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## More than Elite: Zags push past Trojans to get to Final Four

By ASHER ALI

Gonzaga men's basketball (30-0, 15-0) did what it hasn't been able to do since 2017 and earned the program's second Final Four berth Tuesday by beating the University of Southern California Trojans (25-8, 15-5) 85-66.

"An awesome feeling to fight our way back to another Final Four, the guys came out and played with tremendous energy and toughness on both ends of the floor," GU head coach Mark Few said. "I thought we got after them defensively and I haven't seen the stats yet, but fought an even battle on the boards despite that great size [from USC]."

GU's last trip to the Elite Eight was in 2019 when the Zags fell to Texas Tech 69-75. Returning to the national quarterfinal this season has included three games which the Zags have won by an average of 24 points. The team's latest victory came on Sunday against West No. 11 seed Creighton 83-65.

Meanwhile, USC has been on a tear this March on its way to its first Elite Eight in 20 years. The Trojans upset No. 2 Kansas in a 34-point victory in the second round before taking down PAC-12 rival Oregon in the Sweet 16. USC's top two performers all tournament long have been forwards Isaiah and Evan Mobley, who have been averaging 15 and 12 points per game this tournament respectively.

To start the Elite Eight showdown, GU disrupted the flow of not just the Mobley brothers, but the entire USC offense from the jump. GU forced three steals in the first two minutes of play with sophomore forward Drew Timme responsible for snagging two of them, as the Zags



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The Zags advanced to make the program's second Final Four appearance with an 85-66 win against USC.

got ahead 7-0 early.

"[Timme] was dominant today, especially early when he came to set the tone attacking inside," freshman guard Jalen Suggs said. "On the defensive end with the steal to start the game off like, 'what, Drew with the pickpocket? He was fantastic as always and his impact is massive.'"

With 14 minutes left in the first half, Timme would grab his third steal of the game leading to his ninth point. Timme finished with 22 points after a 15-point first half.

The Zags went to their full-court, double-team press with 15 minutes left in the first period of action and continued to inhibit USC's offensive flow, forcing seven turnovers by the Trojans with eight minutes still left to go. The Trojans were also shooting 6-of-18 at that point, while GU rolled ahead to a double digit lead.

A solid baseline cut by senior guard Corey Kispert

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## Students find recovery safe space in OUR House

By DAGNY ALBANO

Substance use has undoubtedly increased during the ongoing pandemic both on and off college campuses. Gonzaga's Our Unique Recovery (OUR) House program offers students a safe space to work on recovery from substance use while still pursuing their educational goals.

OUR House has been on GU's campus since 2013 as the university's Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP). The program provides every student the opportunity to

connect and share experiences in a more intimate setting, keeping individuality at the forefront of the conversation.

"GU's approach to recovery focuses on each individual's unique needs and goals, be it complete sobriety, harm reduction or simply learning more," said Sydney Cheifetz, health educator in GU's Office of Health Promotion and CRP program coordinator, in an email.

The program and its leaders recognize that students all have vastly different lived experiences and want to provide each student the tools they need to recover in

whatever way makes sense to them.

"Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life and strive to reach their full potential," Cheifetz said in an email.

Recovery looks different for many different people, and OUR House supports all students in their efforts on their journeys.

"The ultimate goal is to aid students in achieving their own unique recovery goals, whether they be sobriety, harm reduction or reduced use," said Landon

Toth, recovery graduate assistant, in an email.

Although the program has been around for eight years, OUR House is ever-evolving. This year, the program has been granted \$60,000 from Washington state in order to expand and include more harm reduction and recovery resources.

While OUR House recognizes the unique nature of every individual's recovery, it emphasizes the need to develop a strong community in order to

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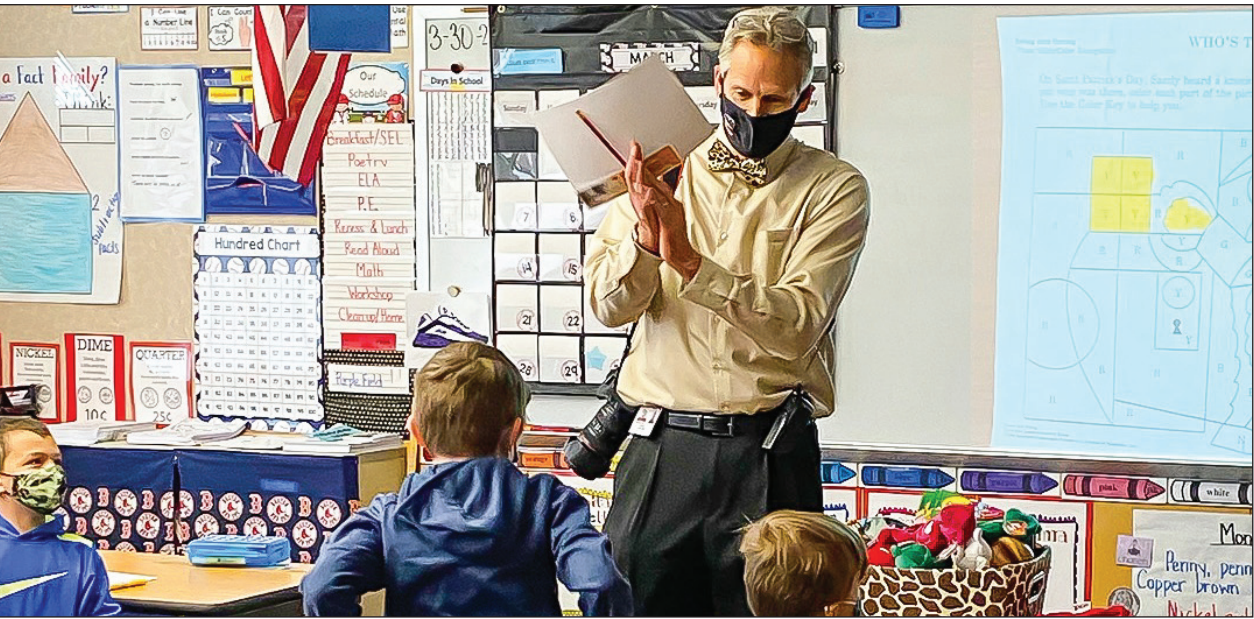


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Spokane Public Schools utilize additional safety protocols and alternating class schedules to return to in-person instruction.

## Spokane Public Schools return to the classroom

By LOUIS SUMME

Spokane Public Schools have returned to in-person learning.

The past year has been a difficult one for students, parents and teachers as they attempted to navigate the world of online school or Zoom, to be specific.

This recent return to the classroom has some families excited and others nervous for an uncertain future.

Many younger students are more than pleased to return to an environment where learning is far

easier, more interactive and less distracting than online learning.

Although students are largely excited to return to in-person learning, there are some discrepancies.

Newly required COVID-19 protocols and confusion around hybrid scheduling makes school very difficult for many students and teachers. Some of these protocols include required social distancing in classrooms and around the schoolyard, as well as mask mandates and regular sanitization.

The varying hybrid schedule

requires students to attend school on specific days and hours. These are determined by students' grade levels and cohort.

Phase 1 of Spokane Public Schools reopening includes classroom sizes of 15-20 students for third and fourth graders. Phase 2 includes alternating hybrid and in-person learning scheduled for fifth and sixth graders. While middle and high school students are Phase 3 of the plan, consisting of a similar alternating

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## Faculty Senate moves to revise student evaluations

By KAYLA FRIEDRICH

As Gonzaga's Faculty Senate continues a decades-long effort of drafting a new faculty handbook, there is speculation that student's opinions of their learning experience in each class isn't going to hold as much weight as they have in the past.

Student evaluations used to be one of the many pieces of data that are used in reviews to determine whether or not professors at GU get promoted and receive tenure but with results of recent gender and ethnic studies, GU has looked into alleviating the impact of the student evaluations.

Implicit biases are something that tend to be inevitable when people are set with the task of evaluating one another.

