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In this program hosted by the Unity Multicultural Education Center (UMECC) in collaboration with the Office of Mission and Ministry, students will converse with Olga Segura on the role of the Catholic Church in the fight against racism.

John Lewis: Get in the Way A viewing and discussion of this documentary of John Lewis, a civil rights advocate and congressman.

Oct. 23 Calling in the Culture Out Culture with Loretta Ross

Author and human rights leader Loretta Ross discusses how we can create a calling in culture instead of a calling out culture. This is a joint program between the Lincoln LGBTQ+ Resource Center and UMECC.

By MILA YOCH

An anonymous account on Instagram known as @zagsunmasked posted its first two photos on Sept. 15 of students without masks on GU’s campus on Aug. 28, one with a mask covering her nose, the other with her mask of the face and pulled under her chin, a post with the hashtag “#ProtectOurZags.”

Since then, this account has garnered 712 followers and has posted 16 photos of students without a mask and without wearing face coverings. All posts contain the hashtag “#ProtectOurZags.”

The Gonzaga Bulletin reached out to @zagsunmasked on Sept. 3, to the account’s owner, 

By SOFIA CHAVEZ

Nearly a week after move-in, Gonzaga students are busy adjusting to pandemic-induced isolation.

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Adding to the pressure, this shift is also occurring in the midst of a pandemic-induced isolation. Meanwhile, members of the staff are also facing a daunting task: altering university operations to function in a virtual world.

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Kris and her roommates who were photographed were also tagged in the photo. "It just felt like a huge amount of privacy was stripped away, and it can take that small moment of violation and multiplying and turning it into something and making it really quite annoying," Kris said.

In response to the accusation of bullying and harassment, the students have taken to posting humorous tweets that poke fun at the situation. Sophomore Eva Palmer, the owner of @zagpraise, agrees with what @zagsunmasked said, in a story post.

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Labor Day weekend flies by
Each year students send off summer by celebrating the Labor Day weekend.

Flipping into the weekend was how some students celebrated the day off at Tubbs Hill in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Sage Saplan falls from the sky during a skydiving experience over Labor Day weekend.

Sage Saplan and Colby Richards pose in the hangar of skydiving facility “West Planes” during the long weekend. For a full gallery of student submitted pictures go to gonzagabulletin.com.
GU curriculum allows Zags to explore their biases

By CAITLIN RELVAS
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At the University of Washington, I got to start to changing structural issues caused by Eurocentrism. It begins to change the way we think. I encourage the GU community, make it such a rewarding experience. For starters, when other campuses throughout the country have erupted in protest and were concerned about the rights of community members as well as GU students, and it tends to permeate all aspects of our education system, we need to do better.

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**First Friday uplifts Spokane artists, businesses and community**

**By SARAH VAN LIER**

Despite the significant challenges brought about by COVID-19, a tight-knit community like the one that has been cultivated in Spokane continues to thrive.

First Friday is a glimpse of what that community looks like.

**The event is held on the first Friday of every month in downtown Spokane.**

Each First Friday is a celebration of the local business community while still offering several ways to stay home. First Friday continues to support its local businesses and artists. Social media and online activities for a while moving many events to digital platforms.

**A huge part of our economy is the arts.**

Firsts Friday provides a platform for Spokane creatives to show off their work, supporting local businesses.

“From humble beginnings, her small business Cakepop Girl LLC was born.”

**“Don’t get discouraged if a recipe never turns out as you’d hoped. Think of it as a learning opportunity,”**

First Friday holds an important place in the cultural landscape of the city and is full of talent, but it wasn’t appreciated until recently.

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Club sports plan to resume activities Sept. 24, but the level of engagement will vary depending on the sport

By DEVAN IYOMASA

With many restrictions placed on club activities and social gatherings, club sport officials face uncertainty surrounding details of how their season will proceed or if it will at all.

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Due to classes being conducted remotely, the majority of teams were unable to hold tryouts or open gym sessions, making it difficult to engage their athletes.

Involvement, said the center will examine club activity moving forward will be permitted.

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Sport leagues have postponed their sport activity until Sept. 24.

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We have a lot of talent and are in a new league so there’s definitely things to look forward to once the COVID-19 situation eventually stabilizes and we can get some games going again,” Dodds said.

