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The crowd of protesters was followed closely from location to location by a fleet of police officers on bikes. The photo above was taken Saturday, Sept. 26.

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Say her name: Students march for Taylor

By ALEXANDER PREVOST

“No Justice, No Peace! No racist police!” was yelled as protesters marched toward Riverfront Park amid the gaze of the group of police officers.

On Saturday, Occupy Spokane, a local activist organization, held a Black Lives Matter protest at the big red wagon in Riverfront Park from 2 to 5 p.m. after charges against Breonna Taylor’s killers didn’t yield the results wanted by protesters.

Taylor was shot and killed by Louisville, Kentucky police officers on March 13 in her apartment when a search warrant was executed.

The local Spokane community and students from Gonzaga University attended the rally out of solidarity for Taylor’s family and the larger Black community.

“There’s just so many things wrong that it just makes me mad — physically angry,” junior Maren Beauchamp said. “It’s just heartbreaking, seeing every day, reading the news. It’s terrible.”

At the rally, several people spoke atop the big red wagon against the injustices people of color face.

“It’s nerve racking,” said Duaa-Rahemaah Williams, a speaker at the rally. “You don’t know how people will take what you say, if they’re going to utilize it, if it’s going to go on deaf ears. So, I was excited to bring the message because I felt like I had a lot of good points and things that would make somebody say, ‘Hmm...’, and want to see change.”

Following the round of speakers, participants of the rally marched toward the Spokane County Courthouse. A pack of police officers on bikes followed them around, and a small group of counterprotesters appeared a quarter of the way through the march.

Protesters re-convened at the wagon at 3:22 p.m. Organizers played sections of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s, “I Have A Dream Speech,” over the speakers before more speakers came forward.

The event closed out with an open-mic portion where anyone could come forward and speak their mind.

“How I like to look at protests is you go in feeling almost disheartened or angry and come out feeling empowered,” said freshman RJ McGee. “Hearing all these people with the same goal — all in support of the same thing, coming

and speaking and showing support, and standing in unity — that is always a good feeling. You come out feeling empowered and you want to do more to help.”

There are more upcoming demonstrations this fall:

The Human Rights Activist Coterie is hosting a rally to denounce Killology at the Spokane County Courthouse on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Police Brutality Die In at the Spokane County Courthouse on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Chalk for Change at the Tribal Gathering Place/Huntington Park on Oct. 10 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Human Rights Halloween Bash at the Tribal Gathering Place/Huntington Park on Oct. 13 from 1 to 6 p.m.

“[Young people] can make an impact by voting,” Williams said. “I’m just going to say that because we have the power to put who we want and who we need into office. If everyone keeps saying, ‘my vote doesn’t matter,’ how will you know if you don’t vote?”

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GU Young Life chapter disbands due to LGBTQ+ policy

By MATTHEW DOBNER

In an open letter to the community, Gonzaga University’s Young Life chapter decided to disband this semester. The reason for disbanding is Young Life’s national policy prohibiting any LGBTQ+ person from holding a leadership position within Young Life.

Immediately, the club received backlash for its action. The letter, posted on the club’s Instagram (@guyounglife) caused waves in the

Young Life national organization. Within 24 hours, Young Life headquarters demanded the password to the club’s Instagram, threatening to take down the letter. Once in control, Young Life changed the password, locking GU Young Life leaders out of the account.

The reaction from Young Life shocked members of GU’s chapter. A former club leader, Emily Ramsey, believes that Young Life’s reaction to the club’s disbanding signals fear.

“They’re afraid of what we did,” Ramsey said. “We’re the first region of the United States to publicly quit.”

Young Life’s official Sexual Health Policy states that an unhealthy sexuality is, “sexual intimacy outside of a heterosexual marriage relationship.”

When an issue of unhealthy sexuality arises, the policy states, “the supervisor, in consultation with Human Resources, may



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Alaska Oct. 4 // Hawaii Oct. 5 //
Arizona Oct. 5 // Montana Oct. 5, by
US mail // New Mexico Oct. 6 //
Idaho Oct. 9 // New York Oct. 9 //
Minnesota Oct. 13 // Oregon Oct. 13 //
Illinois Oct. 18 // Michigan Oct. 19 //
South Dakota Oct. 19 // Wyoming Oct.
19, by US mail // California Oct. 19 //
Utah Oct. 23 // Washington Oct. 26 //
Colorado Oct. 26 // Nevada Oct. 29

For states not listed, check your state’s election office website.



Millennials and Gen Z make up the largest portion of eligible voters in 2020, however, these generations have the lowest voting turnout in previous elections. Let your voice be heard this election season. via <https://www.campusvoteproject.org/why-student-voters-matter>

Gonzaga Voter Education

The Student Involvement and Leadership staff organizes voter registration and resources for students. This includes emailing students with specific information about how to register in their home state and providing an on-campus dropbox for Washington state voters.

<https://www.gonzaga.edu/student-life/student-services/transfer-veteran-returning-adult-services/gonzaga-voter-education>

Can I Vote?

Nonpartisan website created by state election officials to help eligible voters figure out how and where to go vote.

<https://www.nass.org/can-i-vote>

US Election Assistance Commission

The Commission provides helpful links and information for voting registration, election dates, voter tips, and more.

<https://www.eac.gov/voters/voter-resources-helpful-links>



Graphic by Jessica Kingwell

Organization works for Latinx survivors

By THEA SKOKAN

When Ana Trusty saw an advertisement on Facebook about an organization in Spokane written in Spanish, she couldn’t believe it.

In the nearly 10 years she had lived in Spokane, she had never seen a resource directed at the Latinx community. That resource was Mujeres in Action (MiA), a volunteer-based organization that helps survivors of domestic violence and educates the community on sexual violence from a Latinx perspective.

Shortly after, Trusty became a volunteer.

A few years before that, Hannel Sanchez, a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) candidate who moved to Spokane for better educational opportunities, was completing a degree in women and gender studies from Eastern Washington University and volunteering at Lutheran Community Services as a sexual assault advocate. It was

here she noticed a gap in services — there was no organization in Spokane that was able to offer help to Spanish-speaking assault survivors.

After expressing that realization, she gained support from Lutheran Community Services and from the YWCA. Sanchez then became the founder of her own volunteer organization, Mujeres in Action.

MiA continued as entirely volunteer-based with not a single person receiving compensation for the work they were doing. Then in January, the organization received a large grant allowing it to hire three staff members. Sanchez became the executive director, Trusty became program coordinator and a housing advocate was created alongside the program “Puerto Seguro,” which places participants in secure and safe housing.

Despite new-found resources, Trusty said, it is and always has been survivor-led.

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Students in Meals in the Margins offer support for Spokane's houseless

The group, created in fall 2019, delivers home-cooked food and focuses on building community relationships

By LILLIAN PIEL

Making a positive change in the Spokane community is easier than you might think, and all it takes is helping to cook homemade meals or taking a few hours to deliver those meals to individuals in need. Gonzaga students can do just that by getting involved with Meals in the Margins.