Societal and cultural expectations on appearances and what has been deemed as normal or comfortable take precedence over the value of teaching

Faculty Senate president and Associate Professor of biology, Marianne Poxleitner, is one of the many people facilitating this new faculty handbook.

"Student evaluations are one piece of evidence that we use to assess teaching effectiveness," Poxleitner said. "The problem with the evaluations is that there have been studies that show there's a tremendous amount of implicit bias shown toward women, people of color and professors with different nationalities."

The questions that make up the current survey

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# EVALUATIONS

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produce results that hold lots of biases and those biases could be holding professors back from advancing in their careers.

Questions pertaining to clarity of presentation, specific aspects of teaching that could improve and overall quality of the teaching of a course are currently leaving a lot of room for professors to be victims of unfair judgments and biases.

The goal is not to get rid of student evaluations entirely, but to adjust the questions, approaches and amount of weight these student evaluations carry.

Assessing the student perspective while creating a more robust and holistic evaluation parameter is the goal of the drafting process for the assembly, Poxleitner said.

There is no way to rid the assessment of all implicit biases but there is a way for the results to not have as big of an impact on the future of the careers of professors as

it'd be unfair to allow the judgment of someone's gender or ethnicity be the reason for a halt in their teaching career.

The new faculty handbook is going to heed the guidance of other schools' evaluation processes such as Saint Mary's College of California.

Michael DeLand, an assistant professor in the criminology department and member of the Faculty Senate, is one of the many people working on creating a new guide for the ways professors can best serve the university.

DeLand's academic subcommittee is in charge of the "bigger picture thinking in the entire reconstructive process and has their main goal of the semester centered around student evaluations.

"We only want quantitative feedback for the new faculty handbook," DeLand said. "There's very compelling data that shows professors with certain genders and ethnicities systematically score worse."

Student feedback at the end of each semester is crucial for GU to maintain its high standard of education and they are important in continuing to provide quality education

for students but, the answers that are provided by the current evaluation form don't attest to the effectiveness of the professors.

"What we're looking at is to determine if the students' evaluations give results that answer the question 'Are these good indicators of how good of a teacher they are, or is it a popularity survey?'," DeLand said.

GU faculty and staff value the voices of students but concurrently, they need to be useful in effective ways that will ultimately benefit them as well as their professors.

Student evaluations are still important to the administration that reviews them but there are things that the faculty needs to re-evaluate before they feel comfortable letting implicit biases decide whether or not GU professors are well equipped for their teaching positions.

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# OUR HOUSE

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best support students at all stages of their recovery.

"Individuals seeking recovery often struggle to find support because they feel trapped between two worlds," Toth said in an email. "Their non-substance-using friends shame them for their use, and their substance-using friends invalidate their desires to change. This creates an enduring sense of isolation, which is the greatest enemy of recovery."

This trap can create a lot of hesitation for students who are considering reaching out for support or recovery and harm reduction resources. But that is often what kickstarts a person's journey to recovery.

"Personally, it wasn't until I reached out and found support that my recovery journey began to gain momentum," Toth said in an email.

OUR House allows GU students pursuing recovery opportunities to connect with one another in several ways.

The program offers sober social events, which provide substance-free supportive spaces for students. In conjunction with SpikeNites, they hosted a sober Easter egg hunt and a sober bleach night on campus on March 26 and 27.

OUR House also holds weekly all-recovery meetings on Mondays and Fridays both in-person and on Zoom. The meetings serve as a place for students to come together, chat about their lives and other things that might benefit their recovery.

Additionally, the program offers drop-in hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays for those students curious about recovery, harm reduction or ways in which they can benefit from OUR House.

Several leaders at OUR House have personal connections to addiction and recovery, motivating them especially during these trying times to offer as much support to students as they can.

"My personal and professional connections to addiction and recovery drives my passion for creating communities where recovery can thrive and helping individuals discern how they can integrate recovery or harm reduction into their lives," Cheifetz said in an email.

The staff is motivated to be allies to students, and encourages those who need it to take the leap and reach out for support.

"I am an earnest advocate for OUR House because it provides students with the same

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## Individuals seeking recovery often struggle to find support because they feel trapped between two worlds.

*Landon Toth, recovery graduate assisstant*

thing that saved my life: a safe, non-judgmental community that facilitates support and connection among individuals with similar lived experiences," Toth said in an email.

Spring semester drop-in hours are:

Tuesdays from 11 a.m. – noon.

Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Drop-in hours and meeting times are hosted both in-person at 1211 N. Cincinnati St. or via Zoom (please email [recovery@gonzaga.edu](mailto:recovery@gonzaga.edu) to receive Zoom link). Learn more at [www.gonzaga.edu/crc](http://www.gonzaga.edu/crc).

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# SCHOOLS

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hybrid mode to that of the fifth and sixth graders.

There are multiple considerations and health strategies that the school district put into motion before phasing in each grade level.

According to Spokane Public School's website, some of these include Spokane County case trends, vaccine distribution status, school transmission trends, school based testing and compliance with labor and industry regulations.

The district has also implemented safety straggles such as rigorous sanitizing, contact tracing teams and a COVID-19 hotline.

"Since we have been able to return to in-person instruction, my students have been struggling to adjust to attending school with all of the protocols and hybrid scheduling," student-teacher Malia Higdon said. "They have not been in an in-person school setting for about a year, so I am faced with reteaching curriculum, as well as how students are to behave in school amongst others."

Many teachers are thrilled to finally see their students' faces and talk with them in the classroom, as opposed to speaking to blank screens.

Many teachers complain about the process of having to teach both virtually and in-person this semester since some students have not returned to in-person learning.

"[Teachers] have been trying to figure out ways to teach that will be both beneficial to students online and

ones in person," Lizzie Vosler, teacher at Spokane International Academy, said.

Many teachers have acted upon this through having classrooms where in-person students will also be on Zoom with the remote learners, in order for everyone to be able to communicate and speak with each other in the classroom.

GU announced on March 26 that campus will be opening in fall for in-person learning.

"I would personally be very happy to see Gonzaga open back up next year. I trust that the university will make the right decision, and I'm glad to see the recent confidence on Gonzaga's part," said freshman Alex Ko.

Four days before GU announced its plans to return in the fall with in-person learning, Spokane County entered Phase 3 of Gov. Jay Inslee's Roadmap To Recovery plan.

Spokane County has not determined when it will move into Phase 4. The county will need to stay under 200 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents and a 7-day average of five or fewer COVID-19 hospitalizations, according to the Spokane Regional Health Department's website.

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Students were phased back into in-person learning by Spokane Public Schools.

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# Education breakdown: GU makes the list of colleges worth money

By TOMMY CONNOLLY

Currently tuition price at Gonzaga University is \$66,661. Multiply this by four, you get \$266,664, which equals the cost of attendance for an undergraduate degree at GU. Luckily for GU students, this high price tag is worth it according to "Colleges Worth Your Money."

GU was recently listed as one of the top Colleges Worth Your Money, in College Transitions "Colleges Worth Your Money" 2022 edition.

"The cost of Gonzaga after financial aid, compared to the quality of the education is what equals the value of attendance," Erin Hays, the director of undergraduate admission at GU, said. "The undergraduate faculty were just ranked in the top 5% in the nation for undergraduate teaching, and that is recognition for the work they do to help students."

GU students respond to the release of this news, positively.

"Seeing that Gonzaga is on this list definitely makes me feel better about taking big loans," Dillon Morley, a sophomore at GU said.

"Colleges Worth Your Money: A Guide to What America's Top Schools Can Do For You" is a comprehensive guidebook that details and presents information on colleges that will give you the best bang for your buck.

GU is one of 175 American colleges and universities that comprise the list. Other schools found on the list include universities such as the University of Virginia, Harvard University and more.

One set of criteria which the list is comprised of is based on early decision acceptance rate, admissions-related data points, transfer admission rates, ACT/SAT scores and more. In total, the magazine takes into account over 75 key statistics about each university.

