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## PAVING THE WAY



Eighteen inches of snow fell in Spokane last week. As a result, Spokane initiated a full-city plow.

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### Spokane and GU plows were out in full force last week after record-breaking snowfall

By CARA KONOWALCHUK

The city of Spokane began a full-city plow in response to the record-breaking snowfall on Feb. 11.

A city policy states that Spokane enters a full plow after 4 inches of snow fall. That was largely surpassed last week, as Spokane received about 18 inches.

According to city spokesperson Jessica Fisher, the removal took four full days, which is longer than usual. It officially ended at 10 a.m. on Friday.

“Last year was mild but the winter before that was crazy,” Fisher said. “We usually have one or two full city plows per year. But, this past week we were pretty scrambled after two back-to-back full-city plows.”

The city of Spokane revamped the Snow Response Plan last year and is using this new plan for the 2018-2019 snow season. According to the city’s website, the plan provides more plowing sooner, completion of a full plow in three days, piloting new equipment to minimize driveway berms and places a greater

emphasis on plowing snow away from sidewalks.

During a full plow, crews will move to all-day operations. Between 30 to 50 pieces of equipment for plowing are sent out around the city. Major roads, residential areas and hills have priority over other areas.

A detailed snow removal map can be found on the city website. The map reports which streets are being worked on and which are up next. The map is updated one to three times a day.

Since the map is not updated in real

time, it is difficult for citizens to estimate when their street will be plowed.

“With continuous snow it’s hard to stay focused on updating things online,” said Fisher.

To help with this, citizens are encouraged to report any missed roads or concerns to the city by calling 311.

Record-breaking snowfall also put pressure on Grounds and Maintenance crew to keep campus safe.

GU has multiple plows, including

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### Student-created app gives Zags chance to earn extra change

By ALEXIS WEST

With classes, clubs and other costly commitments, some Zags find themselves pinching pennies and looking for work.

GU seniors Nick McClain and Zach Duffy developed a new company by the name of OddJobbers, which is a platform used to connect college students with local residents to complete any oddtask a customer is in need of. These jobs can range from anything like moving furniture or shoveling snow, to more skilled labor such as tutoring or graphic design.

“We both got back from studying abroad our junior

year and found there were not many ways to make money,” McClain, the main founder, said. “I knew that was a problem a lot of students experienced.”

Those in need of a service post their job online where students from a local university can view the post. From there, students who are interested can contact the person.

“I think people really have an affinity toward helping college students out which is really nice, so leveraging that relationship between colleges and their towns is going to be huge,” Duffy said.

Once the task is completed, customers pay electronically. Students can sign up for certain jobs monthly, weekly or just once; so any job can fit right into

their schedule.

“I’m sure a lot of kids grew up like me just doing things around the house so we thought it would be a good way to put those two groups of people together and give them a way to benefit each other,” McClain said.

With OddJobbers, there is no sign up fee, no extensive background check and no longterm commitment. Similar sites like Rover or Care.com require an upfront payment and take time to process a background check. The only requirement to be an OddJobber is a transcript from your university.

“That is important to us because we want no barriers

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First Avenue Coffee is located on 1011 W. First Ave., across the street from Fox Theater.

### First Avenue Coffee raises standards

REVIEW  
By RYAN LIAM

Coffee is a commodity that we have taken for granted, sacrificing the artistic and nourishing nature over convenience.

Deborah Di Bernardo, owner of First Avenue

Coffeehouse explained that by 2040, around 60 percent of coffee will be extinct. Di Bernardo points out how unsustainable the business model is in the coffee industry. The farmers are heavily exploited, the quality of coffee is mediocre at best, and it is destroying the environment.

Di Bernardo opened her brick-and-mortar shop to prove to the world that you can have the best quality coffee along with a sustainable business structure.

“Our coffee is the only coffee in the state of Washington that

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### FASU to celebrate a beautiful life

Filipino American Student Union will be hosting its Barrio Fiesta in March

By JORDAN GONZALEZ

The 14th annual Barrio Fiesta will be held on March 2 in the Hemmingson Ballroom by the Filipino American Student Union (FASU).

Barrio Fiesta, formally known as “Festival,” had a name change to intentionally connect to Filipino culture, according to FASU President Christina Ed, senior. This year’s theme is “magandang buhay” which translates from Tagalog to “beautiful life.”

“Our goal with this theme is to show the diversity of the Philippines and that one’s experience is different from the next,” Ed said.

For the planning members of the Fiesta, it has been a long process. From the time the

new board is elected, around March or April of the year before, they pick the venue, theme, hold online Skype meetings during the summer and plan into the new school year.

“It’s a team effort,” said junior Barrio co-director Kaela Flores. “It’s a really big team effort.”

Looking back from the year before, sophomore Michelle Cuaresma, another Barrio co-director, is ready to see that team effort in action.

“I think last year’s was really great, I had a lot of fun,” Cuaresma said. “But coming from a planning perspective, I’m excited to see the outcome of all our hard work materialize.”

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