Meals in the Margins was created during finals week of the fall 2019 semester, when Kayla Kim, a recent GU graduate and now GU campus minister with Intervarsity, was moved to action during her sociology capstone class. Her professor mentioned how the dropping temperatures meant some houseless individuals might not make it through the night, due to most shelters not being open yet or having limited capacities, and Kim realized she and other students had the power to do something about it.

Kim spoke with her friend Bassel Mufarreh, who also graduated this past year, about her idea to purchase blankets, hand warmers, gloves and other items for houseless individuals.

From there, they dreamed beyond just delivering care packages, to preparing warm food and sitting with those individuals to have conversations and hear their stories, Kim said.

"As much as a warm meal is probably appreciated and fills a tangible need, there's something just deeper about sticking around for a conversation," Kim said.

Kim and Mufarreh gathered up some of their friends, and it only grew bigger from there. By the time they were ready to start the project, they had over 40 volunteers and a Venmo campaign set up.

One of those volunteers was Michael Larson, a senior sociology major minoring in solidarity and social justice and leadership studies. Larson participated by bringing meals to houseless individuals and having conversations with them.

"It's a really humbling experience, and also made me realize that these are just people," Larson said.

Kim said she and Mufarreh planned to do Meals in the Margins again in the spring 2020 semester, but just as they started having conversations about getting it started again, school was shut down due to COVID-19.

This summer, Larson approached Kim about continuing Meals in the Margins this school year.

"I was just really honored that he saw that as something he wanted to continue," Kim said.

Starting in August, Larson began running Meals in the Margins three times a week, serving in three locations, he said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAYLA KIM

Meals in the Margins have transitioned from solely delivering care packages to preparing home-cooked meals and having meals with individuals.

When school began, he set up a fundraiser and raised over \$1,500 for Meals in the Margins.

Meals in the Margins now serves twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students living in the Logan Neighborhood can volunteer their house to host the preparation of meals and care packages, and anyone can volunteer to be a part of the outreach team as well, Larson said.

Anyone can also donate to the Meals in the Margins Venmo account (@MIM-zag), and whatever is not used this semester will carry over into the next.

Also helping Larson run Meals in the Margins this year is Abigail Chen, a senior majoring in special education with a certification in biology. Chen was also a part of the original group of volunteers who first got Meals in the Margins started back in December.

Chen said she is overseeing the day-to-day operations of Meals in the Margins, while Larson is focused on larger systemic change and growing the presence of Meals in the Margins both on campus and in the Spokane community.

Chen purchases food and brings it to

the houses that volunteer to cook meals, and explains to them the mission of Meals in the Margins, how to put together the care packages and why their work is important.

"I think it is our moral obligation to help the most vulnerable members of society, and homelessness is a global, worldwide human tragedy, but if we work together, we can make just a little part of Spokane a better place for everyone," Chen said.

Larson said he is working on starting a club focused on service called Love in Action, and he plans on making Meals in the Margins a committee of that club to ensure that it will live on for years to come. Larson also has plans to create a documentary to share the stories of some of the people he has met through Meals in the Margins.

For Larson, Meals in the Margins is important because it involves breaking down stereotypes about the houseless, sharing moments and having conversations with the people he serves.

"After doing this for quite a bit now, I think it all comes back to relationships," Larson said. "Service is only a bridge to

build relationships with the people that we serve and that's been proven over and over again these past few weeks."

Chen also said Meals in the Margins is important because we are in a position to help and because many houseless individuals do not have access to basic resources that we often take for granted.

"We all are humans and we share the same experience— we all get hungry and are cold and need someone to understand us," Chen said.

For Kim, she said she hopes Meals in the Margins becomes a larger outpouring of love into the community, and she hopes to see change at the personal, communal and systemic levels.

"At the end of it all, we are just more human and more compassionate and gentle and kind to each other, and so I think the hope is that this work will continue to do small shifts in people's hearts," Kim said.

The link to sign up to volunteer can be found in the story on gonzagabulletin.com.

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"We don't make people do anything they don't want to do, they choose what their needs are," Trusty said. "If they want to stay in a relationship but they need help and their abuser is diminishing the value of what they think is important, then we find a way to help that works for them."

Currently Trusty is helping somebody find the resources to pay off a medical bill they received. This is not uncommon, she said, as health care advocacy ensures survivor needs are met and that they are treated with dignity and respect.

"We see a lot of barriers with health care," Trusty said. "There is a law that says everybody is allowed an interpreter when seeing a doctor, but administrative services are not in that law."

What this means for a potential patient is that often an interpreter is not provided when initially making the appointment or communicating with anybody other than the doctor.

They group is helping and has helped at least 15 families, some of which, Trusty said, are no longer in need of MiA's services. While each family helped is a win, the issue is ongoing. Even after a family has been placed in housing, MiA is still available to assist should other issues arise.

"Now we're going to start seeing a community that feels seen and heard, that feels like they're a part of Spokane," Trusty said. "I think that's really empowering and a move

in the right direction."

"We want to elevate the Latinx community," Trusty said. "We want to elevate our community on what healthy relationships look like, break patterns that we've culturally learned and eradicate domestic violence in the Latinx community."

MiA has just recently begun partnering with other Latinx organizations in the Spokane area such as Latinos in Spokane, the Hispanic Business Professional Association and World Relief. The more people it can partner with, the more people it can reach, and Trusty believes this will bring MiA into the light.

The organization only has a small staff, so student volunteers are vital, Trusty said. The ways in which volunteers can get involved vary by need and interest. While some students are managing social media for MiA, others like junior Hannah Preskin are searching for the best Spokane resources that meet their needs.

Preskin has been volunteering with MiA for the last four months and said the organization combines all her passions—women's rights, Spanish, policy work and immigration.

"We help lots of people who need lots of support in all areas of life," she said.

A major area where people need support is in resource acquisition. There are very few resources readily and easily available to the Latinx community in Spokane, Preskin said, so she is working alongside MiA and a few other organizations to create a printed directory that can be distributed to those that need it.

"It's very important to be working for MiA," Preskin said. "Being able to use my time and privilege to find

these sources and educate others on the issues of domestic violence have made me dedicated to not only creating change on the personal level, but making policy changes for immigrants and women on a state or national level."

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month, a time when publicity around the issue tends to increase via social media and other platforms. For MiA, it's the first year it'll be creating extra awareness through the organization.

The main event will be a simulation called "Caminando en sus Zapatos" or "Walking in their Shoes." Tickets range from \$10 to \$25 depending on the character you choose to be. Either way, the choose-your-own-adventure style simulation will put the participant in the shoes of a domestic violence survivor and allow them to see firsthand the implications of their every action and what the process looks like for a survivor.

Caminando en sus Zapatos will take place on Oct. 15 and 17. More information can be found at: <https://www.miaspokane.org>

In addition to attending events, Trusty said MiA is always looking for student volunteers interested in helping and broadening their perspective.