"GU can be pretty expensive, I wouldn't be able to be here without financial aid," Morley said. "I got very blessed with the

aid package I got from here."

College tuition and cost of attendance has been constantly rising at a rate of 3% over the last decade, according to usnews.com. Financial aid and total sticker price of attendance is another set of criteria "Colleges Worth Your Money" uses to formulate their list.

The guidebook includes six key sections for each college or university. The sections included are Inside the Classroom, Outside the Classroom, Career Service, Admissions, Professional Outcomes and Worth Your Money?

"When looking at schools, I looked the most at inside and outside the classroom, as well as admission rates," Morley said. "These were really important factors to me and my family, so when Gonzaga fit the mold, I was hooked."

Another piece of criteria "Colleges Worth Your Money" uses to comprise their list is information on career paths, employment rate after graduation, top employers for graduates and top areas and cities for alumni.

"Colleges Worth Your Money" has received rave reviews and notable endorsements from various members of higher education.

"A refreshing combination of data and insight, this guide provides families with critical information that can often be difficult to locate or discern," Rick Clark, co-author of "The Truth about College Admission," said.

The 2022 guidebook is the second edition of "Colleges Worth Your Money" and is GU's first time being listed in an edition.

"I definitely have been happy with my decision to attend GU and knowing that we are also in the top 175, makes me feel even better about it," Morley said.

The book will be released for the public on May 15.

Tommy Connolly is a staff writer.

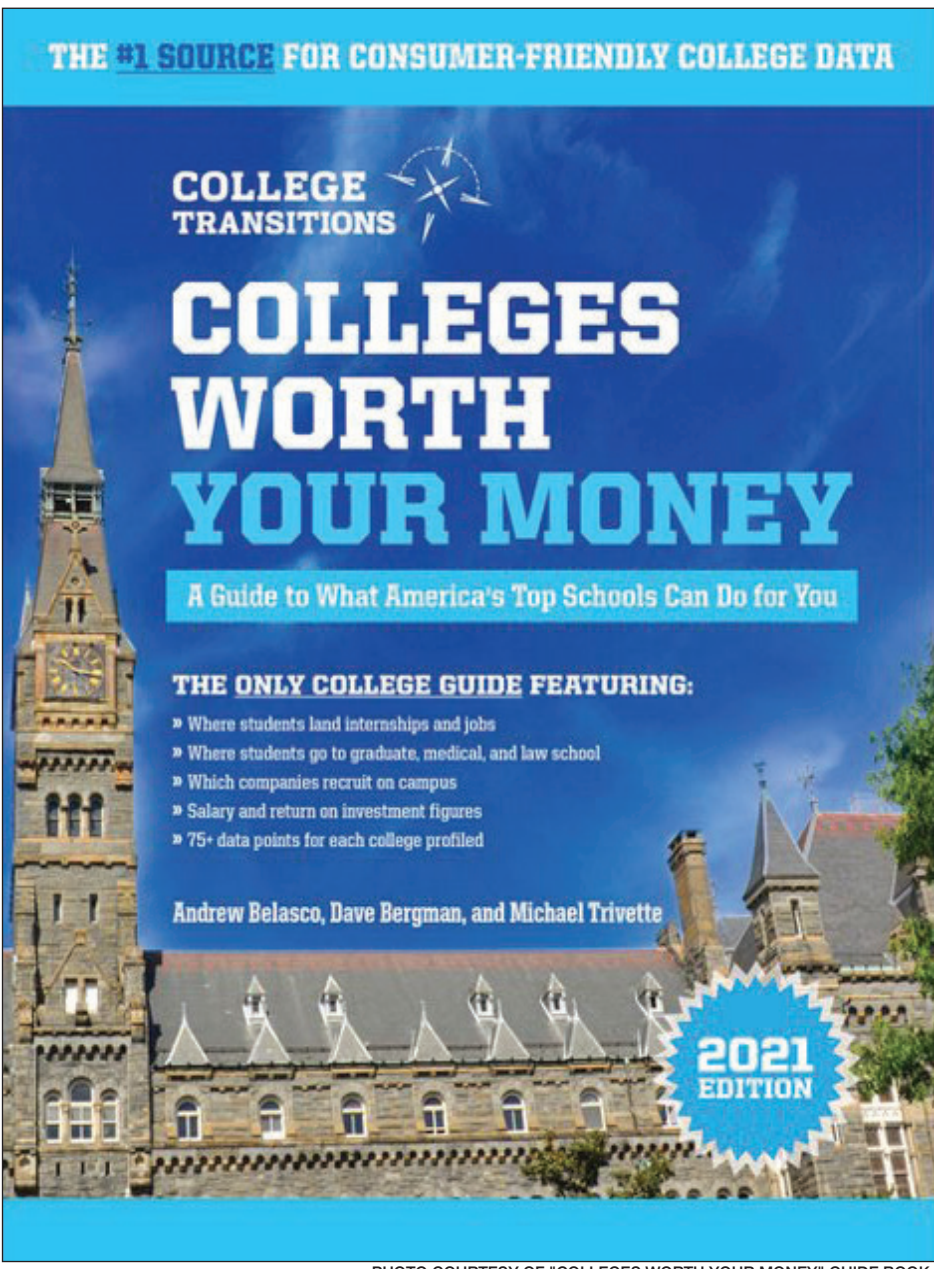


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As college tuition prices rise across the nation, "Colleges Worth Your Money" Guide Book helps break down the worth of education in and outside of the classroom.

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# Best Dishes

Gonzaga is lucky to have an abundance of local restaurants. However, many restaurants were forced to adapt their menus in March. The good news is that Spokane is now in phase 2, but we still need support from the GU community. Below is a list of some of the best dishes in Spokane. Get out to eat or grab some take-out from these Spokane restaurants.



Jesse Eggers, general manager of Caruso's Sandwiches and Artisan Pizza, said that the pandemic really hurt businesses at first, but the support of the community and doing take-out are the reasons that businesses have been able to survive. "Even though the challenges have been different, I think everybody has faced challenges and adversity as a result of this pandemic," Eggers said. Eggers has been working in the restaurant industry for over 30 years and said that unlike other restaurants he has worked at before, at Caruso's, there are no dishes that he would steer anyone away from, and there aren't a top three dishes either because there are so many good options. He credits this to how Caruso's uses local ingredients and focuses on freshness. However, if he had to pick one best dish, Eggers says the pollo pasta is most popular with GU students. The pollo pasta includes penne noodles with alfredo sauce, garlic roasted chicken, diced tomatoes, bacon, parmesan cheese and a pesto drizzle sauce. "Somehow just throughout the student body everybody's kind of heard you've gotta try the pollo pasta," Eggers said.



For Pat Keegan, who owns both locations of Aloha Island Grill with his wife, Lori, the coronavirus pandemic impacted his business because he was unable to cater to weddings, graduations, and holiday parties this past year. However, Keegan said that the pandemic has made it easier to emphasize the importance of cleanliness, especially for those who are new hires.

According to Keegan, Aloha Island Grill's best dish is the Teriyaki chicken with sticky rice and macaroni salad, a filling meal that makes up about 70% of sales. He also said that the community loves the restaurant and is good to them, adding that his wife, Lori, is proud that they have fed the basketball team almost every week this season. "Being a community member, I think is the most important thing. And our food is great!" Keegan said.



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restaurants nearby for students and faculty to enjoy. For businesses when the corona virus pandemic hit last year, some businesses closed, but we have seen 3 of reopening businesses, but our local restaurants have a collection of a few of the many best dishes you'll find in your favorite local eatery – there's lots to savor in Spokane.



Like many other restaurants, Wisconsinburger switched to take-out only toward the beginning of the pandemic, even adding an extra phone line and a new online ordering platform. However, Nordvall said that take-out only was not sustainable, and business has been better now that customers can be seated inside the restaurant at a limited capacity. "Everybody's just doing what we gotta do to get through the whole thing and get back to normal hopefully," Nordvall said.