“I was looking forward to taking on a leadership role with the girls to help us compete at our best level, but my expectations are shifting,” Colons said via email. “These unique circumstances are challenging me as a leader to come up with creative ways to keep the club engaging and continue to be a supportive outlet.”

According to Johnson, program coordinator at the Center for Student Involvement, the center will examine what club expenses they can fund, which will be informed by the same guidelines what club expenses they can fund, which will be informed by the same guidelines the rest of the university is following for the fall semester.

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Laura Stockton played for the Zags from 2015-2019. She now plays for Herner TC.

Jessie Loera was a point guard for the Zags from 2016-2020. She now plays for Breidablik.

Running the show internationally

Former Gonzaga women’s basketball point guards Laura Stockton and Jessie Loera are set to play overseas to pursue professional careers.

By SAMANTHA DIMIAO

For years, Zag fans have watched Laura Stockton and Jessie Loera play in the McCarthey Athletic Center. Even before they became teammates, the two former Gonzaga women’s point guards competed against each other in high school games. Now, Stockton and Loera join a host of GU alumni who have moved on from the Court to pursue professional careers in basketball.

“This is actually a really cool new way we’re both taking that next step of playing overseas,” Stockton said. “I’m excited to see what this experience will be like and where it will take me.”

In the beginning of August, Loera signed with a club team in Reykjavik, Iceland called, Breidablik. Stockton had a similar experience quickly and is now on her own American team.

About a month after it became official, Loera endured the endless hours of travel to Iceland to then only spend five days in isolation as per the team’s COVID-19 protocol. She has spent some of her quarantine researching the new country in which she resides and is looking forward to exploring the caves, volcanos, mountains and northern lights when her schedule allows it.

“I know Iceland’s just a beautiful country,” Loera said. “I’m super excited for Jess, too. It’s been a long time coming and it’s finally here.”

Not only has Loera’s family always encouraged her and supported her dreams, but her teammates and GU staff always there for her, too. Up until the day she left, her teammates and coaches will stick with her as she begins her journey.

“They helped her overcome any struggles and obstacles preventing her from reaching her dream and encouraged her to persevere through it all,” Stockton said.

“Though her large family of successful athletes currently spread out across the world to pursue their careers, a close bond still remains. They stay in touch through FaceTime and when they do get to see each other, they’re filled with enthusiasm.”

“Everything that Laura has learned from all of her teammates and coaches will stick with her as she begins her professional career. Even though Iceland’s style of play may be slightly different because of the same floor, the intensity and the referees, Loera said she’s ready to adapt and bring in her own unique style that Zags fans so deeply love watching.”

“I might not be able to be as pesky as I used to be,” Loera laughed. “I’m excited though to be able to learn the game here and see how different it is [from] back home.”

As for Stockton, the original plan was to sign with an agent after senior year, but her season-ending injury delayed the process. However, once she healed several months later, she signed with an agent and landed a contract with a team in Germany called Herten SC. Stockton said she has already been learning the language and will not be completely on her own, but it is important to her to understand the culture before moving there.

“I know the basics of the language and will be completely by her own, but it is a major change from Spokane where she has lived for so long.”

After GU, Stockton played at Gonzaga Prep. She said she has always played competitively and that will not stop now. Since she played for a nationally ranked university in the country with thousands of fans in the stands, competing in March Madness and participation in several interviews on television, the pressures of playing professionally don’t phase her.

“Being able to be put on that big stage has definitely prepared me for what’s next at the professional level,” Stockton said. “It doesn’t scare me to have more pressure. I’m used to it just because we played at such a high level at Gonzaga.”

So many years of club games, high school tournaments, practices every day and being a student on top of it all has finally paid off for Loera and Stockton.

“This is the next step of what we always wanted,” Stockton said. “I’m excited to see what this opportunity will bring.”

“I’m excited to see what this opportunity will bring,” Loera added. “It’s such a little festival and I know she’s going to kill it overseas.”

“I’m sure there’s more that I don’t know about, but I’m thankful that we’re very thankful for everyone who helped us get to where we are today,” Stockton said.

“I know a lot of it, though, had to do with Gonzaga and the support that we had from them, the community and the students. I’m sure she could say the same thing, that we’re very thankful for everyone who helped us get to where we are today.”

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