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## Board approves new housing plan

By HENRY KRUEGER

After its Housing Master Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees, Gonzaga University is able to move forward with its plan to construct a new dorm.

Housing only sophomores, the residence hall will be located just north of Twohy Hall and west of Pita Pit. The plan for the new building was put together by a committee of individuals from Housing and Residence Life, Student Affairs, Construction and Plant Services and

Enrollment Management.

“It’s going to have roughly the same size and footprint as Twohy because that plot is the same size as what Twohy is sitting on currently,” said Jon Wheeler, GU’s director for residence life and a member of the committee. “That is going to be a pilot for the new buildings that we’re going to be building for the remainder of the sophomore village.”

Once all the sophomore residence halls are completed, the apartments of Kennedy, Corkery, Dussault, Burch and Sharp will only serve upper-division students.

“By creating a sophomore village and making more space for upper-division students, ... we will have more of our upper-division students living on campus and we’ll meet that demand,” Wheeler said.

The need for more upper-division housing was discovered through a market study done by the Housing Master Plan consultants, which found the university is short by 800 beds for upper-division students and graduate students.

For Wheeler, student housing is directly related to GU’s Jesuit tradition of helping students develop intellectually, spiritually,

culturally, physically and emotionally.

“The [Jesuit values] are part of it,” Wheeler said of how he manages residential life at GU. “We want to put students in the right style of housing for their developmental stage.”

According to Wheeler, the Housing Master Plan’s philosophy for on-campus living will depend on the year of the student.

“First-year students have community bathrooms and lots of opportunity

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## New Student Orientation moves to summer

By SAILOR HAWES

New Student Orientation is a program geared toward providing incoming first-year students with a fun and informative orientation experience.

In past years, New Student Orientation was held during the first weekend of the fall semester. Students had to balance moving in, orientation and spending time with their parents and families all within the span of four days.

However, New Student and Family Programs decided to move New Student Orientation to summer, saying goodbye to its well-known place in the fall.

There are five summer sessions new students can choose from, with each one holding around 200 students. The summer session dates for this coming summer are as follows: July 12-14, 16-18, 19-21, 23-25 and 26-28. If a new student is unable to attend any of the five sessions, there will be a make-up session held right before the first weekend of fall semester.

“For a long, long time [GU] has had a four-day orientation that occurred in the four days just prior to classes starting,” said Nicola Mannetter, director of New Student and Family Programs. “Folks would move in on Friday, programming would start Friday late afternoon and it would go until basically Monday night, and then folks would start classes on Tuesday morning.”

With feedback from students and parents over the years, New Student and Family Programs decided to test out a pilot program this past summer to test the new orientation program and to see if it would be a good fit for GU.

During the two-day pilot program, incoming first-year students were able to stay in Catherine-Monica Hall for one night, tour campus and participate in activities led by orientation leaders, like junior Mary Browne.



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Students participate in New Student Orientation, which previously took place right before the start of the fall semester.

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Fossil Free Gonzaga met with the Board regarding divestment opportunities.

## Board hears divestment plan

By SAMUEL FEDOR

Gonzaga University’s Board of Trustees heard a proposition from Fossil Free Gonzaga and the Gonzaga Student Body Association (GSBA) requesting divestment from publicly-traded mutual funds that include fossil fuel exposed assets, which is about 5% of the endowment. The proposition was brought to the board last week at its first general meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Trustees governs and sets policies for GU, with the goal of promoting the university’s mission, leading its strategic planning process and protecting and sustaining university assets and resources, particularly regarding its endowment.

While Fossil Free Gonzaga has made similar requests to the Board of Trustees, this proposal clearly outlines a timetable for divestment, in which the board can

divest its public exposure in fossil fuels by 2030. The proposal will also need to be brought before the Board of Directors.

Fossil Free Gonzaga and GSBA noted in the presentation that GU was the first university to sign on to the Laudato Si action plan created by the Vatican, and they said environmental sustainability is a core part of the university’s mission.

According to Fossil Free Gonzaga, divesting GU’s endowment from fossil fuels is in accordance with this mission. Furthermore, the proposal’s timetable aligns with recommendations outlined in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 2022 report that shed light on the effects of climate change by the year 2030.

The request came during GSBA President Miguel Acosta Loza’s presentation to the Board, during which he

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## Admissions commits to more diverse student body

By BAILEY WHITE

In October, the United States Supreme Court heard arguments for a case that could overturn 40 years of precedent and ban affirmative action, or the use of race as a factor in higher education admission decisions across the nation. The case will likely be decided this summer, and Julie McCulloh, the associate provost for enrollment management, said this is of concern for the Gonzaga University Office of Admission.

“We aren’t sure what will happen, but we are concerned that as a predominantly white university, we’re going to have to find new ways to be attractive to students of diverse backgrounds and reach students of diverse backgrounds,” McCulloh said.

According to McCulloh, reaching students of diverse backgrounds is a major focus for the Office of Admission. GU’s strategic plan, approved in 2015, set a goal for the Office of Admission: 30% of an incoming class should be students of color. GU surpassed this goal in 2021.

This year, the department raised this goal to 35%. McCulloh said the number is not a quota, but a way to measure how successful the department has been in upholding the mission statement.

“I absolutely believe we have richer intellectual experiences when we have more perspectives,” McCulloh said. “The more perspectives we have, the greater understanding of an issue we achieve, and the more diversity we have, the greater our ability to see problems in their complexities.”

McCulloh said the Office of Admission

is primarily focused on fighting the impression that only one kind of student goes to GU.

“In the city of Spokane, we want any student who is a strong academic student who resonates with Gonzaga’s mission to see themselves at Gonzaga University, and we want our financial aid strategy to help them get there,” McCulloh said.

To accomplish this, the Office of Admission is working to make its recruiting efforts more wide-reaching and accessible. Among other things, it is expanding its high school reach, seeking out partnerships with community organizations and specifically targeting areas where students may not have equal access to recruiting materials.

Since 2020, online campus visits, panels and information sessions have become commonplace, engaging students without the means to travel to campus. Additionally, that spring the department held its first recruiting day specifically geared toward diversity, equity and inclusion.