Zip's is a popular spot for burgers. According to Jennifer Faught, owner of the Zip's on Division Street, the best dishes are the chicken tenders and fries, and the bacon double cheeseburger. Faught said that the lobby of Zip's has been closed throughout the pandemic, which has been hard because she misses seeing customers and talking with them. Zip's hours have shifted as well, and it isn't open as late as it used to be for staffing purposes, said Faught. "We're fortunate to have a drive-through, but we miss the college students, we miss the late-night rushes that we no longer have," Faught said.

Another staple of the local restaurant scene is Pete's Pizza, which has been here since 1972, and is now owned by Cole and Julie Marshall. Although pizza is in the restaurant's name, the Marshalls said that their best dish is the original calzone, which includes pepperoni, mushrooms, olives, and marinara sauce. Legend has it that a group of GU students who had gone to Italy told Pete, the original owner, that he had to try making calzones, Cole Marshall said. GU alumni still come to Pete's Pizza and often bring their children and grandchildren and say that the restaurant is still the same as when they ate there as students. "We want to keep the quality, we want to keep the ingredients and we want to keep the people coming back," Julie said. Pete's Pizza was already well suited for switching to take-out only when dining in had to close down due to the pandemic. Pete's recently started doing deliveries as well, which has helped the business. Even after the pandemic ends, they said they will likely continue doing deliveries.



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# Letter to the Editor: Humanizing Spokane

Dear Gonzaga,  
We write with a sense of urgency. As you may know, the COVID-19 moratorium currently protects renters from eviction during hard times.

In Washington alone, over 220,000 renters are behind on payments due to factors related to COVID-19, such as job loss and lack of child care. These individuals are disproportionately people of color. On June 30, the moratorium will end, putting Spokane on the verge of a crisis.

In our city, roughly 2,500 evictions are projected to occur each month starting in July. Many of these evictions will happen in and around the Logan Neighborhood. Evictions are one of the leading causes of homelessness.

Already, we have people experiencing homelessness near GU and down by the Spokane river. Through a student-led service group called Meals In The Margins, we've come to know some of them.

There is Brandi: a fellow spaghetti-lover who has become like a second mom to our group, she always asks how we are doing and how our grades are.

There is Taylor: a young man who is tattooed with the word "trust" on his arm—just like I, Michael, am.

There is Tim: a gruff, middle-aged



By MICHAEL LARSON

biker who has several striking rings on his fingers. He once told us that those rings are the only possessions he has kept since becoming homeless; everything else was either stolen on the streets, or thrown away by the city or the police.

Tim's experience is not unique: every 6 months, Police conduct routine 'sweeps' which force individuals to lose all of their unattended things and essentially start over.

GU, we are a Jesuit university called to act on "a mature commitment to dignity of the human person" and "solidarity with the poor and vulnerable." This summer, our homeless population will skyrocket after the moratorium ends. We have a duty



By PAULINA THURMANN

to act.

Zags, we are calling on you to get involved. One way is through joining the movement 'Humanizing Spokane' (@humanizingspokane, humanizingspokane.com), led by 19 concerned GU students. We aim to humanize people experiencing homelessness and push for long-term policy solutions. We released a documentary on Wednesday and are leading a "Humans for Housing" march on April 24. GU, we need you to show up: for our community, for our Logan Neighborhood and for our City of Spokane.

Consider this Bible verse from the book of James: "Suppose a brother or sister

is without clothing or food. If one of you says, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead (James 2:15-17)." Compassion is calling: will you pick up the phone, or let it ring?

Sincerely,  
Michael Larson, Paulina Thurmann  
and the Humanizing Spokane Team

Michael Larson is a senior studying sociology. Paulina Thurmann is a senior studying sociology.

## 'Super Straight' is super problematic

On Feb. 21 a TikTok named Kyle Royce posted a short video claiming that he "made a new sexuality," called "Super Straight."

In Royce's words, "Since straight men like myself get called transphobic because I wouldn't date a trans woman. They're like, 'Why? That's a female.' 'No, that's not a real woman to me.' So now I only date the opposite gender, women, that are born women, so you can't say I'm transphobic now because that's my sexuality."

Since it's initial posting, the clip has been deleted, but that didn't stop it from getting reposted and going viral. If you're on the app, it's not unlikely that you've seen a TikTok with the hashtag #StraightPride somewhere on your For You Page, (FYP), at least once. This concept of "Super Straight" has gained traction on major social media outlets such as Twitter. It has also been co-opted by far-right activists and users on 4Chan — insert unsurprised eye roll here.

Obviously, all of this is dripping with blatant transphobia and homophobia.

The "Super Straight" movement tells us a lot of things

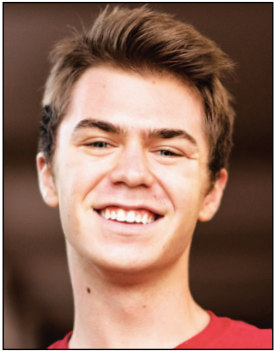
about the way our society handles gender and sexuality.

For one, it shows us that people that hold worldviews akin to "Super Straight" reduce gender and sex down to human physiology and nothing more. What they think determines a person's gender is their sexual organs.

Additionally, the "Super Straight" movement shows us how we aren't doing a good job of educating others on sexuality. We tell men, specifically, that in order to fulfill these ideals of true manhood — to succeed as a man, they have to date and bed cisgender, straight-passing women.

Anything outside of that is seen as deviant. You're not a "real man" and you're likened to being an emasculated, weak-willed, perverted failure.

When men express transphobia and homophobia in this way, they're showing deep insecurity. They're afraid of being seen as less than. We don't teach them the nuances of sexuality and gender. Rather, we hold them to a rigid, unrealistic standard. As a result, they lash out and troll others to cope with what they



By ALEXANDER PREVOST

think is a "shameful attraction."

When we discuss this new movement, one would hope that it is at least asking us to critically evaluate our own experiences and that of others, right? It should prompt us to think about genitalia preferences, gender and how it all fits into sexuality.

That's not what "Super Straight" asks of us.

It asks us to make a mockery of the queer experience — hence, "I'm coming out as Super Straight" — while degrading the humanity and dignity of trans women.

It is a joke, and it begs us to laugh at the punchline: the LGBTQ community.

So, what do we do?

How should we, as members of an institution that calls us to treat others with humanity, handle this wave of bigotry?

At first, it might seem right to call them out. One might find it helpful to make a TikTok duet and point out the fallacies in their arguments or go after the movement's account on Twitter. Unfortunately, this is what they want. They want us to call them out so they can mock us as, "Superphobic," — another bad-faith appropriation of queer culture.

Instead, I propose we do two things: educate and dismiss.

With education, read articles, share infographics on Instagram and understand why this ideology is problematic — how it ties into larger issues. Make sure you're educating others too.

Then, dismiss the movement.

Let "Super Straight" suffocate from the lack of media-oxygen. Eventually these people will grow up or they'll find a new thing to troll. And in the meantime, direct your energy to helping queer and trans people. That is where activism is always needed.

At the end of the day, this

will all pass. It is not worth being taken seriously, and we should not take it seriously.

So, to all the Super Straights out there, what can I say except, in the words of straight people when they condescend the LGBTQ Community, it's just a phase.

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## Dangers of COVID reopening

Lies, so many lies. The spread of misinformation has been a hallmark of the coronavirus pandemic. From the early days of chaos and confusion, to the settling sediment of a new normal, and even the present, there has been a steady stream of contrary views and "facts."

When the disease entered our lives, a whole year ago, no one knew what was happening. Even doctors scrambled to find answers, looking into any viable option for relief or clarity. This then created the perfect climate for social media to take the reins of a public health crisis and utterly eradicated a hope for a straight answer.

The perfect example of this phenomenon was the shifting answers to the question, "how long can the virus remain on surfaces?" At first it was 30 minutes, then it was three days, now we're more concerned about airborne transmission.

It is this jumble of facts that has kept America at the top of the list of countries dealing with COVID-19 the worst. The large amount of people who "have seen something that said..." is not helping but is rather adding to the cycle of misinformation breeding more misinformation.