"I knew about the inequality and hardships that [the Latinx community] face but knew little about what I could do to help," Preskin said. "This has been something that takes very little of my time but instantly I can see the impact I make."

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Clash of the calendars

In favor of the desk calendar:

Reliable, professional and foolproof

Every student has had either a teacher or professor say handwritten notes, you'll remember more of the content. I believe the same goes for planning out your daily schedule.

When I moved back home to finish classes in March of last year, like many students, I was lost on what was due and when. I attempted to use different digital calendars, including Outlook, Apple Reminders and Google Calendars, but all of my different tasks were spread over multiple different websites, and it made it difficult to remember when everything was due.

In order to combat this constant confusion, I began writing down everything I needed to do over the next few days on a single sticky note. As time went on, one note grew to two, then three, then four and so on. I was on the right track for a system that worked for me, but not quite there yet.

That was when I decided to make my way to Target to pick up one of the big desk calendars. I got home, wrote down everything that was due on each date of the calendar and wrote what I needed to do on the notes section. For the first time in my college career, I feel more organized than ever before. Finally!

The big desk calendar has made my life easier in two distinct ways - accessibility and memory.

Working from home remotely means that I am



By LINDSEY WILSON

at my same desk all day, every day. Having my desk calendar gives me a single spot where I can find everything that is due, and I am able to look at it every time I come into the office.

Prior to my handwritten calendar, I would have to actively search for what due on which day. Wait, when is this assignment for class due? I would ask myself basically every day. I would go from Google to my phone calendar to my Outlook calendar, spending more time searching than I would on my actual assignment sometimes.

My desk calendar gives me one, single place where everything is laid out, and I don't have to actively look for anything. It's there when I start my school day, and it's there when I end my school day.

Another perk to my handwritten calendar is the memory aspect. A BBC article titled "The benefits of note-taking by hand" highlights many of the benefits of writing out information rather than typing it, which included

the brain processing advantages to handwriting notes due to the need to paraphrase information if taking notes live and in person.

The use of handwritten materials to keep track of daily life has gotten an uptick in popularity in the past few years, due in part to the popularity of bullet journals, where the user can totally customize their planner to their needs.

While I personally don't have the creative mind to make something like that (trust me, I've tried and failed on multiple occasions and they've all turned out looking like something a second grader created), my desk calendar has provided me with a sense of organization and clarity.

While there are a lot of benefits to virtual calendars, including being able to check what needs to be done, regardless of where you are located, I think the fact that the calendar is at my desk eases my mind a ton.

Having my to-do list at my desk rather than on my phone allows me to create a clear boundary between my work and leisure time, something that many people have had to balance in the transition to working from home. Once I leave my desk, I'm done for the day. Once I get to my desk, it's time to get to work.

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In favor of the Google Calendar:

Convenient, creative and customizable

Be honest... It's hard not to hit the snooze button on the constant stream of reminders popping up on your phone and laptop. The type of calendar you decide to use can seriously impact the organization of your everyday routine, but it is a no-brainer as to which electronic calendar is superior.

Google Calendar contains the most simple yet useful tools to help anyone stay on track and organized for their day-to-day routine.

The clarity and accessibility of the Google Calendar is unparalleled. Usually I'm all for Apple products and their systems, but their calendar does not come close to that of Google's.

For example, name another online calendar that has six different layouts possible, gives you the ability to customize exactly which days your event comes up and if there are guests involved in the event.... Exactly you can't because Google is ahead of its time.

Google's calendar allows you to make entirely different calendars for separate parts of your life which is convenient for anyone who really needs to separate their social and academic lives, or for parents that have to maintain their social lives and that of their kids.

For any college student, this is the way to go because we're all



By KAYLA FRIEDRICH

pretty busy and keeping track of each aspect of your life might be more overwhelming for the iCalendar or a physical planner than it is for you.

You need to invest your time in a calendar that can keep up with you.

Google makes it easy to have one calendar for your social outings, one for your course schedule, and the other for miscellaneous things that you can't afford to forget.

Most online calendars only display one layout at a time but with Google, there are options to organize your schedule daily, weekly, monthly and on the sidebar there is a monthly calendar that gives you two viewing options at the same time.

This is neat because if you're anything like me and constantly forget what day it is, or sometimes what month, it allows me to see everything play by play while still reminding me what month I'm in.

Color coordinating is a huge game changer when it comes to staying

organized for me, and the Google calendar keeps each event and calendar separated by color.

Insanely satisfying. The way that Google has made something that is so easy to navigate and customize to fit each person's organizational needs has proved itself to be very useful and is probably the reason that I meet most due dates.

Apple's calendar isn't even scratching the surface of what Google has to offer, but I will say it is convenient for a couple of things.

The Google Calendar offers a lot of options to accommodate a wide variety of organization techniques but with that being said, iCalendar's basic tools might make it a better option for the not-so-tech-savvy people who don't require as many accommodations to stay on top of things.

All in all, Google has given zero reasons as to why its online calendar isn't superior to the rest. And if you don't believe me, go check it out and see for yourself.

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Partisanship in the Supreme Court: Majority Leader McConnell's Hypocrisy

It's been nearly two weeks since Ruth Bader Ginsburg's passing, and the battle for the Supreme Court has simmered to a boil after President Donald Trump nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett to take replace RBG on the bench.

With a vacancy in the Supreme Court not 40 days before the election, there is a lot of contention over whether the senate should confirm a new

nomination.

There has been a history of this occurring — Supreme Court Justices dying during an election year and then being replaced within that same year. However, in most cases, considering the proximity of an election wasn't usually a factor.

This didn't become a precedent until 2016, when former Associate Justice Antonin Scalia died in February of that



By ALEXANDER PREVOST

year, 270 days before the election.

President Obama had nominated Merrick Garland hours after his passing, and in response, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) claimed that the senate would not appoint a new justice until after the upcoming election. He believed that it was "too close" to the election, that the next president should choose.

"The American people should have a say in the court's direction. It is a president's constitutional right to nominate a Supreme Court justice, and it is the Senate's constitutional right to act as a check on the president and withhold its consent," said McConnell in 2016.

So what's changed? McConnell claims that precedent does support this push, so why flip-flop?

Why outright ignore the nomination of Merrick Garland — a moderate judge, significantly closer to center than the Obama Administration — and suddenly call for the rapid-fire appointment of conservative darling Judge Barrett? Why push for a new justice 40 days before an election, and deny

another nearly 300 days before another.

Simple: it's because party matters more than country.

The Supreme Court was designed by our founding fathers to be the branch furthest detached from politics. Rather than appoint people based on their ideology, Justices are selected, in theory, based on a number of factors, including understanding of the Constitution, experience in law, etc.

However, recent appointees like Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh are incredibly partisan. Rather than choose them based on their experience, President Trump is turning to packing the court with ideologues.

I find this to be incredibly dangerous, for a number of reasons.