The department is also committed to supporting students financially. For the last four years, all admitted students who qualify for the federal Pell Grant received a full tuition scholarship. Though this program is not new, it is getting a new name: the Gonzaga Access Pledge. Previously known as the Magis Commitment, McCulloh believes the name was confusing, and one of the reasons the scholarship was not adequately accessible.

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# Japanese Club fosters inclusivity

By SOPHIA MCKINSTRY

This year, the Japanese Club is back with the hope of fostering relationships between club members and sharing their culture with the Gonzaga University community.

The club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and has already been busy in College Hall.

From making origami to calligraphy and learning Japanese slang, the club has put on numerous events and activities this semester. They took part in a karaoke night with the Filipino American Student Union and the Hawaiian Pacific Islander Club to build community and took part in some friendly competition with the other cultural clubs.

Riria Kawaguchi is a sophomore and president of the Japanese Club this year; she is also the social media manager for the International Student Union.

Originally from Tokyo, Kawaguchi said the cultural clubs have become a place for her to be herself and meet new people.

“Feeling like I belong to some community makes my life better, and they made me engage in more things,” Kawaguchi said. “That’s why I think the cultural club is very important. Like you don’t have to belong to the culture ... ethnically, but I feel like for Japanese students, including Japanese American or ... international students ... having the community where you can value your identity [and] you can be who you are is very important. We need to hear that voice.”

While Japanese Club was an official club last year, Kawaguchi said they weren’t as active and that she felt like there was a disconnect. After talking to a few friends and fellow club members over the summer, she decided she wanted to rebuild the community aspect of the club and try to get more people involved this year.

“Managing wise ... making it work as a club was one of my goals,” Kawaguchi said. “But also, like ... as a purpose, I want [to] build community where Japanese people



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Japanese Club has explored many cultural traditions, such as origami and calligraphy.

can actually ... be who they are.”

Tohma Sugimoto is the vice president of the club, and said his favorite project this semester was the collaboration with Mukogawa Women’s University, which is an all-girls college located in Spokane.

In October, members of the club got to go to the Mukogawa Women’s University cultural center to make mochi and meet and engage with Mukogawa students.

Sugimoto said one of the most rewarding things for him is seeing the connections that are formed through the club.

“I think it’s really nice to see, like, a community kind of build up because ... as it goes throughout the year, some more people come [and] some people stay,” Sugimoto said. “So being able to see a variety of people come, and then throughout those clubs, they get to

bond with each other. So I guess seeing those new connections being formed is something that I love seeing.”

Students from Mukogawa are also planning on coming to GU next semester in a collaboration between the schools that allow them to learn from one another.

In addition to their regular club meetings next semester, the club’s main event will take place on Feb. 18 in the Cataldo Globe Room.

Matsuri, which means “festival” in Japanese, will be a cultural dinner with traditional Japanese food and performances.

“I think what I’m most excited for, to be honest, [is] ... being able to see everyone come together and kind of enjoy it,” Sugimoto said. “It’s been taking a lot of ... organizing and a lot of communicating. So being able to see it come to life and

then being able to see people enjoy the performances, enjoy the food [and] just have a good time, it’s kind of what I really want to happen.”

Kawaguchi said one of the main focuses of the club this year was diversity in Japan and the different experiences of club members.

The board members themselves come from a diverse range of backgrounds, with some of them being international students, others being mixed-race and others being raised in the states.

“As a Japanese [person] who was born and grew up in Japan, for me ... my definition of Japanese has changed [since coming to GU],” Kawaguchi said.

Lilia Pate is the public relations officer for the club, and her main role is to spread awareness about events and run the club’s social media account.

She said that it’s important to have a Japanese Club on campus not only because of the bonding aspect, but also because of the educational value.

“There’s not many Japanese students here in the first place, and so we want to have a space that’s comfortable for them and where they feel welcomed,” Pate said. “It’s just important for people to be aware of Japanese culture because there’s a lot of stereotypes around it, and we just want to conquer the stereotypes and teach what is actually Japanese culture and what’s important to us as Japanese people.”

Ultimately, all three board members said they hope the club is a place where students can find a sense of belonging and learn more about Japanese culture.

“Having a community where you can value your identity ... [and] you can be who you are is very important,” Kawaguchi said.

To stay updated on events and activities in the future, give @gujapaneseclub on Instagram a follow.

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In order to make sure these initiatives are at the forefront of the admissions process, last year the Office of Admission created a new position: Coordinator for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. Senior Admission Counselor Alexa Gaske is the first to hold the role.

“It’s my job to be proactive and make sure that whatever we’re doing, whatever event we hold, students from underrepresented backgrounds are included and supported,” Gaske said.

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**We don't want to be an echo chamber, and we want students to bring their unique experiences.**

Alexa Gaske, senior admission counselor

Though the admission department is primarily responsible for getting students to campus, Gaske said in her role she makes sure the students they admit are supported all through their academic

experience. For example, she and her colleagues have partnered with programs like BRIDGE, DICE and New Student and Family Programs on different events and initiatives. She described the process as a

hand off.

Gaske said she is committed to making sure students of diverse backgrounds know college is possible and supporting students of diverse backgrounds throughout their journey.

“The beauty of a Gonzaga education, and a Jesuit education, is that we know the importance of global citizenship and diverse thought,” Gaske said. “We don’t want to be an echo chamber, and we want students to bring their unique experiences.”

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yielded some of the time to Fossil Free Gonzaga for the proposal.

“This semester provided a really appropriate opportunity,” said McKenna Krey, president of Fossil Free Gonzaga. “Because of relationships we had with GSBA, we were able to get this proposal in front of the Board.”

In addition to the proposal, Acosta Loza presented some of the work that GSBA has done in the past year, along with other pertinent financial requests.

The proposal was delivered in conjunction with GSBA. According to Acosta Loza, the partnership focus of the proposal is what sets it apart from prior propositions. Not only was it developed in conjunction with GSBA, but ratified by the GSBA senate that represents GU’s student body.