Of course, one could expect some degree of confusion in such a situation, but our leaders have repeatedly failed us by ignoring the warnings of medical professionals, and instead leaning into conspiracy and pseudoscience.

The warmer weather will kill it. It's not spreading as fast as we thought, everything's fine. The vaccine means we don't have to socially distance or wear



By DAWSON NEELY

masks. These are the enemies that we have faced, and yet we have accepted them with open arms.

Unfortunately, we have been too ready to believe the easy lies than the hard truths, and we are on that same path now.

With Texas ending its mask mandate, the call has been sent out across the country that COVID-19 is over. People are no longer afraid of the disease, even though it is still responsible for thousands of deaths across the world every day.

The desire to return to normal life has boiled over, as the population, having spent a year in captivity, has no more patience for public health. This is understandable on almost every level yet must be challenged.

If we open up too early, we become susceptible for relapses and spikes. Washington itself has gone through this, having to move back phases in response. Now in the midst of moving forward, this concern for the best possible path toward recovery jumps to the forefront.

Some news outlets and many politicians are in the business of capitalizing on goodwill and

pent-up anxieties to push their agendas to the forefront. By selling lies that the world is back to normal these bad actors cash in politically, and in doing so they actually harm their communities and extend the problem.

It is completely alright, to look to the future with optimism, but hope doesn't mean abandoning all the steps society has taken to achieve the current state that has the ability to foster that hope. Now is the time to buckle down and focus on the ways that each of us can keep the country, and world, on the right track.

No one is going to like the next period of the pandemic's progress. This may be the hardest phase, one where self-discipline is of the utmost importance to putting everything back to rights.

Please, do not listen to just your craving for movie theater popcorn and concerts, but instead listen to the cries of healthcare workers who need us to stand up and do our part.

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# Story Slam creates Zag community connections



Story Slam participants share a lively, personal story that reflects the month's theme, with the GU community.

By LILLIAN PIEL

At a time when many of us are missing the feeling of community, Story Slam provides Gonzaga students and faculty with the opportunity to share their stories and find connection.

Story Slam has been going on for nearly 10 years, said Josh Armstrong, a professor of organizational leadership and the faculty advisor for Story Slam.

Each Story Slam features four to six storytellers who tell a personal story that relates to that month's theme. Most of the storytellers are students and there is at least one faculty member who takes part as well, Armstrong said.

Armstrong currently teaches a class on leadership and storytelling, which was the inspiration for Story Slam. According to Armstrong, Joe Albert previously taught the class before he retired and it was Albert and a few of his students who first started putting on Story Slams.

"I just think it's so important for people to be there to hold those stories because they're often sharing real parts of themselves that may be hard to articulate or that any of us might connect with, and so it's a way for us to build community just by hearing people's personal stories," Armstrong said.

Isabel Thurston, a senior English and secondary education double major, co-coordinates Story Slam with Peter Jonas,

a junior English major. As one of the coordinators, Thurston said her role in the event is to recruit storytellers, market the event and support the storytellers as they prepare for the event. Thurston and Jonas are also the emcees of the event and they always begin Story Slam with a skit.

Thurston describes Story Slam as a welcoming space for people to share their stories, no matter what emotion those stories evoke.

"Story slam is a storytelling event that gets to highlight different voices on campus and gives a space for people to just share parts of their lives with the Gonzaga community," Thurston said.

After the coronavirus pandemic hit, it was harder to recruit people for Story Slams, but this school year, Story Slam has taken place as a hybrid event of in-person and Zoom audience members.

Having the event accessible to more people by allowing people to watch on Zoom has been great because families can come see the event, and it is a new way of reaching people and sharing stories, Thurston said.

Jonas first got involved with Story Slam during his freshman year when he attended the event, then ended up sharing his own story during his sophomore year. From there, he got in touch with the people who were running the event at the time and worked with them before taking on

his current role as one of the coordinators.

For Jonas, the most rewarding parts of being involved with Story Slam are the community and getting to witness people craft their stories. Taking part in Story Slam is one of the highlights of his GU experience and one of the most engaging things he has done in the community, Jonas said.

"It's been incredible to see just this blossoming community that's something that so many people hold really dearly to them at Gonzaga in this time when we're not really seeing that Gonzaga community," Jonas said.

Audience members attending Story Slam in-person can attend the last Story Slam of the year on April 26 in the Wolff Auditorium at 8 p.m. The theme for the last Story Slam of the year will be "Roll With It."

To get involved with Story Slam, Thurston said to follow the Story Slam Facebook page for announcements (GU Story Slam), email her or Jonas to get on the email list and attend Story Slams.

At the most recent Story Slam, Paulina Thurmann, a senior sociology major, shared a story about one of her worst experiences babysitting from her neighborhood. Thurmann said her experience as a storyteller was nerve-racking at first, and she was glad she shared first to get it out of the way.

However, sharing her story felt like honoring her neighborhood and Thurmann said she was glad to know her family was able to watch on Zoom as well.

"By the time I stepped on stage, though, seeing all my friends and the people I've come to know over four years in the crowd, I felt overwhelmed by comfort and peace," Thurmann said. "I felt like I was simply telling a story to a group of my closest people."

Thurmann was asked by the coordinators to tell a story, and although she didn't feel like she necessarily had the right credentials at first, the leadership and storytelling class helped her realize no story is perfect because life is imperfect, which is what makes it beautiful, Thurston said.

Story telling can be transformative and hearing the storytellers' stories and helping them tell their stories has been the most rewarding part of Story Slam. Thurston said that even more so now, stories are important because they can give us light in a dark time.

"We're all hungry for connection, and stories give us that," Thurston said.

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## Universal Crossword

**Universal Crossword**

*Edited by David Steinberg April 4, 2021*

**ACROSS**

1 Victorious shout

5 Taps gently

9 Baloney

14 Place to find ore

15 Muscat's country

16 Chicago airport

17 Utah ski resort

18 Emmy winner

19 Metaphorical bit of appreciation

20 "Place to hang costumes

23 Throw out

24 Prefix with "tourism"

25 Mud bath venue

28 "You wish!"

30 Covertly email

32 Symbols on Twitch

34 Competitor of AP

35 "Hollow support for a raised garden

38 Thing to pick, or pick clean

40 London's Big

41 Fraternal group

42 "Genre for The Byrds and The Yardbirds

47 Evian product, in France

48 Silverstone of "Clueless"

49 Premium TV network, for short

50 Org. for Federer

51 " favor"

52 Bigheaded attribute

54 Charged particles

56 Items that are "right twice a day," and a hint to the word surrounding each starred answer

61 Supply with food

64 Field of expertise

65 "Read 'em and 'll"

66 Sports venue

67 One may become a queen but not a king

68 Queen in "The Favourite"

69 Deli offerings

70 Analogy words

71 Cartoon "Ouch!"

**DOWN**

1 Apple's "all-in-one for all"

2 Document that bequeaths things

3 Where a spy might seemingly vanish

4 "Peachy!"

5 White House field, for short?

6 Word of agreement

7 Space drink

8 Capture

9 Hair-straightening tool

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**Time Frame** by Enrique Henestroza Anguiano

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## Wash Up. Mask Up. Back Up.

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## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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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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4	8	3	9	1	7	6	9	2
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6	9	2	5	8	3	1	7	4



# Ditch the down jackets, it’s spring

As the clouds part and the weather in Spokane gets warmer, here are the essential pieces to make your wardrobe great this spring

By KATE SULLIVAN

Parkas and boots are gradually disappearing in Spokane as spring rolls around. With 60 degree days in the forecast, it’s easy to get excited about trading beanies for baseball caps.

Gonzaga students are busy — many have double majors or minors, and almost all are involved in clubs or athletics. Despite the fact that Zags are always on the go, the comparison game in college is real. It’s easy to get bogged down when you feel you aren’t looking your best, especially when you’ve fallen into the habit of rolling straight out of bed and onto Zoom.