Firstly, party loyalty will matter more than constitutionality. Justice Kavanaugh is a perfect example, as he rarely deviates from the vote of conservative block of the court. Contrast this with former Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, a Reagan nominee, who would vote with the conservative bloc on some cases, and with the liberal on others (see: Obergefell v. Hodges [2015]).

Secondly, the court will become incredibly unbalanced. Prior to Justice Ginsburg's death, the court stood at a 5-4, conservative to liberal ratio. This is the closest the court will come to balance, regardless of ideology.

Putting Judge Barrett on the court will tip it to 6-3. Justices serve for life, meaning it's going to take a very long time to bring the court back into balance. And if President Trump gets re-elected, well let's just say that Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, a liberal justice of the age 82, has

a high chance of passing during the next term.

I shudder at the thought of having a Supreme Court that stands at 7-2 ratio, especially when issues such as reproductive health care, LGBTQ+ rights, racial equality and more are at stake.

My biggest fear comes from the senate appointing Judge Barrett, and then in November, President Trump loses the election.

According to several polls shown on FiveThirtyEight, former vice president Biden is leading over Trump by large margins. There are many signs pointing to a Biden-Harris victory on Nov. 3 — landslide or not.

If they win, President Trump will not concede without a bloody, ugly fight.

When all else fails, The Supreme Court has the final say in everything — including elections. If President Trump takes his loss to the court, he will likely win and reclaim the presidency. This would be largely due to the fact that the court would be too partisan, too conservative and too indebted to the sitting president (as three of the nine justices would be Trump nominees).

Mitch McConnell is playing a very dangerous game with the Supreme Court. If I were him, I'd listen to the people, who are rallying against this decision, and hold off on any new nominations until after the next Inauguration day. Otherwise, America will be hurtling toward a political nightmare.

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By TOM JEANNOT

Catholic groups like "Catholics for Trump" and "CatholicVote.org" that support President Trump's reelection on the

grounds that he is "pro-life" should be better instructed. Trump is not "pro-life." He is a vicious Malthusian and eugenicist. His indifference to the body count is a good point

of departure. Why are Peter Navarro, Larry Kudlow and Kevin Hassett calling the shots? Is it Catholic moral theology? Lt. Governor Patrick's death cult has nothing

to do with Catholic teaching.

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EMMYS

Commentary by Audrey Measer

This year actors and actresses alike swapped their limos and red carpets for backyards and couches, as they celebrated the 72nd Primetime Emmy Awards. The juxtaposition of the glamour of the gowns and suits with the living room coffee table acceptance speeches made for an unforgettable Emmys, in more ways than one.

The 2020 Emmys saw some surprising winners; with category sweeps to record-breaking wins. “Schitt’s Creek” took home every award in its respective comedy category, and Zendaya broke the record for becoming the youngest woman to win for lead actress for her role as Rue in “Euphoria.” Her competition was tough as she beat out seasoned actresses like Oscar winner Olivia Colman and Golden Globe winner Sandra Oh.

In the drama category “Succession” and “Watchmen” were big winners. “Succession” won for best drama series and best directing, and lead actor Jeremy Strong took home the award for lead actor in a drama. “Watchmen” star Regina King’s win for lead actress in a limited series tied her with Bill Cosby and Chris Rock for the title of most acting Emmys won by a Black actor.

Zendaya’s historic win was well deserved and just her nomination for that category alone is a mighty feat. At just 24 years old she was able to achieve such an astounding level of emotional maturity and vulnerability, at a level that we don’t often see in many actors. To place such a heavy and profound show on the shoulders of a woman barely into her 20s, and to see her rise to the occasion time and time again, is proof of her talents and the breadth of her acting abilities.

Opposite her in the category of lead actor in a dramatic role we have Mark Ruffalo for his role on “I Know This Much is True,” where he plays twins whose lives take unfortunate twists and turns. While I haven’t seen the show, I think I can speak for many of us when I say it is well known how talented of an actor Ruffalo is. It was certainly no surprise he won in this category, but I personally had my eye on someone else who I believe to be more deserving.

Paul Mescal is a 24 year old actor out of Ireland who shot to fame for his portrayal of Connell in the critically acclaimed mini series “Normal People.” While Mescal doesn’t have Ruffalo’s experience, I believe his talent as an actor to be on par with Ruffalo. Mescal’s portrayal of Connell was such an open and raw look into how awkward and heartbreaking love is as a young adult.

I would compare his vulnerability as an actor in “Normal People” to Zendaya’s in “Euphoria.” They both showcased such maturity in their approach to the character and their respective stories, something so rare in such young actors. While I am in no way disputing Ruffalo’s talents as an actor, I think the caliber of acting Mescal brought to the table in his first leading role is worthy of the title of best lead actor in a drama.

Julia Garner took home the award for best supporting actress in a drama for her work in “Ozark,” a show about a financial planner who has to uproot his family and move to the Ozarks after a money laundering scheme goes sideways. Her role on the show puts her acting talents front and center, but when compared to Helena Bonham

Carter from “The Crown” there is no question in my mind as to who should have won.

Bonham Carter played the late Princess Margaret opposite Olivia Colman’s portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II. Her flawless portrayal of the late princess, right down to tediously learning and mirroring personal mannerisms, makes for one of the most astounding performances of this year. The fervor with which she approached this character, made more challenging based on the fact that she is portraying a real woman, not a fictional character, left me in awe of her abilities as she seamlessly melded into Princess Margaret with each passing minute.

There is no denying that every individual who was nominated this year, from actors and actresses, to screenwriters and directors, are all incredibly talented, hardworking and accomplished in their respective fields. The inventiveness in that one room (theoretical room this year) is so vast it is incomprehensible.

To be simply nominated for an Emmy is a testament to your achievements and your artistic potential. Regardless of who I personally thought should or should not have won, at the end of the day I’m grateful now more than ever for this art form. In a time such as this one, where our stress levels are at an all-time high and tomorrow has never been more uncertain, to be able to escape our mundane existence even if for just a little while is always a winner in my book.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 4, 2020

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1 Hello hello
6 Follower of an Afrocentric religion
11 One may hiss at a dog
14 Dads
15 Birdlike
16 “Cannonball” network
17 What would be evidence for a flat Earth?
19 Cardinal letters
20 “Drat!”
21 Formally surrender
22 Visual system’s _____ nerve
24 Scared down a wrap, say
26 Prefix for “technics”
27 Certain infelders who are paid very little?
34 Furnace fuel
35 To no avail
36 Upscale hotel chain
37 Walking stick
39 Vow hidden in “said OK”
40 In pieces
41 Mister, to Angela Merkel
42 Germany’s Republic (1919-’33)
44 Number after uno
45 Exercise program for knights?
48 Tech news site
- DOWN**
2 It solidifies into igneous rock
3 Airy
4 Plane place
5 Softball bat
6 How some like their steak
7 All fired up
8 King or queen, but not princess
9 Chinese “way”
10 Pesters
11 Not mass-produced Italian wine center
12 _____-free baby powder
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50 Country between Libya and Italy
52 Arab League member
55 Brinks
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60 Plot where witches grow mandrake?
63 Brief time, briefly
64 Pick up the tab
65 Stuffed grape leaf
66 “_____ me anything!”
67 Emails, perhaps
68 Clean a porch
DOWN
1 Marine biologist’s workplace
23 Before surgery, briefly
25 Weekly cry of relief
26 Criticize harshly
27 Canine known for its canines
28 It gets you going
29 Like some college walls
30 Low point
31 Ecological community
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33 They may be picked
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Today’s puzzle solution

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9	8	1	2	7	4	3	9	5
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Dining with furry friends

By ALLIE NOLAND

Partnered with the Spokane Humane Society, the world's first full-service restaurant with both dog and cat adoptions, Bark, A Rescue Pub, opened up in downtown Spokane this August.