“The argument for divestment is airtight,” Acosta Loza said. “But the most transformative aspect of this new

proposal is that we offered to help. The proposal was framed in such a way that, we’re working together, we’re part of the same team.”

Acosta Loza said the proposals were well received by the Board.

“Of course there will be a lot of deliberation that has to occur before we are able to get a firm commitment,” Acosta Loza said. “All of them seemed to be appreciative of the effort that GSBA and Fossil Free put into this.”

Krey echoed a similar sentiment, and said she believes that the Board of Trustees was open to the club’s proposal.

“It seemed like some of the members who were more skeptical of divestment in the past were more engaged,” she said.

There will be another Board of Trustees meeting in April, at which point Fossil Free Gonzaga and GSBA hope to hear back from the Board. In the meantime, Acosta Loza and Krey will meet with President Thayne McCulloh to determine how to work towards a commitment to the 2030 divestment deadline.

“It’s good of the Trustees to listen to students,” Acosta Loza said. “I’m very appreciative of how they take the time, even though they are so busy. I felt very welcome and respected.”

While Fossil Free Gonzaga aspires to full divestment from funds with exposure to fossil fuels, Krey sees this proposal as a necessary step in that process.

“What we’re doing, in asking to be strictly divested of the public funds, will build momentum,” she said.

For students interested in getting involved in Fossil Free Gonzaga, the club meets on the third floor of the John J. Hemmingson Center on Wednesdays at 8:15 p.m. Krey can be reached by interested students at [mkrey2@zagmail.gonzaga.edu](mailto:mkrey2@zagmail.gonzaga.edu).

“I’m really excited to hear back from the board ... and I intend to use my meetings with President McCulloh to create accountability, to further this partnership with them,” Acosta Loza said.

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“Students checked in when they got here,” Browne said. “They got their room keys for CM, a map of campus, a water bottle and a goodie bag. There were small groups which my [orientation] teammates were leaders for. There were some information sessions where departments on campus presented, and a scavenger hunt where students had to find different places on campus.”

The summer pilot program was beneficial to the new students because they were able to interact with people and places around campus, Browne said.

“The students who attended our pilot [program] last summer entered this fall with a much higher percentage of them saying ‘Yes, I know someone who I can go to if I need help,’ or ‘Yes, I connected to this institution,’” Mannetter said. “Those folks are just going to be a lot more successful in their first year and beyond.”

Because students and families were receptive to the two-day pilot program, Mannetter and the rest of the New Student and Family Program staff felt that this would be a positive experience for incoming first-years at GU.

“Moving forward, the change that we are going to be making is having students come to campus for a two-day orientation during the month of July, and when they come back in August we will have what we call ‘Welcome Weekend,’ which will be much more focused on getting moved into their residence halls, some social activities and kind of just reacquainting themselves with campus, peers, friends, faculty and staff,” Mannetter said.

The New Student and Family Program had a few different reasons to move the orientation to the summer.

“The number one reason is student and family member feedback about those four days being jam packed, and it has been consistent feedback for years,”

Mannetter said. “It’s time for us to do something about that. We talked about cura personalis and balance and well-being for our students, and that four-day model is not promoting any kind of balance or well-being for our students, and by the time they get to class on Tuesday, they’re just toast.”

Summer orientations are also a popular choice among a lot of other universities within the West Coast Conference and beyond, so New Student and Family Programs at GU wanted to mirror its partner institutions.

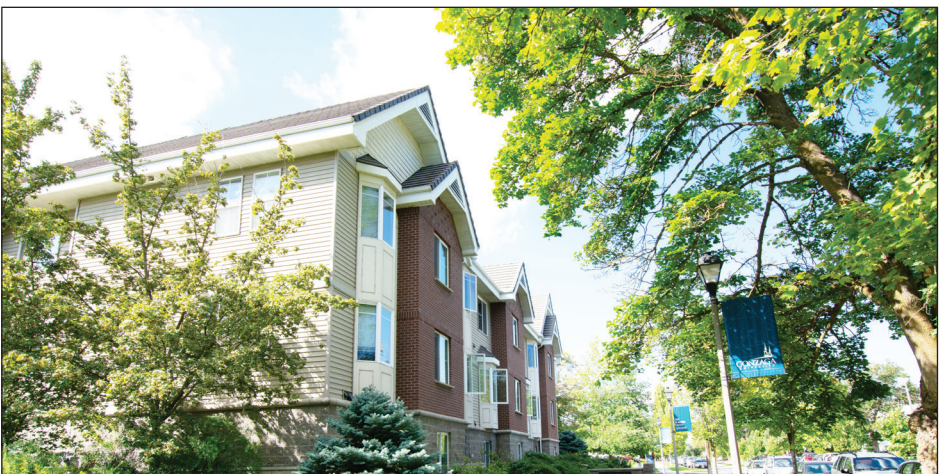
“It’s really considered best practice in the field of orientation and transition programming, so we know that about half of the other Jesuit schools employ a summer orientation model,” Mannetter said. “It allows us to be a lot more intentional in our programming and it allows students to absorb more information and have more opportunities to be connected.”

The summer orientation program also lets new students become integrated with GU at an easier and slower pace than the previous four-day orientation.

“I think the summer orientation program helps students become acquainted with each other and meet people, with the school and where to go on campus,” Browne said. “By the time [students] do come in the fall they will be able to focus more on school and getting involved.”

Applications for summer orientation leaders are open now through Jan. 25 and can be found on [gonzaga.edu](http://gonzaga.edu) under the “New Student Orientation” page.

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The new dorm will be similar to Twohy Hall, with suite-style dorm rooms and common areas.

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to engage with people across a whole variety of different backgrounds,” Wheeler said. “Sophomore year, we see it as an opportunity for folks to begin to stretch their adulting legs ... and have an increased level of autonomy. Then juniors and seniors, we see them as being really in their professional pursuits and they’re largely done exploring their community.”

With the new dorm having sophomores in mind, it will be a suite-style residence that has a number of common spaces, said Matt Lamsma, GU’s dean of student development and a committee member for the housing plan.