Let’s face it, we can’t afford new clothes, and it’s impossible to keep up with the hail, menacing lightning and sunshine that just one day could bring. To truly prepare for Spokane weather, it’s probably best to wear a HAZMAT suit, but in case that isn’t your thing, enjoy this Spring Style Guide courtesy of The Gonzaga Bulletin.

For the feminine Zags:  
Top a midi or maxi skirt with a cropped sweater for temperate days. Not only will your arms be warm, but you’ll also have sleeves to protect your hands from nasty, COVID-19-infested door knobs. Don’t have a cropped sweater? No problem! Tuck a knit sweater into the bottom band of a sports bra and pull it down until it reaches the top of the skirt.

Mimic the confusing ambiguity of being college-aged and only half adult by



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Open-toed shoes are a great look in the spring as the Spokane weather starts to warm up.

layering a blazer over a hooded sweatshirt. This will communicate to others just how confused you are about how old to act and provide some structure to an otherwise plain outfit. Pair with jeans or leggings.

Dress up a crewneck tee or sweatshirt by pairing it with wide leg or patterned pants. Nothing says “spring” like wide leg pants.

Start from the bottom up: pick your shoes first, then work up from there. This will minimize an inappropriate footwear

disaster.

For the masculine Zags:  
Wear khakis when you reach for sweats. You might just surprise yourself.

Try a monochromatic look but contrast your shoes. If you wear all grey or black, wear a white sneaker.

Pick out shirts with fun prints or colors that compliment your skin. When in doubt, your roommate will gladly tell you if that Zag beanie really does bring out

your eyes.

Plan to “dress up” on the same day as your friends (no, that’s not just for 13-year-old girls). This will help take the pressure off and make your friend group a sight for sore eyes during COG salmon lunch.

Full send the trust fund aesthetic by bringing the polo back. Polos are a great springtime alternative to a collared shirt and can be worn with jeans, khakis or joggers. It doesn’t hurt that they do a great job of showing off your gains from the Rudolf Fitness Center.

More tips for Zags:  
Play around with your socks. Colorful socks that show can be fun to contrast a mini skirt or cuffed jeans and bonus points for spring-themed socks.

Take the time to wear jewelry or accessories that make you happy, whether that’s a nice watch or sentimental bracelet. Spring is the time to show it off, because for the first time in months, you might get to have more than just your ankles exposed.

Remember that you are your biggest critic, and it’s okay not to hit it out of the park every day. This is only college, so it’s best not to peak too soon.

Dressing up is fun, but don’t forget to find value in the person behind the outfit. When all else fails, head-to-toe Zag Shop merch is never the wrong answer. After all, how else could we fund COG salmon?

Kate Sullivan is a staff writer.

## Satisfying your sweet tooth: The best bakeries in and around Spokane



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Rocket Bakery has been open since 1992. It is known for its diverse selection of sweet and savory pasteries.

By BECCA MURPHY

There may be no sweeter morning routine than indulging in a freshly baked pastry and a cup of joe.

Spokane has bakeries drizzled all over the city, so which one should you choose? How about something fresh and local. We recommended a few favorites for you to start with.

**Made with Love**  
Delicate hues of green and red, cozy corners for conversation and delightful desserts prepared from scratch.

Founded in 2015 by Callie Johnson, Made with Love is the product of a young girl who wanted a place to share her love language with her community.

“People know that everything is made fresh here, and it is made with love,” said Jenna Lilly, an employee at Made with Love Bakery. “We put that extra effort into everything we make, and Callie, the owner, this is her baby. She has had this dream since she was in elementary school, and she made it happen.”

Everyday desserts are created, and different flavors and specials are offered to the public. The menu is posted to the Made with Love Instagram page (@made.with.love.bakery) each morning.

While the comforting pop-tarts seem to be the fan-favorite, Lilly said her favorite item would have to be the chocolate chip cookies because they are soft and fluffy with chocolate chips that melt in your mouth.

Visit this quaint and picturesque shop Tuesday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2023 W. Dean Ave.

**Hello Sugar,**  
Sweet sugary scents are mingling with the aroma of steaming espresso shots, the perfect combo to create those sweet Sunday memories with your family and friends.



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Hello Sugar, is a locally owned, family-run business that is partnered with Spokane favorite Indaba Coffee.

Hello Sugar, is a locally owned, family-run business providing mini-donuts and a cheerful atmosphere. The trendy shop is partnered with Indaba Coffee to provide steamy sips to go with your delectable donuts. The sugary, sparkly mini-donuts are fun, light and the perfect sharable snack.

“If I had to choose one donut, I would choose the Summit because it’s cinnamon, sugar, Nutella and marshmallow — it is one of my favorites,” said Skylar Robles, an employee at Hello Sugar.

Robles added that she was not a donut lover until these mini bites of magic came into her life.

“My favorite donuts are the basic cinnamon and powdered sugar ones. They are especially good when they are warm,” said Nicole Bien, a regular at Hello Sugar.

Want to watch your donuts being made and eat them while they are still warm? Visit Hello Sugar, open daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 419 N. Nettleton St.

**Rocket Bakery**  
Rocket Bakery has become a Spokane staple since its opening in 1992. There are now seven locations scattered around the city, making it accessible no matter where you are.

This local chain is known for its welcoming environment and a quieter atmosphere.

“We have a more relaxed vibe here, and it’s less intimidating than some more modern-designed coffee shops. I think people get a little scared to walk into those places, like they aren’t cool enough,” said Connor Lee, a Rocket Bakery employee.

Rocket carries a diverse selection of sweet and savory options that vary from location to location. Lee recommends the triple berry scone to satisfy a sweet tooth, and for a more filling and savory item, his go-to is the breakfast bagel.

Visit Rocket for a study session, a lovely catch up or a



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Grain Shed is known for their baked goods and they also brew their own beer.

much-needed snack break. There are two shops located near campus: 207 N. Wall St. in River Park Square and 1325 W. 1st Ave. in the Eldridge Building. Both locations are open daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Grain Shed**  
Flaky croissants, moist loaves of bread and decadent cookies are all made fresh from the Palouse’s wheat and grains. While the Grain Shed is known for their baked goods, they also brew their beer and have a menu that includes avocado toast and various savory soups.

The bakers here regularly change up the menu, making it easy to branch out and try their new and tasty creations.

Shaun Thompson Duffy, a baker with over 15 years of culinary experience, started this local gem with Don Sheuermen, a farmer from the Palouse, and Joel Williamson, the founder of Local Inland Northwest Cooperative Foods (LINC) foods.

The trio met by chance when Williamson was buying bread from Duffy.

They wanted to create a “space where lots of local grains could be used for the bread-making, and they could connect farmers directly with the people making the products,” said Natalie Weinmeister, an employee at The Grain Shed.

Visit the Grain Shed to check out its carefully crafted grains. The shop is located at 1026 E. Newark Ave., and they open at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday through Monday with varying closing times. They are closed on Tuesdays.

Becca Murphy is a staff writer.

## Lana is back: Pop star and singer-songwriter returns with ‘Chemtrails Over The Country Club’

By SYDNEY FLUKER

“Chemtrails Over The Country Club” dropped on March 19 after keeping fans in suspense for months. It did not disappoint.

Lana Del Rey’s long awaited seventh studio album moved away from the iconically grand Hollywood-style living she was known for in exchange for smaller, more intimate moments. Her most folky, most singer-songwriter album yet, “Chemtrails” presents a more innocent, protagonistic Lana than we have seen in her previous albums.

Staying true to her roots as an American singer-songwriter, “Chemtrails” takes the audience on a tour of America at its best, a far departure from her previous album which The Atlantic called her “obituary

to America.”

With Jack Antonoff as the returning producer after “Norman F\*\*\*\*\* Rockwell,” there is a similar undertone between the two albums. “NFR” and “Chemtrails” feel more melodic than her previous albums, with lighter, more instrumental songs and gentler vocals.