In the first 17 days of being open, Bark raised \$1,902 for the Spokane Humane Society. In the first 30 days 100 animals were adopted through this unique dining and drinking experience.

Bark offers visitors elevated pub food while looking for a new furry friend.

Josh Wade, owner of Bark, said he was sitting at No-Li Brewery with some friends and overheard a young man talking about opening up an adoption brewery. Wade said he went over, talked with the young man about ideas and logistics and just couldn't shake the idea.

"I couldn't stop thinking about it," Wade said. "I remember going back to sit down with friends and obsessing over how good of an idea it was."

Wade and co-owner Katie Holmes made it happen after ample research.

In the adoption area, there are 10 dog kennels and room for up to 14 cats. The adoption center is located down the hall and past the bathrooms, in a separate 1,500-square-foot space from the restaurant. There is also a \$5 adoption fee that goes back to help fund the Humane Society.

With an indoor and outdoor play space for dogs and a cat room for mingling with different kitties, Bark has it all for dogs and cat lovers alike.

"Brunch and kittens, it doesn't get better," said Andrea Kelsey, the general manager.

The number of animals in the rescue area can differ. Sometimes Bark will be at full capacity, and sometimes there could only be a few animals for adoption.

During this time, due to COVID-19, people in Spokane have been adopting animals more frequently, and it has led to some shortages of animals at the restaurant, according to Wade. Bark has helped so many animals get adopted though the Spokane Humane Society, and shortages of filling kennels and spots is seen as a worthy accomplishment.



CHIANA MCINELLY IG: @PICSBYCHIANA

Opening this August, Bark, A Rescue Pub is the world's-first full-service restaurant offering both dog and cat adoptions.

"I just love that all of the animals find a home, and I love that we can be a part of that," Kelsey said.

Not only does Bark help animals meet their owners, it donates a noticeable portion of its earnings to the Spokane Humane Society.

Every day of the week, \$1 of all Tito's vodka drinks, house red wine, and house white wine goes back to rescue animals. On Wag-days, what Bark likes to call Wednesdays, \$1 of every item on the menu ordered goes back to the Humane Society.

"We want people to come because of the adoption experience, but they come back because of the food being remarkable," Wade said.

Bark features a brunch menu and a lunch/dinner menu.



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Inside Bark, a picture wall is constantly updated with pictures of adopted dogs and cats that found their new homes.

A fun featured item on their brunch menu is the waffle board, a sampler of three types of airy, fluffy waffles: sweet potato, whole grain and buttermilk. The board includes sides of bacon bits, fruits, syrups and jams. This \$20 menu item serves two people, and it is a go-to must-try.

Wade and Kelsey said that their Build-Your-Own-Burger is the most popular item on the lunch/dinner menu. The Frickle Burger, fried pickle burger, is another menu item that stands out to customers.

This fall, the rescue pub plans to revamp its menu, according to Kelsey and Wade.

Bark is just a five-minute drive from Gonzaga's campus at 905 N. Washington St. The Adoption Center is open every day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The restaurant is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"It's a great opportunity as a college student because you don't have the opportunity to interact with your furry friend that you left home for," Wade said. "You can get that fix here at Bark. You're also helping a great cause while you're eating and drinking."

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November's big decision: PS5 or Xbox Series X?

Commentary By VINNY SAGLIMBENI

The PlayStation 5 is one of the most exciting advancements in gaming history and the hype around the PS5 should be justifiably worth the wait. When looking at what device to purchase for your next console, look no further than the PS5.

To the credit of previous assets of Xbox, the PS5 controller is reported to be a bigger controller than the traditional PS4 controller. Many of the complaints that have been made about PS4 have been the controller size, but with the new increased size of the controllers, it could potentially see traditional Xbox players transition back to the PlayStation scene.

Another advantage that the PS5 has over the Xbox Series X is the use of PlayStation Plus to play the hottest and trendiest games in the gaming scene. The most recent example of a game that has popped off is "Fall Guys," a battle royale multiplayer game where you can play with your friends and fight for that final spot and earn the all-coveted crown. The PlayStation 5 will continue to provide high quality games for PlayStation Plus users.

Furthermore, a big advantage that the PS5 will have over the Xbox Series X is the downloading time. In a CNN Business article written by Shannon Liao entitled, "A side-by-side comparison of the PlayStation 5 and the Xbox Series X," Liao mentioned that both gaming systems have 16 GB of memory. However, the downloading time of the PS5 pushes the PS5 ahead of the Xbox Series X.

"The PS5 can push through data at 5.5 GB per second, compared to the Xbox Series X, which works at 2.4GB per second," Liao writes. "That could mean marginally faster load times, and less time spent on a

loading screen."

Especially during a day and age of wanting everything quickly and readily available, the PS5 is the console you want for a reliable and fast gaming console.

Finally, another addition that has been made to both consoles is a digital download of the software of each console. The download of the PS5 and Xbox Series X software is less expensive than the console, as the graphics of the software download are not as high-powered as buying the console. The Xbox Series X software download at \$100 is cheaper than the PS5, which is an indication that the Xbox Series X is competing more with the new PS5 rather than vice versa.

PlayStation consoles have been dominating the console gaming scene the past few years, and Xbox is doing everything it can to get back on top of the gaming scene, which doesn't look promising with the advancements of the PS5.

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Commentary By LUKE MODUGNO

The choice this November is quite clear. No, I'm not talking about the coming election, but something far more important: PlayStation 5 (PS5) versus the Xbox Series X.

With the coming release of next generation consoles, the console wars are back and more toxic than ever. After the PlayStation 4's sizeably outsold the Xbox One over the past seven years following their releases, Microsoft has an enticing deal to offer gamers to lure them into purchasing an Xbox Series X.

Gamers looking for the console with the cleanest and most crisp graphics should look no further than the Xbox Series X. Excluding gaming PCs, the Xbox Series X is the fastest and most powerful gaming console on the market. With a more advanced CPU, storage space and a far superior graphics processing unit (GPU), Xbox Series X puts the PS5 to shame in terms of specs and hardware.

