young voters “have the power to decide our upcoming elections.” According to Moua, voters ages 18 to 34 will make up over 40 million potential voters in 2024, nearly one-fifth of the American electorate.

Moua expressed the aim to empower people to vote



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Following a documentary screening, GU community members discussed voter rights.

and fight voter suppression while engaging with the larger Spokane community.

“I would encourage students to be active in civic engagement, even in different ways with volunteering and nonprofits,” Moua said. “During my time at GU, I knew a lot of people who were in a campus bubble. By getting involved, you can find a lot of cultural pockets and see the beauty in Spokane.”

GU junior Maura Sweeney said she was impacted by the event and found it informative.

“I didn’t have any expectations coming into this, but this is something that I care about a lot because a lot of my friends in Washington don’t believe it’s important for them to vote because Washington is already such a blue state,” Sweeney said. “But hearing all the stories of those who were impacted by their vote getting taken away gave me a much different perspective that I’ve never had before.”

Lily Pearse is a digital editor.

Chief Hall brings new era of policing

By LAURA ERICKSON

A new chapter for the Spokane Police Department began on Aug. 26, as newly appointed Police Chief Kevin Hall began his role. Hall brings 32 years of law enforcement experience to the position and has a vision of improving Spokane and its policing practices.

“Everybody has been very welcoming,” Hall said. “Everybody in the city, not just the department, have been really, really good.”

The city’s search for a new chief began last year following former Spokane Police Chief Craig Meidl’s resignation announcement in November, according to the Spokesman-Review. Meidl worked for the department for nearly 30 years and served as chief for eight.



Courtesy of Spokane Police Kevin Hall

One of four finalists for the position, Hall was announced as the city’s new police chief in July after a unanimous vote from the city council, according to the City of Spokane.

Hall spent over three decades working at the police department in Tucson, Arizona, eight of which he served as assistant police chief. Though his policing career is rooted in Arizona, Hall has lifelong ties to the Spokane area as an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, and he

has regularly visited his family in the area.

In his new position, Hall said he is primarily focused on instilling organizational values, including evidence-based policing, which he described as implementing policies and protocols backed by the best available scientific research. Other organizational values he plans to emphasize include constitutional policing and community-based or community-centered policing.

According to Spokane’s deputy city administrator, Maggie Yates, the main values that the police chief’s hiring committee was looking for included being data-driven, embracing best practices, not being afraid to try innovative solutions to problems and being focused on community.

“We also heard a need for experience and expertise in policing [with] sort of specialized populations,” Yates said. “Whether that’s folks who are homeless or folks who are struggling with substance use, and understanding the intersection of public health and

public safety.”

Hall said Spokane’s biggest priority is addressing the city’s sense of disorder and lawlessness surrounding open drug use by homeless individuals and the property crime that often coincides with it, such as commercial burglaries or thefts from sheds and houses. However, the city’s violent crime, according to Hall, has decreased steadily over the past six years.

To combat this issue, Hall said he hopes to prioritize increasing both the physical safety of Spokane’s community as well as the city’s perception of safety.

“I think those are two different things that get conflated,” Hall said. “In law enforcement, we can reduce crime all the way down to where it’s almost nothing in some cases, but people can still feel very unsafe, and so we have to address that. And I think a lot of times, law enforcement executives fail to recognize that perception is just as important as crime production.”

Hall said he believes Spokane’s perception of safety comes from homeless individuals openly using drugs in public spaces, particularly in the downtown areas of the city and even some areas near GU’s campus.

“It’s scary to a lot of people,” Hall said. “There’s compassion for them and what they’re going through, but at the same time, I think we need to balance that with the rest of the community. They should be able to use that space and feel safe doing that at the same time.”

To reduce this perception, Hall said it is important to find legal solutions to ensure that these individuals are receiving the proper care they need, such as behavioral health services, substance use treatment or housing. Hall also said instituting more housing opportunities for Spokane’s homeless population comes down to housing on a federal level.

“There’s not enough housing across the board, but definitely not enough of what we call supportive housing or supportive shelter where treatment for both behavioral health and substance misuse issues are combined with housing,” Hall said. “It takes a lot of money and a lot of effort.”

According to Yates, selecting a new chief is an important process that can be contentious because of the community’s diverse values and opinions on public safety. Out of 14 initial candidates for the position, she said Hall excelled on all fronts.

“Whether you were talking to the selection committee or the police guild or police leadership or the mayor, he was, across the board, just a standout candidate,” Yates said. “And I think it really speaks to his vision and his experience as to why he had such broad support and a unanimous vote.”

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has been an increase in illegal border crossings and violent crime committed by immigrants. In his claims, Trump repeatedly used rhetoric depicting immigrants as violent, calling them “criminals” and “terrorists.”

“[The Biden administration] allowed criminals, many, many millions of criminals, they allowed terrorists, they allowed common street criminals, they allowed people — drug dealers — to come into our country,” Trump said.

The topic of abortion is another large concern for voters, especially among Democrats, with 67% of Harris supporters calling the issue “very important,” according to the Pew Research Center. Pew Research Center’s study also found that on the issue of abortion, Harris has an 11-point advantage over Trump in voters’ confidence in the candidates ability to handle abortion policy decisions.

When pushed on his abortion position, Trump consistently referred to placing the power back to states to make a decision regarding abortion’s legality, which he claimed would place the issue back in voters’ hands, rather than keeping it tied up in the federal government. On the topic of abortion, Trump has also made false claims regarding Democrats executing babies after birth.

Harris has expressed her support for reinstating the protections of abortion guaranteed under Roe V. Wade and spoken to the larger ramifications of overturning that case, including the potential of miscarriage women being denied health care and women having to pay to travel to other states to receive an abortion.

Perri Abrams, a Gonzaga University senior, said that abortion was one of the issues most important to her.

“I think the main thing was Roe v Wade,” Abrams said. “I knew that was going to be a larger conversation and take it a bulk of the time and also cause a larger dispute.”

Since assuming the role as the Democratic presidential nominee, Harris has attempted to distinguish herself from the Biden campaign. Harris’s campaign has also used the repeated message of “turning the page” and “moving forward,” claiming that she is the candidate of the “new generation” focused on unity rather than division.

“I do believe that the American people know that we all have so much more in common than what separates us, and we can chart a new way forward,” Harris said.

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Spokane Police Chief Search Timeline

Nov. 16

Police Chief Craig Meidl resigns, kicking off the need for Mayor Lisa Brown to find a replacement.

June 20

After having 14 applications for the role, local officials narrow the search to four members that they bring to Spokane.

July 12

Mayor Brown selects Kevin Hall to be the next Spokane Police Chief.

Aug. 26

Hall is sworn into the role.

Fr. Bob 'walks the talk' of GU's Jesuit mission

By MIA GALLEGOS

From the day he stepped foot on the brick walkway of Bulldog Alley, Father Bob Lyons, S.J. had the university's mission in his heart and was ready to share it with all those he encountered.

Lyons was a foundational member within Gonzaga University's broadcasting department during its early years up to nearly present day. He has since stepped away from this former role to take up the title of university chaplain.

Lyons was born and raised in a neighborhood by Mission Hill in Spokane and attended St. Aloysius grade school and Gonzaga Preparatory School.

Having attended Jesuit, Catholic schools, Lyons said the choice to become a Jesuit himself came almost naturally. Lyons said learned about the Jesuits from his family's parish. From there, he was interested in exploring being a Jesuit and joined in 1965 before becoming ordained in 1977.

"It's pretty unusual for someone to become a Jesuit right out of high school," Lyons said. "Some of it is cultural and the way the world works today. But I did enter right out of high school."

Lyons graduated from Gonzaga Prep in spring 1964, joining the Jesuits just under a year later.

Several years into the Novitiate, Lyons moved away from the Spokane region to pursue education at different universities around California, collegiate studies being one of the steps to becoming a Jesuit. He studied within the Jesuit School of Theology at the University of California, Berkeley. He then went on to receive his master's degree in Radio and Television at San Francisco State University.

His initial intrigue in broadcasting came from a role he was thrown into during his college career. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he returned to Spokane to teach social studies at Gonzaga Prep.

Lyons explained how all of the teachers received assignments around the school, whether that was involved in athletics, arts or some other body on campus. He was put in charge of the media needs at the school.

Taking on this role, Lyons began brainstorming ways to improve the production and composition of the video footage that the school was releasing of their different sports teams, as well as integrating newscasts for the students to be informed.

"I built a television studio in the high school," Lyons said. "We had our own production booth with the switcher and the cameras in the studio."

This work was the catalyst to his interest in broadcasting and what inspired him to pursue his advanced studies within that subject after he was ordained.

In 1980, Lyons began his career teaching broadcasting at GU, serving as one of the pioneers of the major. He was a key member in building the television studio at GU, which was originally located on the top floor of College Hall.

In addition to this, he built a television remote truck. He described how the truck would be used to televise the basketball games in the Kennedy Pavilion, now known as the Martin Centre. Lyons, his colleagues and several broadcast students involved with production were provided with the opportunity to broadcast live on cable.

"We were broadcasting games with students operating the entire thing, doing play by plays, all of that really interesting stuff," Lyons said. "A couple times a year, the Washington State Supreme Court would hear oral arguments in our law school, so we would cable into that and actually cover the oral arguments and broadcast it."