“Chemtrails” begins with “White Dress,” a song featuring vocals that seem to come a long way from her “Paradise” and “Born To Die” days. A song about a waitress reminiscent of her days before fame, she reintroduces the theme of purity and innocence that threads through her discography.

In the song “Chemtrails Over The Country Club,” the nod to astrology caught me off guard. With such an older sounding album similar to “NFR” in its 70s folk pop style, the legitimate reference to her Leo moon and Cancer

sun as an explanation for her wild, unpredictable nature contrasts with the overall heavily religious album.

From there, Lana continues presenting sweet, simple memories of life throughout America. From LA to Yosemite and then Arkansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma, she takes us deeper into the vision of America she sees and loves.

What surprised me about the album was how religious it was. “Chemtrails” is noticeably more religious and more loving than her other albums. She spends the first three songs referencing her relationship with religion, but that was enough for the whole album to have a religious undertone in my mind.

“Chemtrails” is a nostalgic album nodding to a simple American life. Lana Del Rey continues to play on the Miss America reputation she has established for herself, driving us further into a

peaceful, traditional American life. An album for when you are happy or sad, “Chemtrails” takes a more innocent approach than her typical Lana fashion and instills a warm feeling of nostalgia in the listener.

Rating:  
8/10

Favorite tracks:  
Chemtrails Over The Country Club  
Wild At Heart  
Dark But Just A Game

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# Gonzaga is her Town(send)

Journey of Zags' star forward in Spokane will be forever remembered by the GU community

Commentary by  
ALEXANDER PREVOST

It was a neck-and-neck game. With 0.6 seconds left in the WCC championship game, senior Jill Townsend scored a field goal that brought our women's basketball team over BYU's, claiming the title for the team, 43-42.

A legendary win for the senior captain. Clips of Townsend's victory flooded social media outlets. Students, teachers and families alike went wild for the team's miraculous shot. This hype carried over right into the first game of the NCAA Tournament until GU lost its first game, ending their time in the tournament. With a final score of 64-59, the Belmont University Bruins beat out the Zags.

"Our whole team did some nice things, but between the turnovers and the trouble that we had with [Destinee Wells], it was a tough out," Head Coach Lisa Fortier said after the game via a Zoom press conference. "If we could have had one or two things go our way, it could have been a different outcome. But they're a good team, which we knew going into it."

Townsend has since announced that she will no longer be playing for the team. "As of now I'm not coming back," Townsend said after the press conference. "You know, it's been a long year and I think every athlete can attest to that. They can attest to the mental struggles that COVID and everything brought upon it."

Despite her NCAA run this year being cut short, Townsend has established an incredible legacy on campus, within our community and in basketball.

At the time of Townsend's recruitment at GU, she was ESPN.com's 96th best recruit.

Since her first season on campus, she has shown great skill, only improving as the years went on. Her freshman year, she appeared in all 33 games of the season. During her sophomore year, she was named WCC's All-Honorable Mention and selected to be the WCC's All-Academic Honorable Mention.

In 2020, she was named the WCC's Player of the Year, a title well deserved.

As a guard, Townsend has played with grace and skill over the years. During this season alone, she scored 29 points in one game — an all-time career high.

Townsend has overcome many trials over the years. Two years ago, she broke her leg during the WCC semifinals game against Saint Mary's College. Leg in a cast, she still showed up for her teammates at later games.

"It was like our team was whole again. That was important to Townie," Fortier said for the Spokesman.

Before the WCC finals game this season against BYU, she had to overcome an intense stomach-flu.

At the NCAA tournament this year, she and her teammates had to overcome systemic sexism, as much of the training equipment and quality in procedures were significantly worse than the men's teams.

"I think from a mental health standpoint with [being] outside and the health with the weight rooms and food there is no reason for that disparity between the men's and women's side," Townsend said at a press conference. "We deserve our health and mental health to



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Gonzaga senior forward Jill Townsend said she thinks it's unlikely she will use her extra year of collegiate eligibility.

be taken just as seriously as the men. It is kind of disappointing when you see stuff like that.

Her excellence isn't just felt on the team. In her hometown of Okanogan, Washington, they sold March Madness T-shirts that spelled out, "Townsend Tough 32" in bold-face font. This was in recognition of her perseverance over the course of her career.

Both her and her brother, former Eastern Washington University lineman Jim Townsend, are local sports legends in Okanogan.

"I'm extremely proud of her — her grit, her determination," her mother Janell Townsend said for the Spokesman.

Townsend's herculean efforts for her team and the GU community garnered

national recognition. In early February, she was named a nominee for the Senior CLASS Award.

This prestigious accolade was created in 2001 to recognize outstanding student-athletes in different NCAA Division I programs. It includes men's and women's basketball, men's ice hockey and women's volleyball. The award recognizes accomplishments in various areas, including classroom, competition and character.

Townsend was one of 30 women's basketball players across the nation to be nominated for the award, and she advanced to the finalists group later that month. Her nomination shouldn't come as a surprise, as Townsend has dedicated much of her heart and soul to her team

and GU.

If there is anything we can learn from the senior captain's exceptional career, it's perseverance. Through fire and brimstone, Townsend has always shown up and played hard. Among the leaders on our campus, her absence will be felt greatly.

She is leaving behind a legendary legacy.

It is her perseverance, her teamwork, her leadership and her spirit that sets a high example — one that calls us to strive for that same greatness.

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## From the Big Apple to the Lilac City: The Frankie Ljucovic story

By TOMMY CONMY

College sports are rife with turnover and new faces as players are shuffled in and out of lineups or transfer to different programs seeking new opportunities.

The one constant the last three seasons for Paul Meehan's men's soccer team? Frankie Ljucovic.

Since graduating from Shattuck St. Mary's Academy in 2018, Ljucovic has been a force with staying power for the Zags, starting every game he's played except one.

In that time, the playmaking midfielder has found a comfortable balance between setting up his teammates for scoring chances or putting the ball in the back of the net himself. Ljucovic sees the game as an art form that can be creatively manipulated in reactive situations.

Ljucovic used his creativity assisting on the first goal of the year against Seattle University in a 3-2 double overtime loss to the Redhawks.

Eight games into the spring men's soccer season, Ljucovic has tallied one goal and one assist for the Zags.

Ljucovic's journey to Gonzaga was a long one. Originally from Poughkeepsie, New York, Ljucovic grew up playing soccer with his two older brothers under the watchful eye of his father.

Per European tradition, Ljucovic's father grew up constantly playing soccer in Montenegro before he brought his love for the game to the United States.

"Before I could even walk my dad would dribble a soccer ball with my feet," Ljucovic said.

This familial focus on soccer helped Ljucovic fall in love with the game despite the grim reality of being the youngest in a band of brothers.

"It was definitely rough being the youngest, but I'm grateful that I had older brothers," Ljucovic said.

How does a high schooler from Poughkeepsie, New York end up in Fairbault,



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Gonzaga junior midfielder Frankie Ljucovic poses for a portrait.

Minnesota at one of the nation's premiere athletic prep schools? All it took was 10 minutes.

"We were playing in the championship game of the tournament and one of the recruiters from Shattuck was watching the last 10 minutes," Ljucovic said. "After the game he came over and offered me a tryout."

The rest is history. Ljucovic nervously visited the picturesque campus in Minnesota to try out. Although he didn't want to leave his current coach and trusted mentor, his coach emphasized that it was "the best opportunity" for him moving forward.

Ljucovic began training at a near college level at Shattuck by practicing, lifting and putting in the "extra work" that wasn't all that extra to him and his teammates.

When Ljucovic decided to don the blue and red for the Zags in college, he turned down other programs closer to home like Michigan State and Villanova.

His coach at Shattuck, Sean Bushey, is friends with GU coach Paul Meehan. That

relationship helped get Ljucovic on campus for a visit with current teammate Demetrius Kigeya.

"We actually committed to Gonzaga on the same phone call," Ljucovic said.

Before arriving at GU, Ljucovic was skeptical about the "nice" reputation of the Pacific Northwest and how it compared to New York.