Considering us college gamers can't buy either console with Bulldog Bucks, most of us will likely be going with the cheaper option of the two. With that being said, the regular, top-performing editions of each console will cost you an arm-and-a-leg at \$500 each.

However, both Sony and Microsoft are offering cheaper alternatives to their next-generation consoles. Alongside PS5, Sony is offering a digital version of the console, which will not have a disc reader, therefore not allowing you to buy physical copies of games, play older games you have on disc or watch Blu-ray movies. If you're willing to sacrifice those features, then the PS5 becomes more affordable at \$400.

However, Microsoft offers an even

sweeter deal. The Xbox Series S is the smallest and cheapest Xbox to date. Similarly to the PS5 digital edition, the console has no disc reader, but also has less storage space and doesn't quite compete with the godly hardware and graphics capabilities of the Xbox Series X. The console also will have longer loading times, but can still run games at the same frame rate as both Xbox Series X and PS5. Priced at just \$300, the Series S will be a popular gift option this holiday season.

Besides the cheaper prices and higher-performance, Xbox's new video game streaming feature titled Game Pass and its lineup of exclusive games unavailable on PS5 gives it even more of an edge over the Sony console. Xbox Game Pass is a subscription service available to Xbox gamers and PC gamers on Windows 10. Forbes described it as "Netflix for video games," as subscribers gain access to over 100 games made by a wide array of publishers for just \$9.99 per month. Games available to subscribers include Minecraft, the Halo series, Destiny, Mortal Kombat X, various games from the Fallout franchise and a plethora of Xbox 360 games. Additionally, those who choose a financing plan to purchase Xbox Series X will get the Game Pass free of charge. And with Microsoft's recent multibillion-dollar purchase of Bethesda Studios (creators of Elder Scrolls, Fallout, DOOM series'), the repertoire of exclusive games only grows to frustrate Sony and PS5 players.

Offering a superior console in terms of performance, a more affordable console with the financing plans and Xbox Series S and vastly improved library of exclusive games, the Xbox is the only way to go this November.

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A Zag's guide to surviving Zoom University

Commentary By SARAH VAN LIEW

Staying organized is one of the best ways to keep up your productivity and motivation during college. Students everywhere are having to find new ways to stay organized amid all of the new online classes and assignments.

Here are six ways for Gonzaga students to stay organized and motivated this semester:

Create a Schedule

Scheduling out your days is one of the most helpful practices in staying organized.

Set time aside in your day for meals, workouts, walks and time with friends. Having a consistent structure to your weeks will keep you motivated and productive with your assignments and scheduling time to do the things you love will motivate you to finish your tasks and assignments faster. The Gonzaga Office of Academic Advising and Assistance said that planning out short times of focused study on a regular basis is a great way to get work done and consistency is a very important aspect of organization.

Zoom calls and online classes largely eliminate the structure of your day and it is important to create that structure in your week despite this. Schedule time in the morning to get up, get dressed and have breakfast before your Zoom classes to creating a great start to a great day.

Study in a new environment

One of the best ways to excel in your studies is to switch up the environment you study in.

It can be draining to sit in the same place for a long period of time and our Zoom classes give us the opportunity to do just that. Remember to change up your environment as much as you can during the day.

Visit different coffee shops new campus



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Keeping your workspace clear of distractions like your phone or a TV is vital to staying focused during online classes.

and work on homework there, or take advantage of the beautiful weather and find a place to study outside on campus. Form a study group and study with friends in order to keep yourself and each other motivated. You can even find ways to change up your environment if you are home this semester by studying outside or in a different room.

Keep a planner

Planners and to-do lists are a great way avoid being overwhelmed with all that we have on our plates as college students. You can use a physical planner, an online calendar or an app to keep track of all your assignments, deadlines and class methods for each day. To-do lists and planners are great ways to stay organized and will keep you motivated to complete your assignments in order to cross them off your list.

When you are working on assignments and tasks, try to do one thing at a time and

start with what is most important and stressful to create a sense of accomplishment and relief when you finish that task. Getting organized for the day the night prior is helpful, allowing you to start the day organized as soon as you are out of bed.

Get rid of distractions

Distractions are one of the main ways that we get unorganized in school and life. Try to keep your workspace clean, organized and free from clutter and other distractions.

Set aside a space that is just for studying and don't study on your bed or near your TV. Try turning off notifications on your laptop especially during Zoom calls and keep your phone on the other side of the room or in your backpack. Clearing your space and your head of distractions is one of the best ways to complete good focused studying and will cause you to get your work done faster so that you can spend more time doing fun and

relaxing activities later.

Take breaks

Taking breaks is a very helpful habit in doing well in academics.

"Your brain is a muscle and it needs to rest. Sitting in front of a screen all day can be exhausting. Give yourself time to recharge, so that when you are ready to work you are better able to focus and retain what you have learned," said the Gonzaga Academic Advising and Assistance Office.

Because many of our classes are online through Zoom, we spend a lot of time looking at our computer screens, and sitting in the same place for a long time causes us to feel more tired and less energized. Try to take breaks between classes as well as while you are working on assignments. This will keep you motivated, energized and focused on your studying.

Be creative

There is no one right way to get organized this semester and different ideas work for different people.

Experiment with new fun and creative ways to get organized and find what works best for you. Using planners, finding new apps, creating a calming and clean work space, color coding notes and assignments and setting daily goals for yourself are all ideas to stay organized in your online classes and your days this semester.

Being organized keeps you motivated, confident and helps you know what your goals and your responsibilities are. Staying organized will help relieve stress, increase productivity and give you more time to spend doing things that you love.

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Rowing to new horizons

New GU Women's Rowing coach uses his background in therapy to ignite and innovative team building approach

By LUKE KENNEALLY

Not too long ago, newly hired Gonzaga women's rowing assistant coach Chris Bailey-Greene was working as a therapist.

After finishing his first master's degree in criminology at the University of Cincinnati, the Brown University graduate packed up and moved to Hillsboro, Oregon, and Pacific University. There he obtained a second master's degree in clinical psychology, focusing on the forensic variety of psychology.

"I was doing individual and group therapy with individuals who were in jail, mental institutions, it could be prison systems. Most of what I was working with was individuals who were running into a fork in the road and had to get help," said Bailey-Greene.

Later, he would move back to Ohio to do therapy work with individuals who have autism while at the same time coaching at his high school rowing alma mater. After this period of working in both rowing and therapy, Bailey-Green accepted a full-time director position in rowing and continued

working solely in that field.

Looking back though, Bailey-Greene said that his experience in therapy has contributed to his development as a coach. He said that it was a challenge to talk through someone's issues, empathize, but still maintain an objective perspective.

"I think I do it now all the time," Bailey-Greene said. "It helps me a lot in terms of what I do now. It's like 'I understand how you're feeling but I can't just come back at you with exactly what you're feeling or else there's no resolve in that. There's no productivity in that. This [coaching] is all psychology. This is all about interactions and how we treat each other and the culture and the details that are process focused instead of performance focused."