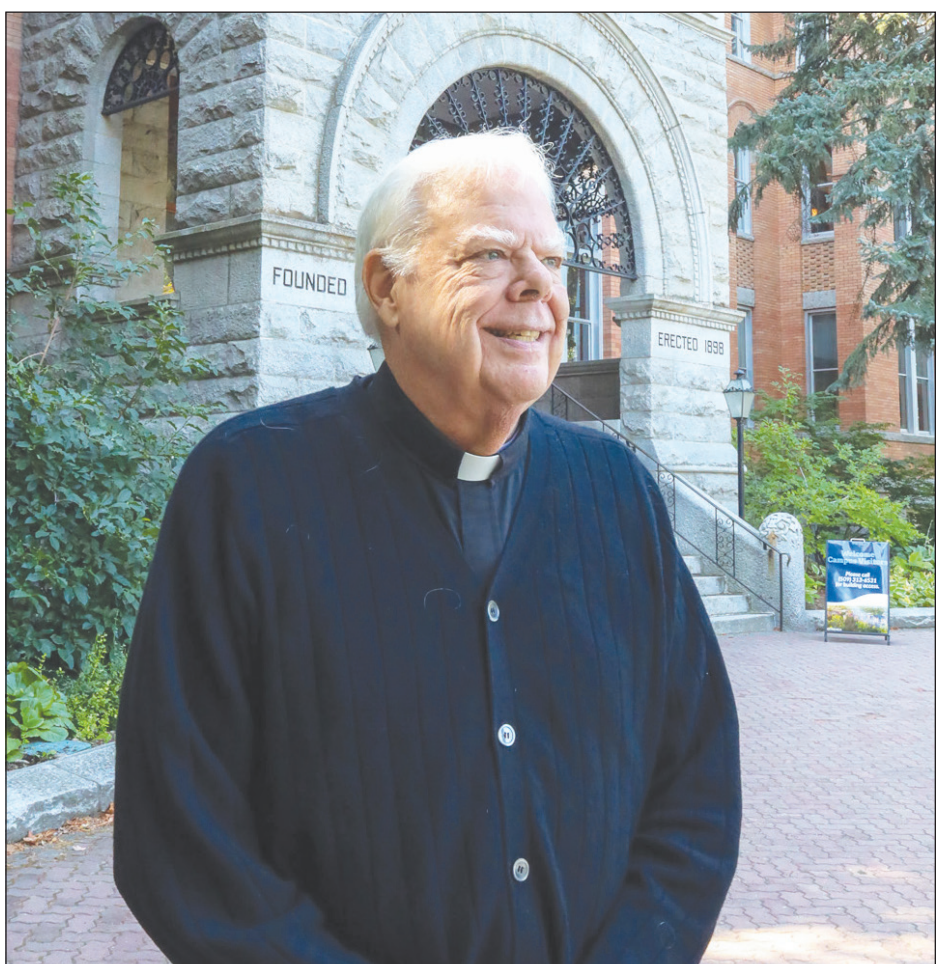
Between the years of 2008 to 2012, Lyons was the chair of the communications department, which encompassed elements of journalism, broadcasting, public relations and other artistic majors like theater and dance. He felt as though the nature of the department could benefit from being divided into separate, more niche study trajectories.

"We finally said, 'It's too big and needs to be cut up a bit into components that are more manageable.' So Communication Studies became speech and how communication works," Lyons said. "Theater and Dance became their own department and then broadcasting, journalism and public relations became integrated media."

Aside from this shift to creating more specialized majors in the communications field, Lyons played a role in several major integrations within the integrated media department as it became its own entity.

Still, Lyons enjoyed teaching, one of his favorite parts of it being working with the students who had chosen broadcasting as their major.

"I didn't have to motivate people, they



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A former broadcast journalism professor, Lyons serves as the university chaplain.

were already motivated," Lyons said. "The real task was just letting people develop their talents because they had interest. Then it was a goal of being able to help people to learn more and integrate [that talent] into what they were already doing."

Josh Boche, the broadcast engineer of the integrated media department, described some of the collaborative accomplishments that he and Lyons completed together. During their time working together, Boche and Lyons produced a podcast cart that could be taken to Della Strada — the Jesuit community on campus — to stream masses from their cathedral, specifically during the pandemic.

Aside from the tangible accomplishments Lyons accumulated, Boche explained the defining characteristics of Lyons and how those contribute to the spirit of GU.

"Everyone is good at seeing the human aspect when things are going smoothly," Boche said. "But with him, it doesn't matter if things are going smoothly, or if they're challenging or if they're just going horribly. He never looks at somebody like they're the problem or the enemy. They're still human and need to be treated as such."

Colleen McMahon, an associate professor of public relations, said a similar

sentiment in regard to her friendship with Lyons.

"He's been not just a colleague and a friend, but also a priest for me," McMahon said. "I had major back surgery in 2012 and he came to the hospital before my surgery and did the Anointing of Sick for me."

Lyons is now the Chair of the Board of Members, an initiative of people who are working to define what it means to be GU — a school rooted in tradition and Jesuit ideologies.

"I became really interested in what makes up the fabric of the university, what's unique about it, what's different about it," Lyons said. "What do we want in a Jesuit Catholic university that would be distinctive and how does that get lived out?"

Though no longer involved in academic departments, Lyons is finding ways to contribute to the fabric of GU and make it a place where students and faculty respect one another, with shared understanding and commitment to making GU a place for all.

"He really walks the talk of our mission," McMahon said. "He models how we at Gonzaga should treat each other."

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Technology institute director hired

By NATALIE KELLER

Gonzaga University has named Shanchieh Jay Yang as the inaugural director of the new Institute for Informatics and Applied Technology, according to university press release on Sept. 6.

Yang, who started in the position on Aug. 16, has an "extensive" knowledge of his field and an "impressive" research acumen, according to the press release. In his new role, he will collaborate with GU deans and faculty to develop a "Jesuit values-based learning" environment that focuses on artificial intelligence.



COURTESY OF SHANCHIEH JAY YANG
Dr. Shanchieh Jay Yang

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Yang to Gonzaga University," said Interim Provost Mia Bertagnoli in the press release. "His expertise and leadership will be instrumental in advancing our Jesuit vision and positioning Gonzaga at the forefront of applied technology education, particularly in areas such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and informatics, all with a particular focus on their ethical considerations."

Yang previously worked at the Rochester Institute of Technology as the director of research for the Global Cybersecurity Institute and as department head of computer engineering. According to the press release, Yang has published over 85 peer-reviewed research papers and has contributed to numerous research and pedagogy innovations related to artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.

Yang's appointment comes after the university announced in April 2023 that it would establish the new technology-focused institute. Funded by a \$5 million donation from David and Cathleen Reisenauer, the institute offers bachelor's and master's degrees in data science and a master's degree in cybersecurity.

"The establishment of this Institute is a testament to Gonzaga's commitment to addressing the growing demand for skilled professionals in STEM fields," said GU President Thayne McCulloh in the press release. "With Dr. Yang's leadership, we are confident that the Institute will enhance Gonzaga's academic offerings and make a significant impact on the technological and economic landscape of the region."

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Per GSBA, clubs will now have to follow a new set of guidelines.

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With the approval process occurring just twice a year, Mercer said he is confident that this will be a positive change for the GSBA and clubs.

GSBA Director of Clubs and Organizations Devyn Schaefer said new clubs will now go through a six-month probationary period in which they will only be able to receive a portion of financial support that established clubs can receive.

During the allotted probationary period, club directors are expected to complete all the necessary training listed on the GSBA page Zagtivities and show growth within their club.

"For the most part, what we want to avoid, and what we've had happen in the past, is students coming and creating a club simply to request money from GSBA for a hobby," Schaefer said.

Mercer said he believed students were creating viable clubs, but that there was the potential for clubs to take advantage of campus resources.

"I think that students are out trying to create space for themselves to kind of develop however they want," Mercer said. "If you're offering money to people to do that, I wouldn't see why students would not want to take advantage of that. My hope is that they're not, but who knows?"

In a meeting on Sept. 10, GSBA began the process of merging similar clubs in the fields of health and sciences, the first to be combined through the new process. Nothing has been finalized, but they are testing the process with hopes that the changing policies will be in full swing by the end of the fall semester.

"Each club would remain as a club themselves," Schaefer said. "They would have their own leadership, and have their own meetings, but one person on each club would be part of a Health Sciences Club Board of Directors. They would act as a liaison between their club, other health sciences clubs and GSBA as well."

There have been some issues with clubs not wanting to merge with one another, believing they should be separate, specifically in the gaming world of GU club opportunities according to Schaefer.

However, Schaefer pointed to the cultural clubs on campus which already have a similar approach, called the Unity Alliance of Cultural Clubs. This arrangement could serve as a model for combining clubs, according to Schaefer.

"That's worked great," Schaefer said. "Some of our cultural clubs are our most successful clubs on campus. They have the most growth, bring in the most fundraising and put on the most activities."

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Filipino 101 returns to campus

By HANNAH BROWN

This fall, Gonzaga University welcomed Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Cailvin Reyes to teach Filipino 101 and 102 courses, allowing the university to teach Tagalog, the official language of the Philippines, and to continue its legacy of offering a diverse range of languages.

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program matches teaching assistants throughout the world with universities in the United States with the aim of expanding foreign language offerings and promoting knowledge of and connection with other cultures.

"[They] have a list of languages for which they have people wishing to come to the United States to teach those languages and we are able, every year, to apply for Fulbright Language Teaching Assistants for one or more languages," said Benjamin Semple, professor of French and the chair of the modern languages and literature department at GU.

The Filipino 101 and 102 courses are being offered in the fall and spring consecutively. They are four-credit, beginner-level courses designed for students with little or any knowledge of Tagalog.

"Students will be encouraged to communicate consistently in the Filipino language from the start of the course," Reyes said. "I will be introducing Filipino grammar, vocabulary, reading, speaking and writing activities and of course it come[s] with Filipino cultural topics. Aside from language, they will also be learning about food, culture, songs and many other things in my class."



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Professor Cailvin Reyes is teaching Filipino courses at GU for the first time this semester.

Semple emphasized the unique opportunity that this class grants GU students.

"It's something we probably wouldn't offer if we didn't have somebody through the Fulbright Commission to come to campus and teach it," Semple said.

Offering this course also allows GU to continue its mission of offering students the chance to study an array of different modern languages.

"It expands our offerings in Asian languages," Semple said. "The United States is an important Filipino American community, and so it offers students the opportunity maybe to study what for them is a heritage language, although they might not have had the opportunity before."

Reyes echoed the importance of offering this class at GU, especially because of Tagalog's prominence in Washington state.