Lamsma said he believes suite-style dorms are better suited for sophomores, citing past complaints from students in that grade level about living in apartment-style residences.

“They still want and like the community aspects of living in a residence hall,” Lamsma said of sophomores. “We hear a lot of stories and experience a lot of stories of students living in Kennedy or Corkery or wherever, where there’s feelings of isolation.”

However, while the committee has been doing research on students’ desires for housing, they also have the input of several undergraduates, including Residence Hall Association President DeLainey Phelps.

“My role on the committee is to provide a student perspective and... giving feedback on the rooms proposed and the ideas for common spaces and living spaces within the new dorms,” Phelps said.

As a senior living in Marian, an off-campus dorm with mostly first-years, Phelps has experienced firsthand the issues that arise when students aren’t placed in the ideal housing environment for their grade level.

“There are benefits like free parking and no meal plan, but it’s also hard living with a bunch of rowdy freshmen when I’m trying to finish my capstone project,” Phelps said.

Phelps is hopeful the Housing Master Plan will provide students with the best housing options for their grade level.

“I like the style of the new plan since there eventually won’t be such a disparity across campus with some sophomores living in traditional-style, while others are living in Kennedy,” Phelps said.

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# China protests spark hope for change

China is experiencing its largest wave of uprisings and protests since those following the massacre in Tiananmen Square in 1989. What are they protesting? Namely, the harsh COVID-19 regulations that have literally trapped the nation in a state of fear and civil unrest.

These protests against the Chinese government’s approach to eliminating COVID-19 are a good way for the nation’s citizens to finally have their voices heard in a country where censorship exterminates any sort of bureaucratic condemnation.

China’s anti-COVID-19 campaign, entitled Zero COVID, had been running successfully up until the outbreak of other variants of the virus, specifically the easily transmittable and extremely contagious Omicron variant.

With the advent of these new variants, President Xi Jinping gave local officials a seemingly impossible task — to control and eliminate all outbreaks within the nation with the least possible effects on the social and economic state of the nation.

However, that mission officials were ordered to take has caused them to take alarming measures to wipe out all cases of COVID-19.

The officials of several major cities in China have gone so far as to lock the doors of buildings and homes from the outside so that those within them are not able to leave.

In the city of Urumqi in the Xinjiang region of China, the doors of a high-rise apartment building were locked from the outside when a fire broke out within the structure. The fire killed 10 people who were trying to escape but were unsuccessful due to the government trapping them in the building. The death of these citizens was the final straw for the Chinese people. It was almost



By MIA GALLEGOS

immediately following these tragic deaths that the people of several of China’s biggest cities took to the street to make the president aware that the COVID-19 approach he was taking was doing more harm than good.

This was a courageous decision by the Chinese people, whose voices have been blacked out and censored for all of their lives.

China’s censorship regime was instated originally by the Chinese Communist Party and continues to operate in the nation today. The government allows for freedom of speech, that is unless that speech is speaking down on the operations of the Chinese government or exposing something that could make this authority look bad.

The Chinese firewall has blocked many U.S. websites

including Facebook, Instagram and other social media that would allow citizens to make this oppression known to others around the world on these social media outlets. Though many people have found loopholes within the firewall, most content and posting are prohibited.

The protesters in this current uprising in China have made their voices heard and their opinions known in regard to even the censorship that they have been subjected to.

Many protesters held up white pieces of paper in face of the government officers who stood before them. The symbolism of this paper was the fact that it was blank. There is nothing you can censor on a piece of paper that has nothing on it. This was a beautifully peaceful message for the Chinese government to witness and one that united those taking part in the protests.

COVID-19 is a common thread that the Chinese people can consolidate on. These protests have allowed for them to come together as an undivided force and make an impact on an issue that can’t be ignored. This affects everyone, and these protests will inspire advocacy in a nation where that is scarcely allowed.

It remains to be seen if this surge will have a significant and lasting effect on the socio-political dynamics in China. There may be a glimmer of hope that the conditions are right for Chinese citizens to gain some of the freedoms that we often take for granted.

Mia Gallegos is a staff writer.

## Give it a break; Gonzaga needs to approach finals week differently

Finals week is a stressful time for the Gonzaga University student body before returning home for the holidays. In the dead of winter, it is hard to stay motivated heading into exams.

Each year, GU posts the final examination schedule online for all to see. For out-of-state students, it allows a nice heads-up for those who can’t drive home. Unfortunately, some professors choose not to stick to the calendar or what has been written in their syllabus.

Projects or presentations as a class final can be a nice surprise, but it would be nice to know what the plan is ahead of time. GU students come from all across the country and the university has a large presence of international students that grows every year. On short notice, it can be tricky to adjust travel plans.

To be fair to everyone, professors should make their plans and stick to them, even if it doesn’t go along with the university’s schedule. Professors who live in Spokane often forget that the whole of GU doesn’t live down the street.

Even in-state students or those who choose to drive home have scary



By CATE WILSON

weather conditions to deal with. Hearing horror stories of students having to sleep in their cars due to a snowstorm in the Snoqualmie Pass is enough to make parents worry.

Finals season is never a fun time but freezing weather and a 4 p.m. sunset doesn’t necessarily help morale. The least the school can do to help is make the trip home to family an easy

ride.

Let’s stick to the plan and be consistent. Keeping track of classes can be a tricky feat and when finals are jumbled and random, life feels harder for stressed-out college kids. Every student is different, and each major has a unique workload, so it is natural that finals week looks different for everyone. All we ask is that there is enough time to complete the final where quality work can be done, there is time to adjust flights or prepare snow chains and that there are clear instructions for what needs to get done.

This year looks a little different than the previous holiday breaks. GU has decided to extend the break to four weeks instead of the usual three. An extra week of rest and family time is a great gift for this holiday season. Rather than getting out the first week of May, school will officially let out on May 12 with undergraduate commencement taking place on May 14.

The break is definitely long enough this year, but there are mixed feelings due to the changes. College is a time full of uncertainty and chaos, but academics can be a source of comfort

in this period where we transition from adolescence into adulthood. One thing GU can work on is staying firm in dates and datelines to help diminish stress.