"I love Gonzaga. Even besides soccer, it's awesome. People are opening doors and talking to you after classes," Ljucovic said.

Ljucovic has no regrets about his decision to come to GU and the community he feels is an extension of the community he had at Shattuck.

On the pitch, Ljucovic balances the dichotomy of setting up his teammates for scoring opportunities while putting himself in advantageous positions to receive the ball.

During his sophomore season, Ljucovic had the chance to take the ball himself and make a play. Playing the University of Washington in a preseason exhibition at Luger

Field, Ljucovic found the back of the net on a faraway strike to take a 1-0 lead over their PAC-12 foe. The Huskies would score the equalizer in the second half as the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Ljucovic said that the goal and the ensuing celebration with his teammates being cheered raucously by the Zag faithful made the moment his most special on the pitch for the Bulldogs.

Although the Zags were able to finish that season without any hiccups, they had to wait upwards of a year before resuming play as their fall season was postponed to the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This hurdle coupled with the fact that the Zags welcomed 11 freshman to the team has made for a strained transition for the Zags this season.

The Bulldogs currently sit at 2-7-0 (0-4-0) with four games remaining in their spring season.

"This year, with 11 new recruits and a whole new team we have so much potential," Ljucovic said. "We know with this weird pandemic season that this record does not show the quality of players we have."

Besides excelling on the pitch, Ljucovic is an ambitious individual that at one point in time wanted to join the FBI before pivoting to a psychology major. One goal he hasn't pivoted from is wanting to be drafted in Major League Soccer.

"When it comes to my personal play, I'm responsible for the decisions I make and what I do," Ljucovic said. "My personal goals will only succeed if the team succeeds. The team comes first always."

Ljucovic looks up to Aston Villa forward Jack Grealish and his dribbling ability. Take one look at Ljucovic's highlight reels from high school and college, and you'll see that dribbling and passing through defenders is also his best skill.

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# Students feel the Madness

With the March in full swing, GU students have some thoughts on their bracket, the Zags and what can come next

By BECCA MURPHY

Upsets in the NCAA tournament are the heart of March, and the 2021 tournament is no exception. With only a weekend left of the madness, brackets are broken, but students' excitement and belief in Gonzaga remains unchanged.

There are a few teams that make GU students nervous heading into the final games.

"Baylor is the only team I think could beat them, but we won't see them until the championship," said Kevin Lunden, a senior.

Baylor has only two losses and won the Big 12 regular-season championships for the first time in program history.

A fan-favorite sleeper team seems to be the Oregon State Beavers.

"I had Oregon State going to the Sweet 16, which a lot

of people thought was a bad choice, but they [were] in the Sweet 16 [last] week," said Tori Stutzman, a GU junior.

Oregon State hasn't made an appearance in the tournament since 1963. They were seeded 12th in the Pac-12 tournaments and ended up winning.

"Oregon State [had] upset everyone that they played, so I wouldn't count them out. It just shows you that any team can win on any given day," said Kendsy Carmicheal, a junior.

With what feels like more upsets than ever, students are ditching their original brackets and placing bets on the remaining rounds with all faith still in GU.

"I don't care anymore about the brackets since most of my final four are done except Gonzaga. I am just hoping Gonzaga wins. I still watch all the games, but in the end, all

I care about is Gonzaga," said Luke O'Rourke, a junior.

As students remain confident and hopeful for GU, they feel an emphasized sense of community from their friends and family alike.

"My whole family texts me during the games, and there is this element of comradery," said Zach Zamberlin, a senior. "This year has been so up and down and now everybody has come together and ignited by one team."

In the absence of a tournament last year, there is more appreciation and excitement across all generations of Zags.

"Every time the game is about to play, my family and even my extended family will text or call me, and I see so much support from other people. It's awesome to see how March Madness has brought so many people together,"

Carmicheal said.

If GU wins, no one will be talking about their broken brackets. They will be celebrating.

"Brackets are important, but what's more important is that Gonzaga wins," said Henry Barbor, a senior.

With GU living up to the hype, every win needs to be celebrated and appreciated. The Zags have three more wins, and they will be the first undefeated champion of the NCAA tournament since Indiana 45 years ago.

Some students are already talking about potential ways to commemorate such a victory.

"If the Zags were to win, I don't think we would have a choice but to get tattoos," said Tre Johnson, a senior.

*Becca Murphy is a staff writer.*



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Gonzaga has won its four tournament games this season by an average of 24 points.

## ELITE

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that led to a nice under-the-basket finish grew the GU lead to 21 points with five minutes of first half action left, which at the time was the largest deficit USC had faced in a game all year.

The Trojans would go on an 8-0 run, finished off by an Isaiah Mobley three-pointer, and reel the game back to 36-24. However GU's fluid ball movement and ability to get out in transition helped the team shoot 54.1% from the field in the first 20 minutes.

The Zags headed into the locker room with a comfortable 49-30 lead after GU put up 32 points in the paint compared to USC

who managed 16 points down low despite the Trojans' size advantage.

Kispert, who technically had an off night by scoring 18 points on 6-of-19 shooting, got the second half scoring underway with a three-pointer. However, both teams struggled in general from beyond the arc on Tuesday, with the two schools shooting below 34% from range.

"USC has been shooting the heck out of it from the three line and we did a great job taking away those, especially in the first half," Few said. "We've just been really dialed into not just the scouting reports, but just the effort, fight and aggressiveness that's needed."

The Zags' ball handling also took a slight downturn in the second half, turning the ball over eight times after only turning the ball over once in the first half. Still,

the maintenance of a strong trap defense allowed GU to keep control of a lead that vacillated between 17 and 22 points throughout the final 15 minutes.

While USC struggled to get its foot in the door, Suggs was continuing to make his presence known in multiple respects. The WCC Newcomer of the Year put up an 18 point, 10 rebound and eight assist stat line for the game, all while keeping USC guards like Santa Clara transfer Tahj Eaddy from getting easy looks at the basket.

"You can't have assist numbers or the looks that I got like that without the rest of the guys on the court," Suggs said. "Playing together, not letting the ball get too sticky and everyone moving around then whoever gets the assist, gets the assist and whoever gets the bucket, gets the bucket. Then, we get a defensive stop and do it

## GU SPORTS CALENDAR

**Thursday, April 1**

➔ **Baseball vs. University of Pacific, 6 p.m.**

**Friday, April 2**

➔ **Men's tennis vs. USD, noon**

➔ **Baseball vs. University of Pacific, 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 3**

➔ **Women's track at Northwest Distance Jamboree (Women Only) Eugene, OR.**

➔ **Women's rowing at Washington State University Fawley Cup, Pullman, WA.**

➔ **Women's tennis at BYU, Provo, Utah, 11 a.m.**

➔ **Men's tennis vs. BYU, 11 a.m.**

➔ **Men's soccer vs. USD, 11 a.m.**

➔ **Baseball vs. University of Pacific, 2 p.m.**

➔ **Women's soccer vs. Portland, 2:30 p.m.**

**Monday, April 5**

➔ **Women's golf at Wyoming Cowgirl Classic - Day One Wyoming Cowgirl Classic (Southern Dunes GC) Maricopa, AZ.**

➔ **Baseball at Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, 5:35 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 6**

➔ **Women's golf at Wyoming Cowgirl Classic - Day Two Wyoming Cowgirl Classic (Southern Dunes GC) Maricopa, AZ.**

➔ **Baseball at Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR, 5:35 p.m.**

**\*All home games in bold\***

again."

The Mobley brothers ended up finding moderate success scoring in the second half, with Isaiah Mobley putting up 19 points while his brother Evan dropped 17. Still, it wasn't enough to overcome a GU lead that ballooned to 24 points in the final 10 minutes.

In the final 50 seconds of action, Few subbed out his starters who he personally greeted on the sideline. GU pulled away by 19-points and punched its ticket to the Final Four on Saturday where the Zags will take on UCLA at 5:34 p.m. PST.

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