"I read an article, I think in 2011, that the Filipino language is the fourth most spoken in Washington," Reyes said. "Having someone from the Philippines teach the Filipino language is really vital because it's a firsthand experience. I can bring firsthand experience from the Philippines to the United States and not only the language but also the culture. I will be able to share my culture, the tradition, the food that we eat in the Philippines and how we live in the Philippines."

Reyes also hopes that this course will offer Filipino students at GU an opportunity to explore and connect with their heritage.

"Gonzaga University has Filipino students, and it's important for Gonzaga University to offer this course [because it] will allow Filipino students to connect with their roots and learn about their Filipino culture," Reyes said. "I think it will make them proud."

Students who are interested are encouraged to register for Filipino 102 in the spring.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Preferential option in protest policy

I count myself as one of the many faculty, staff and students who came to Gonzaga because of our compelling Catholic, Jesuit and humanistic mission. It's not an easy mission to fulfill but it is imperative that we try our best. Last week in *The Gonzaga Bulletin*, articles on the Interim Policy on Demonstrations and Overnight Activity on Campus (as well as the policy itself) caught my eye because the mission is lived not just in what we do, but how we do it.

I am practicing presupposition (i.e., presuming good intentions in others, expressing curiosity and "calling in") as I write this letter. I believe the interim policy was developed in the spirit of cura apostolica — care for the institution. Having a policy in place can support the functioning of the institution so that Gonzaga provides employment and a high-quality education long into the future. I also believe that the policy was created in the spirit of cura personalis — care for the whole person. People should feel respected and safe on this campus.

It can be tricky to balance the curas, but as a Catholic, Jesuit institution, we have a value to point us in the right direction: "the preferential option for the poor." The preferential option is a hallmark of the Jesuits' Universal Apostolic Preferences and of Catholic social teaching, both of which animate our work as a university. Theologians have emphasized that the preferential option is core to our relationship with God and neighbor. As theologian Gustavo



By ANNMARIE CAÑO

Gutiérrez (1988) writes, "In other words, the poor deserve preference not because they are morally or religiously better than others, but because God is God, in whose eyes 'the last are first.'" As a Catholic, Jesuit institution, we must apply this loving option when crafting and revising policies. People with power, including policy-makers, must center "the poor" in their midst — this includes people who are not only materially poor but also those with the least power, who are also vulnerable to harm.

The timing of the interim policy coincides with the actions of other universities as we approach the one-year anniversary of Hamas' attack in Israel and the Israeli government's military action in Gaza, both of which resulted in violent and tragic loss of life. So, who are the most vulnerable to harm in this case? The most vulnerable include different groups of people who have experienced historical and contemporary

violence and intergenerational trauma, people who are rightly concerned about their own and their communities' safety and well-being: Jewish, Muslim, and Palestinian people. The most vulnerable also include people whose rights have been consistently violated in the United States, including Black and Brown people who have often been criminalized and attacked when speaking up against oppression. All of these groups have experienced marginalization and exclusion in American society and on our predominantly white and Christian campus. In addition, students and some employees are also vulnerable because they are not protected by the privilege of tenure. This situation complicates mission-informed policymaking, but it doesn't make it impossible.

As written, the current policy runs the risk of pitting "the poor" (and their allies) against each other, stifling even respectful discussion and collaboration for the common good and for the magis (the greater good). Rather than fostering a "mature commitment to dignity of the human person" (from our mission statement), we are left isolated from and fearful of one another. The policy works against cura personalis. And it does not support cura apostolica because the policies are not as effective as they could be without all the voices at the table, and the result is an institution in which people feel like they cannot do their jobs or live their lives in a safe and healthy way.

For those engaged in the ongoing work

of revising the policy, there are several ways to apply the preferential option to better align policymaking with our mission. First, offer opportunities to co-create policies with the very people who will be affected by them. Second, allow sufficient time to listen with trust and respect, and third, act on the expertise that is shared. Fourth, fight the urge to give in to external pressure and fear. There are ways to meet reasonable deadlines while also working toward the co-creation of just policies that are aligned with our stated mission. Finally, realize that people have been harmed by past promises that did not result in action. Address this loss of trust by issuing concrete timelines for future discussions and refrain from dismissing or minimizing the concerns of people of good will.

Policies do not offer perfect protection from harm. Ultimately, our actions are the measure of our commitment to love of neighbor. We must not tolerate Antisemitic, Islamophobic, xenophobic, and racist behaviors that harm students, employees and community members. Still, how we operate and what we create are indicators of our commitment to our mission. Although creating a policy in the current climate may appear daunting, our Catholic, Jesuit mission can guide creative policymaking that is loving and just.

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Selah's community boasts charm and plentiful farms

Situated amid the rolling sagebrush hills of Central Washington's Yakima Valley, Selah is a town some have called home for generations. With a population of about 8,000 people, the city has several main streets lined with businesses, homes and schools, and if you keep driving north out toward the country, you'll find yourself surrounded by orchards.

Selah is where I spent the first 18 years of my life. The town's people, places and events shaped me, and as I've spent time away from home as a college student, I've grown more appreciative of my hometown.

A major aspect of life in Selah is agriculture. We grow an array of different fruits in the area including peaches, cherries, pears and apples. The Yakima Valley as a whole, in fact, is responsible for growing 70% of the nation's apples, according to Yakima Valley Tourism. Growing up, fresh fruit was never in short supply.

Plus, one of Selah's claims to fame is that it's home to the headquarters of Tree Top, a national fruit processing company known for its apple juice and applesauce. Next time you come across a can of Tree Top apple juice or cup of applesauce, check the label — there is a chance it was made in Selah.

I would also be remiss if I failed to mention King's Row, a locally owned restaurant in the heart of town. While this favorite Selah eatery offers the typical fast food fare — burgers, fries, tater tots and milkshakes — its most famous menu item is the Garbage Burger.



By NATALIE KELLER

The Garbage Burger is a giant hamburger with a slightly absurd number of toppings and condiments thrown on it. But there's more to Selah than apples and Garbage Burgers; the most foundational aspect of Selah is the people who call it home. It's the people who breathe life into the town and make it a tight-knit community.

This sense of community is evident everywhere. It's in the people who show up to high school football and basketball games, all decked out in blue and gold and ready to cheer on the Selah Vikings. It's in the volunteers who donate their time to charities and organizing community events. It's in the throngs of people who attend Selah Community Days, a weekend-long event in May with a carnival, parade, vendors and entertainment.

Selah is full of people with a desire to improve and advocate for their community. Students, teachers, government leaders and business owners do all they can within their professions to support the town.

There's also a group that worked for years to pass a bond to build a new community pool, and the group has tirelessly continued working to secure funds to operate it.

This sort of community involvement and advocacy happens on a smaller scale, too. There is a local 90-year-old woman who is a retired teacher and school board member, for example, who now attends nearly every Selah School Board meeting. Often, she is the sole audience member.

The point is that I consistently witnessed people taking a genuine interest in their community, which is something I hope to emulate as well.

I realize that Selah is one of many small towns in America that has a strong sense of community. There are a lot of towns that have their own versions of King's Row and their own set of civically engaged citizens.

Yet, as cheesy and cliché as this may sound, Selah will always hold a special place in my heart. After all, the friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches and mentors in Selah helped instill in me a sense of compassion, purpose and direction.

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Inslee leaves governor office with strong climate record

Washington state's longtime leader Jay Inslee is finishing his 12th year as governor. After succeeding Christine Gregoire in 2013, he built a legacy fronted in climate activism and clean energy, even running a presidential campaign in 2020 with the climate crisis as his greatest concern.

Simultaneously, he guided Washington through the COVID-19 pandemic with his careful policies and vaccination mandates for state workers, one of the most controversial points in his political career.

As a Washington resident, but nonlocal, I can only learn so much about Gov. Inslee before I turn to the expertise of Washingtonians. When speaking with locals about their thoughts on Inslee, the initial answers vary but typically conclude with a sentiment hoping for someone different in office next.

Many residents who will be voting in the presidential election for the first time this year grew up with Inslee as their governor and don't remember a political landscape before him, most likely contributing to the desire for someone else.

This conclusion feels natural regardless of political party, considering no current governor in the country has served as long as Inslee.

A University of Washington graduate with a degree in economics, he went to law school at Willamette University and became a prosecutor in Yakima while raising his family.

In 1985, his wife, Trudi, started helping lead the effort in



By ABBY STRADER

building a new public high school in Selah, and he started working his way up the ladder, eventually reaching the United States House of Representatives in 1992.

At the local and national level, Inslee became known for his passion for the environment, passing climate-forward legislation such as the Clean Energy Transformation Act. In the 2020 election year, one of the reasons his campaign really started picking up was because no one else was speaking on climate change to the degree he was.

Even further, it seemed like he knew that and ran with the attention it was garnering. He famously responded to then Vice President Biden in a presidential debate with the phrase "Our house is on fire," shining a spotlight on the issue never done before in that fashion.

However, Gov. Inslee fell short and ended his campaign, thus coasting into the last four years of his time in office. His presidential bid was a peak in his political career and despite the loss, lifted Washington to receive

a new level of attention for its progressive climate action.

Though ultimately Inslee is wise to hear what Washingtonians are urging him to do in stepping down instead of pursuing a fourth term. There is a growing restlessness across the state for someone who can bring different ideas to the table, and both the Democratic and Republican nomination being open has created a playing field of experienced local politicians who can learn from his mistakes and embrace where he succeeded.

All things considered, I'm glad Gov. Inslee chose to pass the torch at this specific time within the political environment. There are 13 states with a governor's office on the ballot this election season, and after President Biden ended his campaign in July, it seems that there is no time like the present to pass the torch to the next group of politicians who want to serve.

Inslee served a long political career in Washington and would be embraced by his supporters if he stayed involved in the community as a climate activist. He will always be remembered for his passion for climate-forward policies and Washington's role in creating new ways to take climate action.