Finals are coming up soon and the temperatures continue to drop heading into the break. Now more than ever it is important to stay sharp and motivated headed into exams. Make sure to keep up with your workload and stay diligent with assignments. Bundle up, release some endorphins and stay healthy and happy to finish this semester strong.

Wherever you are traveling to for the holiday season, whether it be home or elsewhere, enjoy this time of respite and relief (hopefully somewhere warm). Enjoy your holiday traditions and don’t take this time off for granted.

So, where do you stand on your finals and the long break?

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## Why are we taking the concept of 'pet parenting' so far as a society?

It’s easy enough for a pet owner to want to spoil and treat whenever possible. But why are we taking it so far?

The temptation is high when I enter the store and see all the cute bows and toys that I can bring home to my furry babies. Seeing the delight behind my dog’s eyes when I pull that tasty treat from the TJ Maxx bag makes my day.

As a proud dog mom of three, it’s safe to say I’ve spent quite a bit of money on different trinkets and such for my pets. Constantly, I am validated by people bustling around with their petite pets in strollers or gimmicky family pet costumes frequently found on Facebook.

My small purchases never seem too out of the ordinary. Sure — there’s a line — but my dog’s Halloween costume hasn’t crossed it just yet.

Talking with my peers, I’ve realized that pet ownership is an easy alternative for caring souls who are not ready to have a child of their own. The distinction between the two, however, is becoming increasingly blurred.

In a standard retail store, for example, the difference between pet clothes and people’s clothes is almost nonexistent. The cute onesie I dress my Jack Russell Terrier in is nearly identical to my baby cousin’s. The toys? The same. The marketing and branding for these items become more and more similar as time goes on.

I’d argue that treating one’s pet as part of the family is standard practice. Seen in holiday cards, senior portraits, vacation photos; all of it. It’s cute, it’s fun. But pet birthday parties? Or pet playdates? Surely, we need to stop somewhere.

When we coddle our pets, we often use the term “babying.” But I fear that we’ve begun to take it a bit literally. Overall, we go to great lengths to provide our pets with the best lives possible. Taking this action is just a distraction from feeling unfulfilled in our own lives.

It’s easy to drop hundreds, if not thousands, on cute accessories and items for our pets. But when it comes to extending this



By QUINN TEUBERT

appreciation to other people, there seems to be a disconnect. Yes, pets are great, but the people around us matter too. Lending a helping hand and providing support to your friends and family can be just as meaningful as that cute collar for your pup.

Why do we put that energy into pets and not people? Easy — the love our pets provide us with is unconditional and never-ending. People, on the other hand, have higher demands. There’s more risk in investing in another person, but not with pets.

So, maybe it’s time we start reevaluating our relationship with our pets and see if maybe they’re just serving as a placeholder for what we truly need.

Quinn Teubert is a staff writer.



# Goodbye to Spokane and to many sweet memories

Before graduating at the end of the semester, the editor-in-chief sampled every flavor from their favorite ice cream spot

COMMENTARY  
By LILLIAN PIEL

I don't care how cold it is outside, going out for a scoop of ice cream is always the move.

Luckily, my favorite local spot to find this comforting, chilly treat is relatively close by. The Scoop has two locations — one in the South Hill located at 1001 W. 25th Ave, the other in Kendall Yards at 1238 W. Summit Pkwy. The South Hill Scoop is open from noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, and the Kendall Yards location is open from 2 to 8 p.m.

According to McKenzie Ford, a 'scooperista' at the South Hill location, The Scoop has been around for 14 years. It used to sell "brain freeze" ice cream until Jennifer Davis, the current owner, bought the ice cream shop 10 years ago and began making The Scoop's homemade ice cream that Spokane has come to know and love.

"I think it's special just because it's all homemade ice cream, and there's flavors that aren't typical at regular ice cream shops," Ford said.

No matter what flavors are in rotation, there's always something to look forward to when I visit The Scoop. Even though ice cream is chilly and the temperature outside is even chillier, walking into The Scoop's South Hill location only brought a smile to my face as I took in the holiday decorations and vibrant pink and blue walls.

I may not be a professional ice cream flavor tester, which sounds like a dream job to me, but I like to think I know what makes one flavor of ice cream stand out over another.

To help out my fellow ice cream fiends and get 'the scoop' on this local treat's current flavors, I decided to try every flavor at The Scoop and rank them.

The Scoop has 14 flavors, but I'll spare you the description of each one. Depending on whether you prefer ice cream loaded with chocolate, a fruity sorbet, or seasonal flavors like peppermint or eggnog, there's something to please every palette. The Scoop offers vegan and gluten-free options as well, making it a great place to bring anyone for a sweet treat.

While I'm sure fans of citrus-flavored ice cream would enjoy flavors like pineapple soft serve, caramel apple cider and strawberry guava sorbet, the highlights for me were the sweet-tooth-centric ones. It's also worth mentioning that while I'm not a huge eggnog fan or salted caramel kind of person, both ice creams perfectly captured their namesakes, as most of the ice cream flavors at The Scoop do.

In the top five flavors, the seasonal peppermint ice cream takes the No. 5 spot because it really tasted like I was eating the ice cream version of a candy cane. The ice cream wasn't overly minty, and the creamy texture combined with small flakes of candy cane gave it just the right amount of crunch. There is also a vegan option for the peppermint flavor as well.

Coming in at No. 4 is the vanilla oat milk soft



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Known for its homemade ice cream, The Scoop has several flavors to choose from, including vegan and gluten-free options.

serve. I'm a big fan of oat milk in coffee, but I had never heard of an oat-milk-based ice cream before. However, I was pleasantly surprised — it was light and airy, and I could taste hints of vanilla without it being saturated in sweetness.

Rounding out the top three, in third is The Scoop's vanilla ice cream. I know, it's plain, but there's something to be said about a good vanilla ice cream. I was once told that the true test of whether or not an ice cream shop is good is if it has a solid vanilla ice cream, and it's safe to say that The Scoop's vanilla holds up, from the tiny flecks of vanilla you can see in the ice cream to its perfect texture.