In a surprising coincidence, Bailey-Greene and also new women's rowing head coach Andrew Derrick attended the same Catholic-Jesuit high school and rowed for the Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club. While the two coaches never rowed together due to a five year age difference, Bailey-Greene said that their shared background has helped them gel as coaches.

In addition to location, their shared

alma mater has provided the coaches with a similar "performance-based style." Bailey-Greene said this philosophy is one that stresses the process of improvement, as opposed to focusing strictly on results.

"But it's not all performance," Bailey-Greene said. "It's not cutthroat. It's not this sense that 'performance matters most, it's all about the results' its very much process based [and] very much fitting with the holistic approach of the Catholic-Jesuit mindset."

The holistic, people focused approach of a Jesuit institution has an appeal to Bailey-Greene. While he wasn't seeking out a specific type or size of school, the new assistant coach is excited to be working and recruiting at an institution that emphasizes many of the same ideals he values.

Bailey-Greene often pitches recruits on selling points like development; helping a potential Zag become a well-rounded graduate and the ways in which the team goes about that.

"It's not this performance focus first or strictly athletic focus first," Bailey-Greene said. "Athletics is like one out of 10, and those other nine are more important in a lot of ways than that one. Athletics in a lot of ways is just a way to bring about extra discipline, hard work, and genuineness."

This is nothing new to him— he's worked on and emphasized many of the same values at his previous coaching jobs. But at Gonzaga, the sales pitch and university's values match much more closely.

"I think I was preaching that at other institutions that I was working at, but it wasn't ingrained in the university as well," Bailey-Greene said. "I think a lot of what my message is not only comes from the Catholic Jesuit side, but comes from empathy."

In addition to his empathetic, holistic coaching philosophy, Bailey-Green's utilizes a very specific approach to developing team culture with the belief that you start from the middle. He said that culture is a bottom-up practice, but that in order to get cultivate the bottom, you have to start in the middle.

"I'm saying start in the middle because those are the girls who are usually going to be your captains," Bailey-Greene said. "I say that because everybody would usually go towards the top girl to be your captain or the top 8. But you don't have to be in that top 8, you have to be a leader of attribute."

Bailey-Greene believes that if a team has a strong, hard-working base of walk-ons and athletes who aren't yet seated in the top varsity boats, then that team culture will facilitate strong results. Bailey-Greene is an ardent supporter of balance between the varsity rowers, the recruits and the newer rowers who may be less experienced but are still expected to put out the same effort.

In addition to a cultural plan, Bailey-



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Women's rowing assistant coach Chris Bailey-Greene.

Greene brings a focus on national performance. While the women's rowing team has been one of only 14 teams nationally to win its division and appear at the NCAA championships, Bailey-Greene has bigger ambitions.

"Our goal is not to win the WCC. It's to get better nationally," he said. "Yes, the WCC exists and we'd like to win it, we'd like to win it a lot. But if it took four losses in the WCC to get the best placing we've ever had nationally I would do it."

Having hired Bailey-Green after successful stints at Oregon State, Yale, and the New York Athletic Club, Derrick is excited to have Bailey-Greene on his staff.

"Chris has a great background and has learned from some outstanding coaches along his journey in our sport," Derrick said. "Beyond that though, a good coach needs to know how to take that knowledge, make it his own, and get athletes excited about absorbing what you have to teach them. I think Chris has that quality and his passion for the sport and for promoting a great culture is immediately evident."

The passion that Derrick speaks of is as clear as can be when speaking to Bailey-Greene. When speaking about the athletes he coaches, he said that "With 18- to 22-year-olds it has to be genuine, it can't be superficial. If they for one second think that you're not passionate about what you do or you're just doing it for a paycheck or because you love Spokane they can tell."

For Bailey-Greene, that shouldn't be a problem.

"Yeah that's part of it but its everything that's come before that. That's what has driven me to come this far," Bailey-Greene said.

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The women's rowing program won the WCC title in 2019, and the team's new coaching duo of Andrew Derrick and Chris Bailey-Green are looking to build on the winning culture.

Column: Courtney Vandersloot is the GOAT

After an accolade-filled 2020 WNBA season, Courtney Vandersloot is the undisputed queen of GU athletics

By ASHER ALI

It should be synonymous at this point. Just as John Stockton is intrinsically linked to the word "Gonzaga University," so too should be the progressing legacy of Courtney Vandersloot.

After securing the WNBA's Peak Performer Award in assists for the fourth consecutive season, in which she averaged a hallmark 10 assists per game (APG), it would simply be incomprehensible to rank Vandersloot among any less than the highest echelon of professional athletes who hail from GU.

Her 10 APG campaign this year is both the highest consistent output she's had in that discipline throughout her career, and now doubles as the premier season assist average in WNBA history. And being the first WNBA player in history to average so many dimes a game that she'd consistently produce a dollar isn't the only outstanding feat Vandersloot accomplished this season.

What may be most immaculate about Vandersloot during this mitigated season played on the IMG premises in Bradenton, Florida, was how she capped it.

On Aug. 31, she dished a league record 18 dimes en route to her Chicago Sky's 100-77 stomping of the Indiana Fever. Including that game, Vandersloot finished out the last six regular season games averaging over 13 APG. Not a single NBA player, including this season's assist leader LeBron James, managed to post a stretch that dominant this entire season.

"Just the way that she reads the floor; I know if I cut, I know she's going to see me," teammate Gabby Williams said to NBC Chicago. "I know if I run the floor, I know she's going to see me. And I think she's the only point guard in the country that you can say that about."

Her superior efficacy this season reaped her a bevy of accolades throughout the year — being honored as the WCC alumni player of the week twice, WNBA player of the week, and her first WNBA player of the month honors.

And while she has fallen just out of favor in this season's MVP race, she is a sure-fire selection for All-WNBA first team, which will be her third all-time and second consecutive time earning the



PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY VANDERSLOOT'S FACEBOOK PAGE

While revered for her passing capabilities, Courtney Vandersloot's holistic game has proven her to be one of the WNBA's perennial bests.

prestigious distinction.

In 2019, Vandersloot surmounted the league's single-season assist record with 300 assists on the year, and posted her former best APG season with 9.1, which was the WNBA record in that category until her recent triumph. In fact, in the previous three seasons, Vandersloot managed to continually best both herself and the WNBA record books by progressively posting record seasons in APG.

The two-time all-star also averaged an additional career-best this season with 13.9 points per game, and her blooming shooting capabilities have landed her as second all-time in points in Sky history.

Because what's been truly exceptional about Vandersloot throughout the duration of her career has been her ability to constantly ascend in the many facets of her game. Whether it be assists, points or rebounds, which she posted a career best of 4.3 boards per game in 2019, Vandersloot's offensive capacities have managed to extend past the limits thought attainable by most athletes during their playing careers.

"There are moments, I won't say the game is in slow-motion for me," Vandersloot told the Chicago Tribune. "But there are moments when things develop — I see them developing at a slower pace than I did a couple years ago."