At this point in time, Washingtonians must consider their history to elect a fitting leader to fulfill present and future needs.

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Pushing the comedic envelope

Theo Von brings his provocative style to Spokane

COMMENTARY
By EMILY NIEMANN

Armed with a mullet, Louisianian accent and a somewhat unorthodox comedic style, Theo Von took on the Spokane Arena on Sept. 12.

With a packed house, Von managed to address today's topics with his personal flair and humor. Amir K. was the opening comedian, and while his style was quite similar to Von's, their differences laid the perfect groundwork for the almost two-hour set to come. It's not often one finds an opening act enjoyable, but Amir K. was well-liked by attendees.

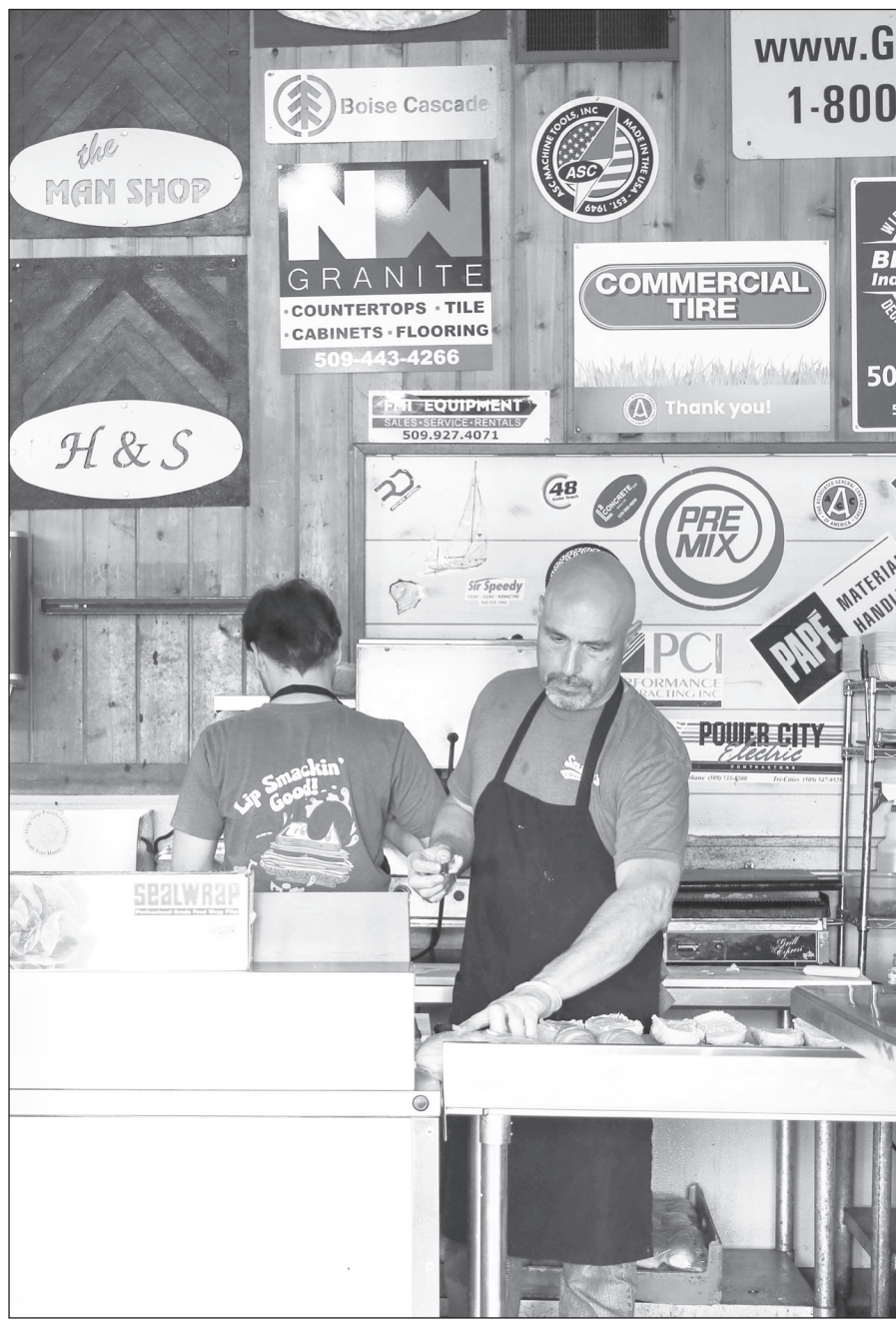
Von's set seemed to match the style of his podcast; he clearly had topics he thought about beforehand and wanted to touch on, yet it seemed that most of the show was "off the dome." The entire energy and success of the event was less owed to Von's practice and script, but more to his natural charisma and understanding of his audience. Thus, the show had a conversational, casual tone to it, an extraordinary feat considering the size of the venue.

Most comedians struggle with going from smaller comedy clubs and coffee shops to arenas because a bigger venue has a tendency to separate the comedian from the crowd. It's difficult to do crowd work and respond to hecklers when you cannot see the audience due to the stage lights.

However, Von and his opening act still managed to call out audience members and use them as a part of the show. One man ended up being the victim of Von's crowd work abilities, with Von jokingly accusing him of being a pedophile. Much to Von's chagrin, the man later revealed himself to be working as a teacher. That situation garnered a lot of laughs from the crowd.

This was just one instance of crowd interactions, and Von's provocative sense of humor, but there were numerous

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Customers can choose their favorite original sandwich to enjoy.

'Lip-smackin' good

By SHEI MCLAUGHLIN

Surrounded by blue-collar businesses and enclosed within walls decorated in local advertisements, Smacky's on Broadway embodies what it means to shop small and support local.

Located in an industrial part of Spokane, Smacky's mission is to provide good sandwiches and even better service.

Founded by Mike Ackerman, the business opened its original location on Broadway Avenue in 2006. Having owned a monkey named Smacky as a child, Ackerman branded his sandwich shop after his beloved childhood pet. The business relocated to a different location along

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Fair-ly good sensory fun at the fair

COMMENTARY
By SOFIA SANCHEZ and EMILY NIEMANN

The Spokane County Interstate Fair mixed tradition with a twist, featuring a soothing Sensory Day with silent rides and quiet zones for all to enjoy while still serving up the usual thrills like pig races and mutton busting. From heart-pounding fun to laid-back vibes, there was something for everyone.

On Sept. 10, the fair's Sensory Day offered accommodations for those with sensory sensitivities, making the fun of the fair more accessible. The first sensory day occurred in 2019 and has since been a staple of the event aimed to accommodate those who may normally find these events overstimulating.

Carnival rides and games were turned down to a whisper, creating an inclusive atmosphere. Attendees could also retreat to the "Quiet Zone" in the Plaza Courtyard, a dedicated space designed for relaxation and a peaceful breather. These adjustments ensured a calm day amid the usual excitement.

Attendees who visited the fair needed to bring cash, as both event parking and ticket purchases are cash-only, which made attending more difficult than expected. In a world where most of us carry credit and debit cards, the emphasis on cash feels a little outdated.

The food court was a feast for the senses, offering everything from smoky BBQ to indulgent fried desserts. For those with a sweet tooth, the elephant ear stand was a standout, serving up crispy, cinnamon-sugar goodness that's a must-try for any fairgoer.

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FUN FACT:
The fair introduced Sensory Day in 2019 for people who struggle with high sensory environments.



COURTESY OF UGG ON INSTAGRAM

A pair of Uggs and some dark denim jeans are useful editions to anyone's wardrobe.

Dress to impress: Ways to improve your fashion

COMMENTARY
By CARRERA GUERTIN

Classes have just begun and we are collectively running into the same problem: what are we going to wear? At least, it's a problem that I am dealing with. This morning, I had at least ten outfits strung out on the floor in a pile of shame.

Most of us have planned at least our first few days of school outfits in the summer, possibly thrifting the perfect shirt or pair of shorts. Unfortunately, especially in my case, they already feel overworn.

Another question comes to mind: how do we find the motivation to wake up for classes and still feel confident in the crisp morning air? While early morning classes are not necessarily a runway, it still is important to have a back-up wardrobe on hand.

As we enter a hazy Spokane fall, here are some great fashion staples and outfits that you should keep in your repertoire to easily achieve an effortless and fashionable look.

One should always have on hand a fantastic baggy T-shirt. These are easy and always stay in fashion. Plus,

there are so many ways to style them.

A good instance of an effortlessly fashionable baggy shirt are your go-to band tees, such as something as classic as a Hard Rock Café shirt. This can easily be paired with some baggy jeans, Doc Martens or Air Forces and you are good to go.

Baggy t-shirts also are convenient for putting together a gym outfit to pair with spandex shorts or basketball shorts. Suddenly, one shirt turns into five different outfit options.

For a casual, sporty, yet comfortable look, there are a few options for outfits. A personal favorite for the fall season is flared leggings paired with a tight t-shirt and Uggs. This combination is stylish in a relaxed way.

One way to accessorize as we get into the colder months is to add fuzzy earmuffs and a puffy jacket. This is a comfortable outfit but still fits all the trends that are constantly changing on social media.

Additionally, Uggs or some form of boots are extremely important for surviving in Spokane. Fashionable, but they also help to survive morning classes in comfort.

Let's not forget that there are still dregs of the summer weather, so why not show up to class ready to go on a walk in the sun after? A good pair of "jorts" can be paired with a crop top, fitted tee, tank top or a baggy tee, depending on the style you are going for. A basketball jersey is always an option, especially as we start to hit basketball season, easily paired with shorts or jeans.

In my opinion, accessories are always a must. A vintage hat or a loose beanie adds a bit of spice to your outfit and, if it's 8 a.m., it covers the hair you forgot to wash last night. I recommend you find a signature

necklace that can easily be added to any outfit in an understated way.

Earrings are also a great way to express yourself and they're easy to find at thrift stores. Belts add an extra bit of flair to your ensemble, whether they are red or bedazzled, sometimes it is exactly what you need to pull an outfit together.