For those who love chocolate-based ice creams, mud pie is the second-best flavor at The Scoop. Mud pie is a chocolate ice cream with Oreo pieces, and the chocolate ice cream by itself tastes like the perfect chocolate shake in ice cream form. According to Ford, mud pie is one of the most popular flavors and one of her favorites as well.

Ali Day, a Spokane resident who has visited The Scoop a few times and loves its friendly neighborhood vibe, also agreed that mud pie is one of the top flavors and listed it as her favorite.

"It's very nostalgic; it's got a childhood memory taste to it," Day said.

In my humble opinion, however, the best flavor at

The Scoop is giant's milk and cookies, which derives its name from "Game of Thrones," Ford said. Giant's milk and cookies features a sweet and salty vanilla base with the perfect ratio of Biscoff- reminiscent cookie crumbles to ice cream. If I wasn't already full from sampling the 14 ice cream flavors, I probably would have ordered another scoop of it.

However, no matter what flavor fits your fancy, you can't go wrong with a scoop from The Scoop.

"I just love the friendliness, people are really sweet here, and they've got good ice cream," Day said. "I like that it's in a neighborhood because I think it brings the community together."

One of the things I'll miss the most about living in Spokane is the local businesses, especially The Scoop, so it seemed only fitting to show my appreciation for this local ice cream shop by trying every single flavor. But getting to write about it and combine my love for ice cream and journalism was truly the cherry on top.

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By Laura Effinger-Dean & Christina Iverson

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55 Davis of "Grumpy Old Men"

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120 "Oh, you're not acting so brave now, are you!?"

124 Word with circle and tube

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129 Really, really overcook

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34 "Mrs. America" political cause, briefly

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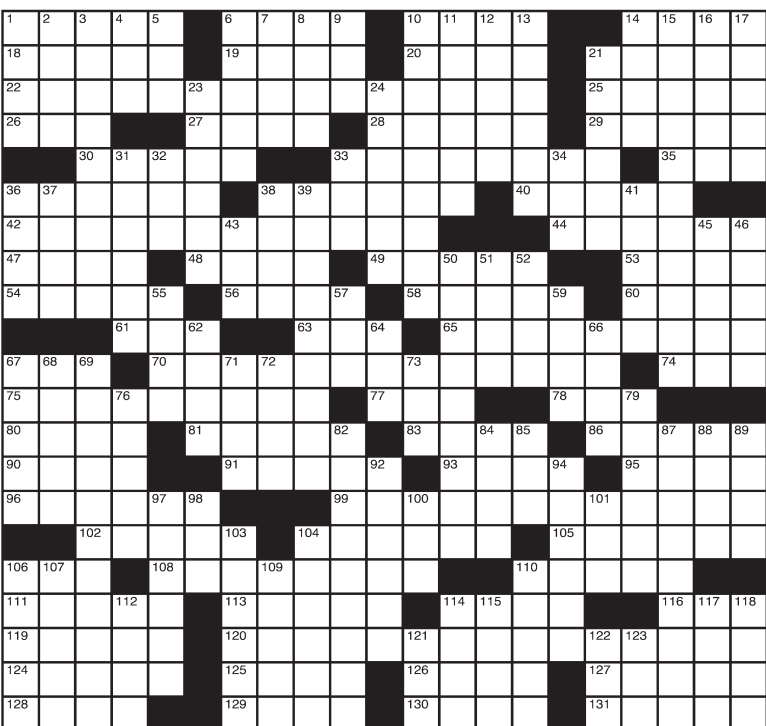
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# Gonzaga Kennel Club to host three tenting games in 2022-23

By MADELEINE REED

In terms of fame, few traditions at Gonzaga University rival Tent City — the rite of passage has been one indicative of a strong community and a faithful fan base for 16 years. At the heart of this rich tradition lies 15 students who, while the rest of the student body gears up for events to come, are hard at work behind the scenes.

These 15 students make up the Kennel Club board, who recently have announced this year's schedule for Tent City games. The tenting games will be against Washington on Friday, BYU on Feb. 11 and Saint Mary's on Feb. 25.

Though Tent City may be pitched for three nights this school year, each game takes months of planning. Tent City Coordinator Silje Squires selected the games for the year based on factors like opponents, day of the week and university schedule conflicts, with the goal of having the highest energy and demand.

Kennel Club Vice President Emily Schwartz noted the large workload of this job.

"Not only are there months of prep work beforehand, but the week leading up to it is an all-hands-on-deck ordeal," Schwartz said via email. "The tweet goes out and it's game time for us. We have to start organizing who is in what tent, the food, the activities, everything starts to come together. While Tent City is crazy fun, it is a massive undertaking."

Serving in her third year on the board, Schwartz described the transition into the vice president position as a challenging yet rewarding one.

"Seeing the efforts of your team be turned into a tangible event is super rewarding," Schwartz said. "More so, the transition from camping out to rolling up to McCarthy in a pack of 1,250 students is almost surreal."

Alongside this process, the Kennel Club looks to incorporate new traditions in with old ones.

One example of this is the club's efforts to replace the title of Tent City with "Kennel Campout," something the club hopes to make official next semester.

"We all love Tent City and have grown accustomed to the name," the Kennel Club said in an email to all undergraduate students. "However, this name has gained a negative connotation due to its association with the community experiencing houselessness in Spokane. The Kennel Club acknowledges our privilege in choosing to sleep outside while others are forced to spend the night in the cold. So, the Kennel Club is in the process of re-evaluating the Tent City name and transitioning to a new name of Kennel Campout."



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GU's first tenting game is Friday against Washington, with students securing their tenting positions on Wednesday.

Another addition has been Social Club game watching events, which have already begun, according to Schwartz.

"We've already had one down at Osprey and we are working on having one down at Flatstick Pub for December," Schwartz said. "These are a great environment for upperclassmen to get together and have a great time off campus."

However, the preparation usually comes with some challenges. Kennel Club President Jason Siegle described his appreciation for his team's dedication and successes this year, noting how they have built a collaborative environment with new ideas and perspectives.