At the age of 31, Vandersloot is showing more than just progress, she's demonstrating mastery. She already has the most double-doubles in WNBA history and has the fifth most assists all-time.

So as John Stockton sits upon the NBA's assist throne as king, Vandersloot's skills have her marching on a path toward WNBA royalty of her own. And along the way, let it not be remiss by GU spectators that Vandersloot is already at the forefront of the conversation for the greatest athlete to ever don a Zags uniform.

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New sport coopball brings added excitement to GU intramurals

By TOMMY CONNOLY

Over quarantine, The Rudolf Fitness Center (RFC) was tasked with creating a new, safe, atmosphere for intramural sports. The result? Gonzaga's newest intramural sport, coopball.

"The game has a kind of Top Golf vibe," said Tyler Seth, a senior, the creator of the game. "I was sitting around during quarantine, and I came up with this new game that could be active and fun and get students outside and not cooped up in their dorms or apartments."

The game incorporates a variety of sports, and points can be scored by hitting the ball past placed gates.

"It is a mix of softball, soccer and Top Golf, and teams are trying to accrue as many points as possible," Seth said.

There are three gates on the field, one representing a double, single and home run. Teams are awarded one point for hitting a single, two points for hitting a double and five points for hitting a home run. Players are given two opportunities to kick the ball in play, otherwise, you are out.

"The game is fairly simple, your goal is to accrue more points than the other team," Seth said.

Coopball will first be introduced to students during the annual Freshman Games.

“It was really important for intramural sports to continue on campus in the fall, however, making sure our students were safe was our number one priority,” said Michaela Johnson, a program coordinator in the Center for Student Involvement in charge of Intramural Sports.

Coopball, along with all other intramurals currently taking place are abiding by social distancing guidelines along with state mandates.

“The rotation and sanitization of equipment will be very important for keeping students safe,” Johnson said.

Coopball adheres to all the guidelines

Michaela Johnson, program coordinator in the Center of Student Involvement

by having one person up hitting at a time, and the bat will be sanitized between teammates and teams hitting. Masks will also be worn throughout by participants to ensure the safety of all involved.

"The only change we are trying to make to our intramural sports outside of mask-wearing, is that we are trying to make sure all people are outside," Johnson said.

This means the usual indoor games of volleyball and indoor soccer will be put on hold until further notice.

To play the game students will need to register a team on IMLeagues. Teams can be made up of 8-10 people, and games will

be held at set time slots every week.

"We have already filled up 12 teams of eight, so I am very pleased with how the initial turnout is," Seth said. "I think the game is still new to a lot of people, but once they find out what it is, I anticipate a lot more students wanting to take part in the game."

Students that play coopball will be expected to have their ZAGCARD with them in order to follow contract tracing at the event. "Tracking and monitoring of attendees are very important if we want to keep our intramurals running smoothly this semester," Johnson said.

Seth also said he hopes that the game can stay around in the future.

"I really believe this is more like a game than a sport, and I think it would be fun to give students the opportunity to compete without it being in a sport," Seth said.

Coopball will attempt to supplement the previous camaraderie that comes intramurals provide with students.

"I highly recommend this game for anyone that wants to be involved in an intramural sport this semester," Seth said. "This will be a great way for us to compete and play sports after missing out on it for so long."

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Creating the game plan

Gonzaga club sports are still on hold and waiting on approvals to move forward

By COLE FORSMAN

With every on-campus activity having to adjust to the effects of COVID-19, student life at Gonzaga University has changed drastically. Many clubs and social groups have either resorted to virtual formats or have been postponed until further notice, while others anxiously wait as their future is determined by the school.

This includes all the GU sports clubs, as they have not been able to hold team functions thus far.

On Sept. 24, Michaela Johnson, program coordinator of the Center of Student Involvement, sent out an email to all club sports updating them of the current state of team activities.

"At this time, all clubs are still on hold until the university accepts the new parameters," Johnson said via email. "I have submitted a return to play document to the GU Risk Management team, RFC and Student Development and we are currently waiting on approvals."

In order for club sports to be approved, the team had to design a plan outlining any precautions they will take to be as safe as possible, as well as any scheduled tournaments and the amount of club members that will be participating. Most clubs will enforce six-foot social distancing and require that everyone wears masks while keeping the size of practices to a minimum. All equipment will also be cleaned and sanitized thoroughly.

Club sports that involve more physical contact than others will most likely have to adjust accordingly or receive special guidelines and regulations. This applies to sports such as lacrosse, rugby and ultimate frisbee, where tackling and close contact are major aspects of the games.

Among these clubs, men's rugby and women's ultimate frisbee stated that they would alter their style of play to fit the needs of social distancing.

"We will be working on a lot of throwing in order to maintain the six feet part apart guidelines," the women's ultimate frisbee team said in their plan to play. "In addition, we will ask everyone to wear masks and frisbee gloves if they have them."

While men's rugby has plans to hold non-contact practices, women's rugby is waiting for additional information about limiting contact. This will impact how the team proceeds when it comes to taking necessary precautions and their outlook for the season.

If tackling with masks is allowed, the team would plan on dividing into two groups and practice on different days of the week. The groups would scrimmage against one another occasionally. In the event that this plan is not approved, proper adjustments would be made to ensure all protocols are followed and all club members are safe.

Despite these measures, there will most likely be limitations that are out of the clubs' control. Teams will not be allowed to hold scrimmages according to the Center of Student Involvement, as well as prohibited travel outside of the Spokane County. This can possibly hinder a lot of team's planned activities, which has club president's feeling discouraged, including Ben Walker, a member of the men's club tennis team.

"I remain a little skeptical because [the email] says there will be no leaving the Spokane County," Walker said. "Which means no actual matches."

Walker and his team had planned to attend a tennis tournament in Beaverton, Oregon, along with other local universities such as University of Oregon, University of



Club sports like the Gonzaga men's baseball team wait eagerly to start their season once again.

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High contact sports like Gonzaga women's rugby are looking for ways to limit contact and maintain social distancing.

Washington and Oregon State University. However, the tournament is scheduled for early November. Walker isn't confident the United States Tennis Association (USTA), the head organization for the tournament, will allow for it.

"I'm pretty sure the USTA will cancel it," Walker said. "It's still sad to see it is not happening."

Such sentiment was shared amongst many club sports presidents, along with feelings of frustration and angst over the uncertainty of resuming play. Sofia Daly,

president of the women's rugby club, was expecting to hear a more definitive decision.

"I was hoping for some good news or at least some less ambiguous information," Daly said via text. "But I understand we are in uncharted territory right now."

A difficult situation to handle indeed for those in charge, as Emilio Vargas, president of club baseball, explained his opinions on the matter.

"I was just hoping for better news, but I recognize how tough it is to get things

done with COVID-19 restrictions," Vargas said via text. "I think I'm more frustrated that there is no timetable that we were given."

That being said, GU club sports teams will have to hold out a little longer for the latest regarding their respective seasons.

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