While patterns and prints are not accessories, they are a fun way to add to your entire outfit. I find that focusing on the small details in your outfits helps the impression that you effortlessly put together your outfit. So even if you haven't had your coffee yet, you can be rest assured you look amazing.

Finally, as fall is coming, red and cream tones can add an extra fall flair to your outfits. For a darker fall look, a burgundy red top is easily paired with a black leather jacket and matched with dark blue denim jeans and a pair of loafers. For a lighter look, a creamy white sweater with light wash jeans and Uggs make for a wonderful basic fit. Both of these are readily available outfits to grab from your closet that capture the essence of autumn.

Whether you are in oversized pajama bottoms and a crop top, or in a flannel shirt and jeans, if you feel good in how you look, then that's all that truly matters. With these recommendations, you might have an easier time walking to your classroom feeling confident in your personal style.

Professors might be a bit concerned about your fashion sense — and maybe my recommendations — but at the end of the day, you get to decide what you wear on campus and have fun doing it.

Carrera Guertin is a staff writer.



COURTESY OF CALVIN KLEIN ON X

Fiery new Phoenix Cafe rises beyond expectations

By HOLLY FIJOLEK

Continuing its trend of being one of the fastest growing tea companies in the country, Revival Tea Company opened a new upstairs space, The Phoenix Cafe, this summer.

The space is the newest addition to the business, which opened its speakeasy-like tea tasting room in downtown Spokane in 2020.

The cafe space opened in July and is now home to the boba bar, a newer menu addition that was launched in 2023.

"We took our own spin on boba," said Naline McShane, district manager of Revival. "Instead of a more traditional menu, we have all of our tea in the drinks."

Customers said they have appreciated the expansion to include boba and mix it with Revival's house blends of tea.

"They have a lot of unique flavor options here," said Ivy Wade, a customer of the Phoenix Cafe. "Some boba places don't have that much variety. Here, they have a lot of depth in their flavors. They have more than just one thing."

A newer addition to the menu that may be somewhat surprising for Revival customers is coffee, lattes and cold brew.

"We've always been tea-based and never thought about doing coffee," McShane said. "But we wanted to have another option and create that space so we can try to accommodate everyone as best as possible."

The coffee is sourced from local Spokane coffee roasters, including espresso from Roast House and cold brew from Metal Fork Roasters, according to McShane.

The cafe also now offers food items, which is new for the previously beverage-based location, with there being snack, breakfast and lunch options.

"We always want to do more," McShane said, "We always want to grow. And so with that, we wanted to add food options."

The food items include a variety of toasts that feature toppings like avocado, Nutella



and peanut butter alongside build-your-own acai bowls. Customers can choose bases of acai or blue cream, and then pick five toppings from a wide selection, including fruit, granola and chia seeds.

Revival has another location in Coeur d'Alene with a tasting room and cafe all in one space. Part of what makes the Spokane location unique is the original tea tasting room downstairs and the new cafe upstairs, which means that customers can travel between the two spaces and have many spots to lounge in.

"There's a lot of good seating," Wade said. "The downstairs is really cozy. It's a nice place to have a conversation. It would be good to come here for a 2 o'clock snack, breakfast or to study."

McShane said the company started out with an online storefront selling its chai blend of tea, as well as holding classes to teach people about making, blending and steeping tea.

Drew Henry, CEO of Revival, creates the tea blends himself. Those working in the storefront craft many of the beverage options, leading to individual creativity behind each recipe.



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The cafe's menu features a variety of new coffee drinks sourced from local Spokane coffee roasters.

"Each blend has its own unique story," McShane said. "Our No. 1 selling tea is our blue tea. That one was actually an accident."

McShane said Henry had many leftover ingredients from other teas and attempted to minimize waste by mixing them together in their own concoction. "[Henry] threw all these things together and that ended

up becoming our top seller," McShane said.

McShane said Revival is offering a chance for customers and community members to benefit from their success and rapid expansion.

"Our plan is to do 50 new locations in the next 10 years," McShane said. "We just opened a community WeFunder investment round, which gives

the chance for customers, family and friends to follow along with our journey, invest in our company and see the returns down the road."

Holly Fijolek is a staff writer.

Sudoku By The Mepham Group

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Solution to last Sunday's puzzle

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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- 25 "Science Guy" Bill
- 26 College app data
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- 34 Fake
- 36 "So sad"
- 37 Novelist Deighton
- 38 "M*A*S*H" star
- 39 Necessity for a chemistry major?
- 44 Worry
- 45 Cedar Rapids college
- 46 "Whose ___ are you on?"
- 47 Whole lot
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- 50 Johnson and Jonson
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- 54 President pro ___
- 57 about half of 45-Across attendees
- 60 Capital on the Tamsui River
- 64 Expungement
- 66 Frodo's home, with "the"
- 67 Problem with 007's acting skills?
- 69 Turkish coins

- 70 TV advertiser's purchase
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- 75 Disney duck
- 77 "Vamoosel!"
- 79 Way to ski uphill
- 81 Explorer Erikson
- 83 Skylight piece
- 84 State of matter
- 87 Apple pie prep step
- 89 Truly spectacular collision in a hockey game?
- 94 Bibliography abbr.
- 95 Play's sign of success, for short
- 96 "Frog and ___ Are Friends"; classic children's book
- 97 Before sunrise
- 98 Bit of camping gear
- 100 Blockheads
- 102 Plus
- 103 German author Hermann
- 104 Thin mushrooms
- 106 Discrepancy
- 110 Org. that targets illicit liquor
- 111 Reason for swiping right?
- 114 Golf ball holder
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- 116 Hayao Miyazaki genre
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- 7 Bridal gown designer Di Santo
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- 10 Spreadsheet shortcut
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- 12 Looks embarrassed
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- 14 Spring migration?
- 15 Harvest celebration activity
- 16 Curse out
- 19 Pyramid scheme
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- 23 Concerto movement
- 24 First choices
- 29 Grain husks
- 31 Beginner's ballet move
- 33 Buck's weapon
- 34 TV regulator
- 35 Little friend of Pooh
- 36 Augments
- 37 Lascivious
- 40 Tool's selling points
- 41 Small complaint
- 42 Like Prince William or Malia Obama
- 43 Look to improve
- 49 Milano locale
- 50 AutoZone purchase
- 51 People in the Iroquois Confederacy
- 53 Understand
- 55 Quod ___ demonstrandum

- 56 Private meal spot?
- 57 Second part of a Caesarean boast
- 58 Home of Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- 59 Task for a relocating electrician?
- 61 They're just over two feet
- 62 Proud words
- 63 Conductor's place
- 65 "The King and I" setting
- 67 Obi-Wan's alias
- 68 Implicit
- 71 Gloomy
- 73 Actor Kinnear
- 76 Voice above tenor
- 78 Dana Bash's channel
- 80 Sings with passion
- 82 Injury from a fistfight
- 83 PalmPilots, e.g.: Abbr.
- 84 Apache leader
- 85 Knee surgery target, for short
- 86 Wild blue yonder
- 87 Little annoyance, to a Brit
- 88 Off balance, quaintly
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- 91 Email designation
- 92 Salsa singer Cruz
- 93 Takes up the challenge
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- 100 Loves (on)
- 101 "... Fine."
- 102 Taurus precursor
- 105 Hawaiian waterfowl
- 106 Blood vessel
- 107 Mountaineer's goal
- 108 Political analyst Nate
- 109 Genesis grandson
- 112 Broadway star Phillipa
- 113 Messenger molecule



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The Spokane Interstate Fair featured rides, food, booths and various performances.

FAIR

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If you're a fan of this sugary treat, it's the perfect way to top off your fair experience.

While the individual rides cost money, there were other fun activities and events for entertainment that were free after the cost of entry to the fair.

A notable event was the pig race, which attracted large crowds to the small race track. The races, between all of the athletes, proved to be a good show. The event drew a diverse crowd, including both young children and adults, effectively engaging attendees across different age groups.

The last race featured all of the athletes with two

additional hurdles placed along the track. However, for this race, they had four kid volunteers pick the pig they thought would win. The handlers did a great job on announcing and directing the races, keeping the energy high throughout the race.

Farm animals were definitely a focal point of the Spokane Fair. Mutton-busting is another crowd favorite; it requires young children decked out in hockey helmets to ride running sheep. It's supposed to mimic bull-riding, but as a tamer, supposedly safer version for children. Yet, the reflexes of the sheep trainers were on full display, as they caught every kid who fell off the sheep.

Even for those who are not into rides or performances, there were plenty of booths and businesses to explore. This fair emphasized the 1974 World's Fair hosted in Spokane by having entire sections of the exhibit halls dedicated to the countries that were represented

at the fair. Visitors had a little "passport" they could get stamped in the many sections, which they could use to enter into a raffle.

Plenty of local artists and makers were featured at the fair's exhibits, with items like blown glass, homemade pickles, essential oil therapy and handmade arts and crafts.

While the fair has remained largely unchanged since its inception, it's nice to see it being updated in small ways to make it more relevant or accessible to the public. With changes like these, we may see the fair stick around for a while longer.

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COURTESY OF THEO VON ON X

"This past weekend w/ Theo Von" releases roughly one podcast episode per week.

COMEDY

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similar situations throughout the night. Von even managed to find a way to involve the cameraman, who was filming audience members in his antics.

Von told stories about his past mistakes, current personal situations and even joked about Spokane, which is always appreciated by the audience.

To match his risqué sense of humor and "out of pocket" remarks, the crowd at the Arena seemed to lean into Von's southern antics. Spokane has really two sides to its personality, and the crowd at this event seemed to align with the country, cowboy-wannabe side. Even the security guard had a mullet.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Von's comedy is the underlying sense of satire in relation to the topics he seems to enjoy. While the audience hangs on to every joke about gun ownership and Down syndrome, they seemed to miss the reference to Edgar Allen Poe's short story "The Tell-Tale Heart." Von knows his audience, but it does not seem that the audience knows Von.