"From enhancing the pregame line, improving Tent City to be an event rather than a campout in the cold, and supporting all sports on campus, the Kennel Club is always willing to listen to the student body and increase our

impact on their experience," Siegle said via email.

Siegle noted that the club's biggest challenge is navigating their relationship with the university, the student body and Gonzaga Athletics at the same time, as their close relationship with the student body puts them in a unique position at the intersection of all three. He said he is committed to improving communication with students and creating a welcoming game day environment for all.

"While we are incredibly thankful for the resources and support [that] we receive from these organizations, we face the challenge of enhancing the experience for four times the number of students who are members of the club," Siegle said.

The Kennel Club receives funding solely from membership packs, limiting its outreach. As such, the board looks to outside sponsorships and partnerships

with organizations on campus.

The board urges students to communicate their opinions as they welcome feedback in order to improve the student experience. The Kennel Club holds office hours on Mondays from 8 to 9 p.m., located in the John J. Hemmingson Center, room 304.

In spite of challenges, the board looks forward to the games ahead and the events that are to come.

"The team will need the Kennel Club and Zagnation more than ever this year, so come prepared to be loud and rowdy at every home game," Siegle said.

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## Baseball head coach DUI charge amended to reckless driving

GU head baseball coach Mark Machtolf will spend one day in jail, two years on probation

By HENRY KRUEGER

Gonzaga University head baseball coach Mark Machtolf was sentenced to one day in jail and two years of probation after his charge from a DUI arrest over the summer in Reardan, Washington, was amended to reckless driving as part of a plea agreement.

Machtolf's blood alcohol content measured as high as 0.284, more than three times the legal limit, according to the arrest report from June 9. He told law enforcement he drank two IPAs that night.

A Lincoln County District Court judge ordered Machtolf last month to spend two days in jail, but gave the 58-year-old credit for one day served, court documents said. Machtolf was also fined \$1,500 and will undergo an alcohol evaluation, along with other recommended treatments.

Machtolf is entering his 20th season as the Bulldogs

head coach.

The night of Machtolf's arrest, police were notified of a blue pickup truck that was reportedly swerving in the city around 8 p.m. The arresting officer Melissa Foust said in her report that she located the truck, a 2016 Chevy Silverado, parked in front of the Reardan Store.

When Machtolf exited the store and got into his car, Foust attempted to block him in his parking space. However, Machtolf continued to back up and drove north on Lake Street before eventually pulling into two parking spots at SpeedTrap Tap House.

Machtolf performed several field sobriety tests, including a one-leg stand test where he couldn't balance for more than a few seconds and almost fell, Foust's report said. He declined to take a preliminary breath test and was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

The DUI arrest is the second among GU head coaches in less than a year. Head men's basketball coach Mark Few pleaded guilty to DUI after being arrested near Coeur d'Alene on Labor Day.

Few had to complete 24 hours of community service and pay a \$1,000 fine instead of spending four days in jail, according to court documents. His driver's license was also suspended until Nov. 5, 2021, when an ignition interlock device was required to be used while he was on probation for the next year.

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# Vienna waits for you: Roider finds transfer success in final year at GU

By TOMMY CONMY

From Vienna, Austria to down south in the United States and all the way to Spokane in the Pacific Northwest, senior and men's tennis player Leon Roider has done one thing on every tennis court he's stepped on — compete.

"He's more than meets the eye," said GU head men's tennis coach D.J. Gurule. "You see this kid, he's skin and bones, man. He's got 0% body fat on him. He's kind of this unimposing kid but then when you start playing, he will carve you up."

Roider began playing tennis at age 4 on Sundays with his grandpa and his friends. Sundays turned into practicing with a coach individually before the Austrian began competing in tournaments and traveling across Europe to swing his racket.

When it came time to enroll in high school, Roider was unsure if he wanted to turn professional or embark on a more traditional route. He chose AHS Wein-West, a general secondary school in Vienna that offers a specialty branch for athletes.

According to Roider, he attended five hours of school a day to allow for two tennis practice sessions as well. After graduating in five years due to the shorter school day, Roider was presented a choice — play collegiate tennis in the U.S. or turn professional and continue his studies in Austria.

He chose to consult with a company that connected athletes to coaches and signed a national letter of intent to play tennis at the University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Roider walked onto campus as the No. 1 player on the team, competing in the No. 1 singles and doubles spots. He finished the year with a 5-3 record in singles and a 3-4 record in doubles, reaching the quarterfinals of the Big South Conference tournament. Ultimately, Roider's time was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Sparty's tennis programs shuttering their doors due to a number of complications.

"The decision follows a thorough review of the athletics departments, trends in intercollegiate athletics, facility needs, operational and scholarship costs required to compete for Big South championships, and overall budgetary challenges," the school said in a news release.

Just as soon as he landed in a new country, Roider was nearly 5,000 miles away from his home with nowhere to go.

"They informed us pretty late, to be honest," Roider said. "It was the end of the spring season and everything got shut down. We had a meeting with the president of the school and our coaches and they basically told us that they don't have the funds anymore to help our program and finance it."

Due to the magnitude of the university cutting two sports programs, coaches across the country quickly got word that there were athletes looking to transfer.



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Roider advanced to Regionals in singles and qualified for Super Regionals in doubles.

Roider received his fair share of offers from numerous schools, but without taking a visit, he chose to travel even further from home in pursuit of competition.

"I was really looking for a competitive team because I was No. 1 at USC Upstate," Roider said. "I was looking for competitive practices where maybe I'm not the best player. At Gonzaga, I found I was one of the better players, but I wasn't the best and we were all at a similar level. That's what helped me make the decision to come to Gonzaga."

With his racket in hand and a bulldog adorning his chest, Roider got to work. This season, Roider advanced to the ITA North Regionals before bowing out in a tight three-set match. In doubles, Roider and teammate Oliver Andersson advanced to Super Regionals before bowing out to the No. 1 seed in another competitive match.

"It was just fascinating to see the top level of tennis in college," Roider said. "We really saw what we were capable of doing, that we're not that best to actual best players in college tennis."