Many onlookers may write off Von

as a MAGA conservative, and perhaps he is, but it does not seem that Von is making light about touchy subjects like race, sexuality and identity because he necessarily agrees with that sentiment. It may be more so that Von is laughing at the people who really truly do feel that way.

With the way comedy has progressed in a society that is trying to be more understanding toward marginalized groups, we have lost our appreciation for satirical forms of comedy for fear that they are offensive. Yet in this society Von continues to push that envelope, which may make him more appealing to certain groups, but does not make Von any less hilarious.

Considering the split nature of our country's politics, there's an interesting dichotomy between the crowd and the artist. He may not be for everyone, but finding appreciation in those who think differently can be an interesting window into what's really happening in our social circles. Besides, we should all be better at being able to laugh at ourselves every now and then.

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SANDWICH

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Broadway in 2009, looking to grow their business and their menu.

In 2023, the business transferred ownership to the current owner Matt Heilman. He said that Ackerman was hoping to give his business some "new blood" and a shot at becoming something more.

"Since I bought it, we have grown our business online and are working to take Smacky's into the 21st century," Heilman said.

This change in ownership also allowed a change in branding. While Smacky's original monkey mascot was nostalgic for Ackerman, Heilman wanted to shift the brand into something that catered more toward their sandwiches.

"I designed our slogan 'Lip Smackin' Good' to keep the name and kind of go in a different direction," Heilman said.

With over 70 sandwiches on their menu and the ability to build your own to order, Heilman says that there is something for everyone.

"We use quality meats, cheeses and source our bread from a local bakery called Alpine Bakery," Heilman said. "We also make a lot of our sauces in house."

One of their most popular sandwiches is "The Bombdippity Dip" which features crispy fried jalapeños, roasted garlic mayo, cheddar cheese and roast beef all on a hoagie bun. Heilman said sandwiches on the menu are adjustable and that they also have dietary friendly options.

"A lot of local sandwich shops don't carry sprouts and cucumbers like we do, but we carry a wide variety to ensure there is a sandwich for everyone that comes through our doors," Heilman said.

With a vegetarian section on their menu, their 'John's Veggie Bug' sandwich features fresh avocado, cream cheese, pepper jack cheese, a variation of fresh veggies, homemade pesto mayo and balsamic vinaigrette. Heilman said they also offer a gluten free bread option.

To ensure customers of all ages are well fed, Heilman said they also offer kid-friendly options such as a classic grilled cheese and chicken ranch wrap. Adding some specialty items to the kid friendly options, they also have original recipes such as their PBBJ — a peanut butter, bacon and jelly sandwich.

While they serve classics like reubens, BLTs, club sandwiches and grilled cheeses, Heilman said their specialty sandwiches are what make them stand out from other sandwich shops.

"Not everyone in Spokane knows about Smacky's, but the people that do swear by our food and our service," Heilman said.

Beyond their ready-to-order menu, they also offer catering. According to Heilman, they often cater for surrounding companies and the National Guard, but they are also working to update their catering options on their website.

When the business was under Ackerman's ownership, he didn't have the resources to take

big catering orders without advanced notice. Now, they are able to accommodate almost every time they receive an order — even day of.

"We have a whole new station to crank out double the amount of sandwiches that we used to," Heilman said. "Growing our businesses has been about growing the efficiency in which we make our sandwiches and our accessibility online."

With an interior that is reminiscent of a vintage store, Heilman said that the decorations and design of Smacky's is a result of Ackerman's love for garage sales.

The walls of the shop are covered in signs promoting local businesses, old newspapers and other vintage trinkets. While these eclectic touches serve as a reminder of Ackerman's time owning Smacky's, Heilman said he is working toward rebranding the business inside and out.

"Mike created something great and we are just continuing to make it better," Heilman said.

According to Heilman, Smacky's staff is solely responsible for the growing success of the business.

Sarah Snediker, Smacky's social media manager and one of the shop's sandwich makers, started working there around the time that Heilman took over ownership. She said that working for Heilman is like being a part of his family.

She also said that this established atmosphere extends to their customers.

"We're just normal people working here,"

Snediker said. "We don't put on a typical customer service face, but instead we treat everyone that comes in here like one of our friends."

Smacky's regulars are what has kept the business afloat over the years and Snediker said they are the reason the sandwich makers come back into work.

"Our regulars make Smacky's better," Snediker said. "We love checking in with them and getting to see them most everyday."

According to Snediker, Heilman involves his team in the business side of things, allowing them to take control over the marketing, creating new specials and growing the future of the business.

With social media being the primary platform for marketing, Snediker said that rebranding online has been a big step in bringing Smacky's into the 21st century.

"Our social media wants to keep our customers informed but also wants to show how much fun we have here," Snediker said.

Featuring photos of their sandwiches, videos of them participating in current trends and promotion of their new merch, their social media is a one-stop-shop to know what's 'smackin.' Follow them on Instagram @smackysbroadway.

"Our sandwiches aren't your typical Subway sandwich," Snediker said. "We are going to treat you good and feed you good."

Shei McLaughlin is a copy editor.

UPCOMING COMEDY EVENTS

-John Heffron at the Spokane Comedy Club on Sept. 26-28 at 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. (Only 7 p.m. on Sept. 26)

-Wanda Sykes at the First Interstate Center for the Arts on Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

- David Cross at the Spokane Tribe Resort on Dec. 5 from 8-10 p.m.



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Augee is top-10 in the WCC in scoring with three goals across eight matches this season.

Gonzaga's Ben Augee named WCC Offensive Player of the Week

The junior midfielder was honored by the WCC after scoring two goals last week

By BROOKS COLEMAN

After scoring the decisive goal against ninth-ranked Seattle University on Thursday and another goal on Sunday, Gonzaga junior midfielder Ben Augee was named the West Coast Conference Offensive Player of the Week, as announced by the conference on Monday.

Augee's go-ahead score came in the 79th minute of the Bulldogs' match in Seattle, delivering GU its first top-10 victory since 2007.

The Oregon native followed that up with a spectacular volley off the crossbar to open the scoring in GU's 3-2 loss to Western Illinois on Sept. 15.

"I didn't really think at all about it until after it went in," Augee said of his goal against the Wolverines. "I saw it come

back to me, took a touch, and then it just lined up perfectly and [I] let it rip."

Despite being picked to finish last in the WCC by several media outlets, GU has enjoyed a torrid 6-2-0 start to the season, with Augee's increased role playing an integral part in the team's success. His goal against Western Illinois marked his third of the season, which has already surpassed last year's tally. Augee has also supplied two assists, both of which came in victories for the Bulldogs.

Catch Augee and the Bulldogs on ESPN+ on Wednesday, Sept. 18 as they head on the road to take on Cal State Fullerton.

Brooks Coleman is a staff writer.

Lack of football can't keep school spirit down

COMMENTARY
By KYLE SWEENEY

For countless universities around the country, the college football season brings campus-wide intrigue, while other universities must wait for basketball season to see their school's colors on the television.

College football kicked off on Aug. 24 and fans were immediately thrust into the perfect chaos that the sport holds. Preseason No. 10-ranked Florida State was upset by Georgia Tech in an instant classic.

Supporters, analysts and players were reminded to expect the unexpected during the upcoming college football season. Simultaneously, for some college sports fans around the country, the beginning of college football season is a reminder of what they are missing out on.

At Gonzaga University, the last time a team suited up in a Bulldogs football uniform was 83 years ago, in the year

1941. Like many schools, GU suspended its football season because of World War II. However, the football program never returned from its hiatus, despite most colleges picking the sport back up.

The program began in 1892 and boasted a 134-99-20 record throughout its 50 years of existence. In 1922, the team competed in the San Diego East-West Christmas Classic, its sole bowl game appearance, where the team lost to the eventual national champion West Virginia Mountaineers.

Following the conclusion of WWII, GU's administration decided not to bring football back as a varsity sport, a fact that still stands to this day.

While Zag fans can jokingly state that their football team is undefeated since 1941, not having a college football program is something that students and the greater GU community are definitely missing out on. GU's local rivals in the Inland Northwest, Eastern Washington

and Washington State, have both begun their football seasons, only adding salt to the wound.

So how does this lack of a football team affect the GU student body, and is it even possible for a Zag football team to come back in the future?

Most students would love an addition of a football team, but GU's return to the gridiron faces some problems. First, the university currently lacks an adequate stadium.

The smallest Division I football stadiums seat 10,000 fans, while several power conference teams boast stadiums that can seat over 100,000 people. Around the NCAA, football stadiums average a capacity of around 80,000 people.

Closer to home, GU lacks suitable stadium options. The newly-built ONE Spokane Stadium seats around 5,000 spectators, well below the requirements for a college football stadium.

GU's lack of available on-campus land space means that any new stadium would have to be built off-campus. ONE Spokane Stadium was constructed as one of the largest sports construction projects the city had seen in years and yet is half as big as the smallest Division I football stadium.

The search for an adequate site for a

GU football team does not yield many realistic options.

While the lack of a football team might sting for Zag fans, it can serve to create more enthusiasm for other sports around campus. In 2023, GU was ranked No. 1 in student passion and fanatics for campus sports by the Princeton Review, and the university reported that over 2,900 students signed up for intramural sports last year.

Last season, GU women's soccer team set a Luger Field record for attendance. All of these and more prove just how involved both students and the surrounding community are with Gonzaga athletics.

In basketball, the second-most popular collegiate sport behind football, GU's home arena is routinely sold-out and ranked among the best home atmospheres in the nation.

Though GU may be missing out on the insanity that college football brings in September and October, fans can be placated with routine deep runs in March. It's only natural for students to want a football team, but at GU, the lack of football doesn't curb their school spirit one bit.

Kyle Sweeney is a staff writer.

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Leading on the pitch and in the community

Idaho native Chris Swider leads the line for Gonzaga men's soccer in his senior season

By KAYA CRAWFORD

For Chris Swider, soccer has remained a lifelong passion from a young age.

At 4 years old, he fell in love with the sport, and by age 10, Swider knew he wanted to play in college and beyond. Now, these dreams have become a reality as he leads the line for Gonzaga University men's soccer.

Growing up, Swider made the hourlong commute to Spokane from his home of Hayden, Idaho, three times a week for practice as well as on weekends to play for Spokane Shadow, a local Elite Clubs National League team. He also played on the Olympic Development Team for Idaho just to be seen by college coaches.

When he received the call from first-year GU head coach Aaron Lewis that there was a roster spot for him, Swider jumped on the opportunity to play at the highest level of collegiate soccer.

"He just had a mentality that we thought he would continue to get better, and that's really proved to be true," Lewis said. "We wanted to kind of make a statement locally with Chris, that we believed in the local market, and that we thought that Spokane players would be good fits for our program. So Chris checked a lot of boxes for us."

Swider said the GU program had everything he was looking for in a school and team. Beyond GU offering his current college major program, it provided Swider a chance to stay close to his family.

"My family comes to all my home games, and I get to see my grandparents, which is nice having that local aspect," Swider said. "I just really love the [Pacific] Northwest. It's a beautiful area, and reminds me a lot of home. So [GU] kind of had everything that I was looking for."

Swider credits his family for being a foundation of support. He said he gained his work ethic and mentality surrounding both soccer and life from his dad.

"He's one of my biggest supporters, and he inspires me every day with ... just how genuine he is and how he treats others," Swider said. "If I can be an ounce of what my dad is, then I think I'll be really happy in life after undergrad."

On the pitch, Swider is a leader within the team, and according to Lewis, his work ethic and dedication set the example for the team to follow.

"He's a lead-by-example player with his work rate," Lewis said. "He doesn't take plays off. He's a guy that is intense in the way he plays. His interactions on the field are usually pretty brief, but he uses tone to get on guys and to encourage guys to put in more work."

Swider and Jesse Riodil are the only two senior athletes on GU's men's soccer team who have been part of the program for all four years. Through their four years together, they have developed a deep friendship on and off the field.

"Chris is such a hard working, encouraging teammate," Riodil said. "I mean, through all the ups and downs we've been through, he's always had my back. I've always had his back. He's one of our captains. We look up to him."

This season, men's soccer is off to its best start since 1997. Swider leads the team with five goals.

When Swider was thinking about his hopes for his senior season, he knew he wanted to make the most of it. Only playing 17 minutes in his freshman year, Swider has



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Swider leads the West Coast Conference in scoring with five goals in eight matches for this season.

stuck it out with the program and wanted to ensure this season was memorable.

"I know that this could be my last season ever of soccer," Swider said. "When I go out there for practice or I go out there for games, I'm just putting it all out on the field, leaving with no regrets, and just making sure that I'm putting my full effort in and experiencing everything I can while I have my time here."

Swider's desire to be present and experience everything with the team this season extends beyond his time on the field as he has been using his platform as a student athlete to also connect with the community.

The athletics program grounds itself in the "3 C's" of competition, classroom and community. According to Lewis, Swider embodies each of these values.

"He's obviously our leading scorer on the field, and he's a leader within our team, which is again pointing us towards our community involvement and those other things," Lewis said.

Swider is one of the leaders on the team who encourages community service and said he enjoyed the opportunities the team has had to volunteer in schools and with Habitat for Humanity but was looking for something more he could do.

"There really hasn't been something that I could kind of do on my own and after having that volunteer work, I was like, 'What can I do as a student athlete to really make things better and optimize my position?'" Swider said.

Last spring, Swider was approached by a national nonprofit organization called Dream On 3 to expand the program to GU. Dream On 3 makes sports-related dreams a reality for kids with life-altering conditions, according

to its website, and it operates in many communities across the United States.

Swider co-founded Dream On 3 at GU and, over the past six months, has raised over \$10,000 with the help of 15 other student athletes on campus who he recruited to join him.

"Chris and I normally kind of lead our community service hours on the soccer team here, so it's definitely something that I saw him getting into, and it was nice to have someone invite me into it as well," Riodil, who volunteers with Swider in the program, said.

Currently, Swider and the Dream On 3 team are working with a local organization to find a kid who fits the criteria to have their dream experience. Swider said he is excited to bring someone out to an athletic event and give them the opportunity to be part of a team.

"I'd love for them to be interested in soccer so they can come out to one of my games, and I can kind of show them my world, you know, what I'm passionate about," Swider said.

As the season continues, Swider hopes to continue to ensure that the culture of the program continues to thrive.

"I had upperclassmen that did set really good examples of how we wanted our [team] culture to kind of be, and what we were about," Swider said. "So they kind of paved the path for me, and then hope that I can do the same for those below me."

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The NCAA's antitrust settlement has given former athletes an opportunity to be compensated.

NCAA to pay \$2.78B in new settlement

By KYLE SWEENEY

Last July, documents were filed with the Northern District Court of California to finally advance settlement talks between student-athletes, the NCAA and its Power Five conferences.

The documents pave the way for schools to compensate Division I athletes, dating all the way back to 2016, as well as providing a framework for paying players directly.

The total compensation for the athletes totals up to \$2.78 billion. Another important aspect of the settlement includes a revenue sharing cap, put in place so that larger schools don't have a monetary advantage over smaller schools when it comes to recruiting.

Although the structure was created with the Power Five conferences in mind, other Division I schools can choose to participate in the new structure.

The revenue-sharing gap allows, but doesn't require, for schools to have an anticipated maximum of \$23.1 million per year to share with student athletes. There will also be a 10-year escalation for the revenues as well, with a 4% increase in each of the first three years followed by a revenue re-evaluation in year four.

The \$23.1 million number was decided because of an agreement that schools compensate athletes at a 22% share of the revenue generated by the athletic department. There were reportedly "a dozen" football teams that had reported more than \$100 million in revenue on their own last season," according to ESPN Staff Writer Dan Murphy, who covers the Big Ten Conference.

The 22% is seen as a "salary cap" by the judge of the case, but schools can still decide not to pay athletes up to that number. However, not doing so would put schools at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to recruiting, which is a huge win for student-athletes.

More than 14,000 current and former athletes are eligible for the \$2.78 billion compensation pool. The money will be paid over 10 years, starting as early as summer 2025. The money will be paid as part of an athlete's name, image and likeness (NIL).

Additionally, student-athletes will be able to look at their possible earnings and make decisions about the fairness of their compensation. With a deadline of mid-January in 2025,

athletes must submit objections about their compensation or opt out after receiving details about their compensations in early October. If an athlete decides to opt out, they retain the rights to sue the NCAA for any further violations.

Payouts will also be partially based on the potential earnings of the athlete if they had the ability to sign NIL deals while they were in school.

The settlement is not yet final and must be approved by U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken.

"For athletes, it's time to wake up and become educated in this," said TCU basketball standout Sedona Prince, who is one of the lead plaintiffs. "Right now is the time for us to join and to figure this out, or it's just going to be the same [legal battles] over and over again."

This is an enormous advancement for athletes in the Power Five conferences; however, since Gonzaga University is not yet a part of a Power Five conference, they are not a part of this new settlement.

These settlements could affect GU along with other non-football schools in a substantial way. An economic report found that 90% of the NIL back-pay would go to Power Five schools.

Again, a lot of cases are still being heard and these antitrust settlements still need to be approved. Nonetheless, commissioners of the Power Five conferences believe that these rulings will be beneficial to all Division I athletes.

"While there is still much work to be done in the settlement approval process, this is a significant step," said the commissioners of the five conferences and the NCAA president. "Establishing clarity for the future of all of Division I athletics while maintaining a lasting education-based model for college sports, ensuring the opportunity for student-athletes to earn a degree and the tools necessary to be successful in life after sports."

There is still a lot up in the air, and the future will be an interesting one to see for GU, but for current and former Power Five athletes, this settlement is a big win, and for many, a big payday beginning in 2025.

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Lisa Fortier diagnosed with breast cancer

By ZACH WHITE

Just four days before hosting a game to raise awareness for breast cancer on Feb. 10, 2024, Gonzaga University women's basketball head coach Lisa Fortier was diagnosed with the disease.

In an announcement through a joint Instagram post with the GU women's basketball team on Sep. 10, Fortier revealed she has been undergoing cancer treatment following her diagnosis of stage 2-3 breast cancer that had spread to her lymph nodes and has taken a step back from some coaching duties in order to better focus on her health.

"On Feb. 6, we found out that I had breast cancer," Fortier said in the post. "It was very unexpected for our team and for our family ... As soon as our season was over, we went into full go mode on how to take care of me. We had a successful surgery in April and we have undergone a lot of treatment over the summer. I made a decision to step away from the team a little bit to focus on my health."

Fortier coached about eight weeks of last basketball season — one which had a Sweet 16 appearance — while awaiting treatment for breast cancer.

Thanks to an experienced staff of assistant coaches, Fortier was able to take the time away from the team.

With a new academic year beginning, the basketball season is nearing, but the plan for the 2024 Kath Delaney-Smith Coach of the Year seems to be going along successfully.

"Now, we're moving into the next phase, plugging along with the treatment," Fortier said. "I'm doing great ... Feeling really well loved by our team, my family and the Gonzaga University community as a whole. We're really excited for our season to come, looking forward to seeing you guys out there."

With an optimistic outlook ahead, Fortier and GU women's basketball will make their first appearance of the new season at their annual FanFest event, which is set for Oct. 12 at McCarthy Center.

Zach White is a sports editor.

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GU abroad takes in Olympic action

By CAM MCCANN

Gonzaga University's sports management program provided students with the opportunity to study abroad for a month over the summer in Aix-en-Provence, France, and witness the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

While the games featured many former Zags competing, these students were able to explore the Olympics through a different perspective.