Despite losing in three sets to close out Regionals, Roider's performance put Gurule on notice and reminded the second year head coach why Roider received the opportunity to play tennis at this level in the first place.

"His first-round match he carved a kid up that I knew didn't give him any credit at all," Gurule said. "And Leon had a little kind of injury and it was obvious to everyone who saw it. He just found a way to be great, and that's him. He's a coach's dream, man, a guy that's just going to find a way to do his best."

With Roider's plate full with six classes in the spring to graduate on time to the daily grind of collegiate athletics, hard work is a natural resource the Austrian continues to return to the well for.

Roider relies on his international teammates when the going gets tough. The men's tennis roster is made up of nine individuals from nine different countries. That diversity lends itself to unique play-styles and approaches on the court while providing a worldly environment off it.

## GU SPORTS CALENDAR

**Friday, Dec. 9**  
➔ **Men's basketball vs. Washington, 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, Dec. 10**  
➔ **Track & Field at Spokane Invitational, all day**

**Sunday, Dec. 11**  
➔ **Women's basketball vs. UC Davis, 2 p.m.**

**Monday, Dec. 12**  
➔ **Men's basketball vs. Northern Illinois, 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
➔ **Men's basketball at Alabama, Birmingham, AL, 10 a.m.**  
➔ **Women's basketball vs. BYU, 2 p.m.**

**\*Home games in bold\***

"It's something we actually talk about a lot and take a lot of pride in and it's kind of taken on a little life of its own," Gurule said. "I think it's pretty amazing to see the world from a different perspective ... your world is not the end all, be all and everybody else has their own issues and thoughts."

Looking forward to likely his last season donning the Zags uniform, Roider has more rackets to swing and volleys to return. Even if he had returned home to Vienna or never even left in the first place, tennis will always have a place in his life.

"If I hadn't started tennis, I would play soccer," Roider said. "If I didn't go here to the university but play tennis, I would probably study and teach lessons and play tournaments."

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# Three takeaways from GU's 73-66 victory over Kent State

COMMENTARY  
By BRADLEY SAUVE

With Gonzaga University men's basketball best-in-the-nation 68-game home winning streak on the line and the Zags trailing by four with less than four minutes left, audiences at home and in the McCarthy Athletic Center were likely wondering who would step up for the Zags in the final minutes.

The answer? Well, almost everyone, as GU used a full team effort to close out the game on a 10-0 run and beat the Kent State Golden Flashes 73-66.

On the heels of a heartbreaking 64-63 loss to No. 12 Baylor, this game had the feel of a must-win game for the Zags, a sentiment that the players echoed.

"This game was a must-win and this is a place we don't lose in," said senior forward Drew Timme. "It's promising for our team just to know that we're capable of learning from our mistakes."

Here are three takeaways from Thursday's victory:

**Early free-throw woes offset by Timme's monstrous performance**

As the first half progressed, one thing was abundantly clear — GU was not making its free throws. Part of this was due to the shooters that Kent State was putting at the line, as Anton Watson and Drew Timme combined to shoot all of GU's first half free throw attempts, making four of 10.

For all of their success on the interior this season, both of GU's starting forwards have been inconsistent from the charity stripe, with Watson shooting 56.5% and Timme 57.1%.

However, Timme showed in the second half why he is a perennial All-American candidate, making 5-of-6 free throws en route to a 29-point, 17-rebound performance. He also registered four assists and two blocks.

Even Timme's lone free throw miss of the second half was a net positive. The rebound was tipped by wing Julian Strawther to Malachi Smith, who completed an old-fashioned 3-point play to give GU a 5-point lead that was never relinquished.

"That was just a huge momentum-shifter," Timme said.

**GU turns the turnover corner?**

Through the season to date, one of the Bulldogs' chief issues has been turnovers. They averaged 14.2 giveaways per game coming into Monday's contest.

Kent State forces an average of almost 19 turnovers per game, which likely made ball security a top priority for head coach Mark Few and staff as they prepared the team for this game.

The Zags defied expectations, only coughing the ball up three times in the first half. There was a sloppy stretch in the second half that contributed to six turnovers, giving the Zags only nine on the evening.

"Sometimes [turnovers] just come in bunches for us," Few said. "But we steadied the ship and got the ball to the right guys and quit turning the ball over."



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Drew Timme rises up for a layup against the Kent State Golden Flashes. Timme scored 29 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Fixing their turnover issues would pay dividends down the road for the Zags, especially against West Coast Conference teams aiming to slow down the game by limiting possessions.

**Sophomores starting to shine**

After GU defeated Xavier to conclude the Phil Knight Legacy Tournament, Few made a concerted effort to praise Nolan Hickman for a weekend in which he showed tremendous growth.

Even as Hickman struggled through a scoreless night against Baylor, he finished with eight assists, showcasing the fact that he is quickly becoming more comfortable at the helm of the offense.

In an iron-man game against KSU in which he never took a seat, he finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Just as Few praised Hickman a week ago, he specifically singled out Hickman's fellow teammate Hunter Sallis for his contributions against KSU.

"Hunter came in and made some huge, huge plays," Few said. "All those young guys are learning the intensity and

toughness that it takes to be successful at this level."

Though Sallis did not have an amazing scoring performance (1-for-5 shooting from the field), he still finished with three points and three rebounds while drawing five fouls. Those fouls included two key charges down the stretch to keep the Golden Flashes scoreless over the last three and a half minutes.

Sallis and the rest of the Zags' backcourt also made life difficult for last season's Mid-American Conference Player of the Year, Sincere Carry. The redshirt senior, who averages 18.5 points per game, finished with just 10 points on 4-for-15 shooting.

If Hickman and Sallis can keep progressing on both ends of the court, their contributions will significantly raise the ceiling for this Zags team.

On deck: The Zags continue their homestand by hosting the Washington Huskies on Friday at 6 p.m. for their first in-state rivalry game since 2019, to be followed by the Northern Illinois Huskies and a road trip to Birmingham to face No. 8 Alabama.

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