The program's location was just outside of Marseille, the sole venue for the Olympic sailing events and one of seven sites to host soccer matches. The group witnessed a variety of sports spectacles live and in-person, including glimpses of the Tour de France, a Formula 1 race, two soccer matches and windsurfing, while also visiting technical sites, such as a human physiology research center.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience [the Olympics] and get our students to experience it, that was kind of our big focus," said Ryan Turcott, the program's director and an associate professor of kinesiology and sport management. "But just getting students out of their comfort zone is something that unites people, and you're able to build friendships."

Beyond experiencing the Olympics and building friendships, students earned the six credits the program provided.

"While our program is in the country for certain dates, we did a bunch of work ahead of time," said Karen Rickel, a fellow program director and associate professor of kinesiology and sport management. "That was our plan, to try and get ahead of things, because when we were there, we had lectures three hours a day but also did these Olympics events. Those took all day."

The main focus of the classroom curriculum was on analyzing issues that threaten the sustainability and success of international sporting events. The Olympics have had more than its fair share of issues regarding these topics, giving the study a very meaningful purpose.

For reference, just two cities bid to host the 2024 Olympics: Los Angeles and Paris. This lack of desire to host the world's biggest sporting extravaganza seems like a missed opportunity, but according to what the program participants came to understand, the price of hosting the games often comes with a tag that even money can't fix.

"Rio [de Janeiro] is still in debt from hosting in 2016 because the Olympics said 'I need you to build all these venues,' and now a lot of them are bird toilets, they're not used," Turcott said.



Students gathered in Marseille, France, for Olympic sailing and soccer games. COURTESY OF RYAN TURCOTT

Whereas the past couple of Olympics have dealt with issues surrounding the venues and health and safety concerns, Paris provided a good example of positive change and hope for the Olympics to come. The Zags learned of the city's plan to host a more calculated approach than the past hosts.

"I think France was really smart with how they designed it," said Turcott. "The games in Paris were focused on green sustainability and things like cleaning up the river and improving pedestrian life for walkers and bikers, so I think the Paris Olympics was a success."

With solutions in mind, the Zags were put to work. Projects included researching how Los Angeles, the host of 2028 Summer Olympics, could look to implement a no-car policy as well as mapping out how to keep the health and safety of all athletes as a top priority. Even with all of the classroom time and project work, what gave the trip an even better experience came from outside the classroom.

"Anything you're doing, you're learning and it's a new experience," said GU student Kenny Owens-Nguyen. "We weren't necessarily doing work all the time, but I learned a ton every single day about wherever we went, the event or the organization we were at."

Beyond the learning experience this trip provided, there were memories

made from outside of the classroom and Olympic venues.

Two students on the trip, Owens-Nguyen and Drew Keegan, bought memberships to a local gym. Daily public interactions helped the group to realize the importance and cultural significance of international sport, and there was one sport in particular that the students flocked to compete in themselves.

"We were playing basketball with the locals, and it was obviously awkward at first, but it's just basketball," Owens-Nguyen said. "Even if there's a language barrier, we found a way to make it work, and we were smiling the whole time."

Ultimately, the group was given a front row seat to both a successful Olympic Games, as well as a premium learning atmosphere to grow within their major. With projects for improvement and learning experiences galore, it was clear that the Olympic Games the students attended did more than give a sports spectacle to the countries who participated.

"We talked a lot in class about how there's a lot of division in our world, the war in Ukraine, Israel (and) Palestine, polarizing politics. I think the Olympics brought people together," Turcott said. "It brought the US together for Simone Biles and Sha'Carri Richardson, it brought Ukraine together, there might have been some healing between Israel and

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Thursday, Sept. 19
 ➔ Women's soccer vs. Denver, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 20
 ➔ Volleyball vs. San Diego State, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21
 ➔ Men's golf at Gene Miranda Falcon Invitational, (three-day tournament)
 ➔ Men's soccer vs. CSU Bakersfield, 5 p.m.
 ➔ Volleyball vs Eastern Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 22
 ➔ Women's golf at Eastern Washington, (two-day tournament)

Thursday, Sept. 26
 ➔ Volleyball vs. San Diego, 6 p.m.

Home games in bold

Palestine — that's why the Olympics were created, and I think our students saw that firsthand."

Despite there not being a summer Olympics for the next four years, the sports management program will continue to offer study abroad experiences to provide students the chance to experience international sports.

"Yes, this was around the Olympics, but this was for sports management, so we're studying sport," Rickel said. "We're going to Barcelona next year. There's no Olympic events, but we're going to do sport management and apply important things."

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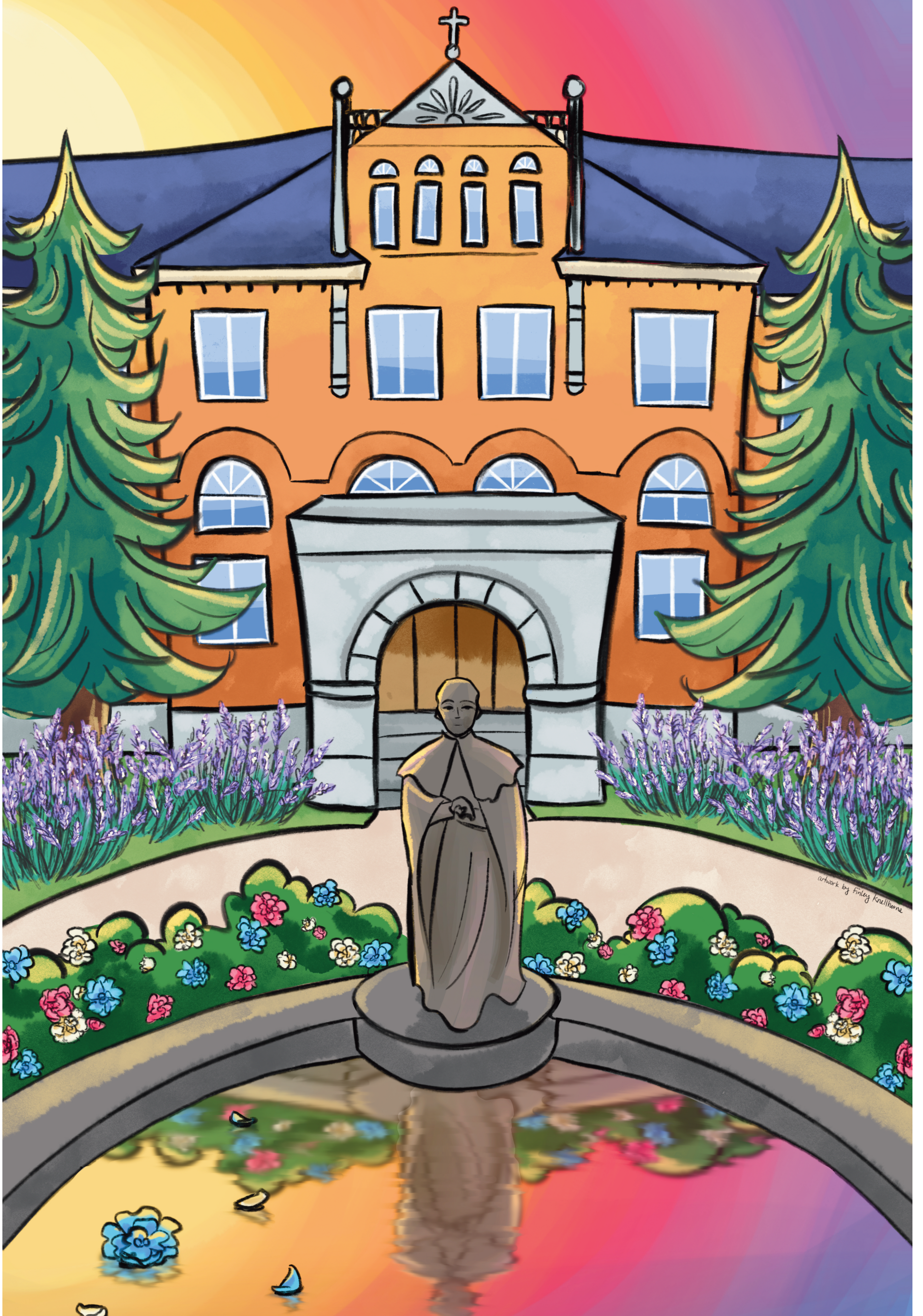
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Lincoln Center Fall 2024 Events

Queer and Ally Communi-Tea

Fridays, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, and Dec 6, 9-11am HEM 213

Welcome to campus! Come connect the Lincoln LGBTQ+ staff and engage with other LGBTQ+ or ally students over a nice beverage and snacks.

Out to Lunch with Allies

Mondays, Sept 23, Oct 28, Nov 4, Dec 2, 12-1pm in HEM 314 A & B

Build personal knowledge and engage with cross campus connections at this monthly lunch and learn for students, staff, and faculty focused on LGBTQ+ educational topics.

Queer Classic Cinema

Sept 25: Kiki Nov 14: Saving Face 6:30-8:30pm, HEM Auditorium

Join us to build community watching LGBTQ+ classic films and discuss their impact and application to current LGBTQ+ issues.

Local Drag Performer AMA

Thursday, Sept 26, 12:45-1:45pm Myrtle Woldson Recital Hall

Meet and learn about the importance of art in activism from a local drag performer as part of a collaboration between Dance & Theatre.

Lavender Mass

Friday, Oct 11, 4:30-5:30pm, University Chapel College Hall 3rd Floor

Gather with us to honor at our annual celebration at Gonzaga University focused on affirming and supporting LGBTQ+ campus community members through faith and spirituality.

International Coming Out Day: Oct 11

Lincoln LGBTQ+ Resource Center 20th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, Oct 12, 6-8pm (Doors Open at 5:30)

Celebrate 20 fabulous years of the Lincoln LGBTQ+ Resource Center at Gonzaga University with campus and community members, alumni, and esteemed guests.

Community Crafting with UMEC and Lincoln LGBTQ+

Tuesday, Nov 12, 1-5pm in HEM 213 and 215

Take a break and join us for a night of community care by crafting including button and jewelry making, drawing, and more.



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