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## 1,800 expected to celebrate Gonzaga Day through service next week

By RILEY UTLEY

For seven years, Gonzaga alumni have been celebrating Gonzaga Day. It is meant to “celebrate what it truly means to be a Zag for life — full of gratitude, pride and a willingness to help those in need,” as stated on the Gonzaga Day website.

On Feb. 9 students and alumni will gather to celebrate the university and what it stands for.

Events will include service opportunities and game-watch events in cities all over the world. This year it falls on the day of the men’s basketball team’s home

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**Service always comes first, and I think the alumni understand that and I think it starts as a student.**

*Drew Rieder, director of regional chapters for Gonzaga Alumni*

game against Saint Mary’s and the women’s game against the Pilots in Portland.

“The main point of [this event] is to have one day throughout the year where

Zags could all be unified and come together in a specific way and celebrate all things Gonzaga,” said Drew Rieder, director of regional chapters for Gonzaga Alumni.

This day was created, according to the GU website, in order to bring alumni together while simultaneously ensuring that the effect of GU continues to current and future generations.

“Gonzaga Day is kind of like GU’s own little holiday,” Rieder said. “It doesn’t fall on the same day every year but we’ve

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## The Gonzaga journey of Geno Crandall

From a memorable debut as a Kennel foe and through early adversity, GU’s newest player is on a mission to make it to Minnesota in April



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Senior transfer shooting guard Geno Crandall is the newest addition to the men’s basketball team.

By IAN DAVIS-LEONARD

On Dec. 16, 2017, fans packed the McCarthy Athletic Center for what many expected to be a beat down by the then No. 8 Gonzaga Bulldogs over a lesser foe from the Big Sky Conference, the North Dakota Fighting Hawks.

Instead, they received an introduction to UND’s scrappy, do-everything guard, who had his mind set on getting a victory and spoiling GU’s fun: Geno Crandall.

“It was intimidating and one of those things that guys at small schools get up for and get a little bit extra excited for because it’s your chance to make a name for yourself on the national stage and be seen,” Crandall said.

Crandall’s extra energy quickly turned into shock and dismay for Zag fans, as North Dakota, a team without a road win on the season, led GU for much of the game.

The then-junior guard scored 20 points in regulation, including a game-tying 3-pointer over GU’s Josh Perkins with seconds left on the clock to send the game to overtime.

In the overtime period, Crandall’s eight points weren’t enough, as GU pulled away to an 89-83 victory.

During the game’s 45 minutes of action, Crandall did not rest once. Instead, he led all scorers with 28 points, while also leading UND in rebounds and assists with five apiece and leaving the GU fans, players and coaches with something to remember.

Truth be told, the McCarthy Athletic Center left an impact on Crandall, as well.

“You look up and you see all the banners and obviously it is still a sellout crowd and there is just kind of an energy about the place, a little bit of a mystique,” Crandall said. “You see the sign that is in the tunnels, ‘Sold out every game since 2004.’ I think that definitely helped at least put Gonzaga in my mind a little more than other places.”

He said this became crucial when he decided to forego his final year at UND and transfer elsewhere.

After a high school recruiting process in which he only received two scholarship offers, Crandall was now flooded

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Riverfront Park plays a major role in Spokane’s tourism, as it is home to the skate ribbon and the Loeffl Carrousel.

## Parks and expectations

Full of flowers, ice skating and space to play: Spokane’s parks add to the city’s character

By KARLIE MURPHY

Spokane is widely known for its quirk and charm, the four seasons and many hidden coffee shops, but one of the best draws are the city’s parks. On the top of this list are Riverfront Park and Manito Park.

Riverfront Park plays a major role in Spokane’s largest tourist attraction events. One of the annual events that Spokane residents and visitors alike look forward to is Hoopfest. According to its website, Hoopfest, exceeds 25,000 participants and brings \$39 million to the Spokane economy.

When it comes to what attracts many to Riverfront Park, there is no shortage of things to do. Spokane spent about \$10 million on building

the new skate ribbon at Riverfront Park which opened for its second season in 2018.

In 2014, 69 percent of voters approved a \$64.3 million project that outlined the plan to renovate Riverfront Park. In addition to building the skate ribbon, the Loeffl Carrousel was revamped last year and relocated into a new building, among other renovations to the park.

Sophomore Madeline Williamson even bought a season pass to the skate ribbon.

“It’s really fun and convenient, and I knew I would want to be going a lot,” Williamson said. “I like the ice ribbon because it’s really cool and unique—it’s a big track rather than an oval [like

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## COG’s My Zone provides safe options for Zags with allergies

By CARA KONOWALCHUK

Recent changes in My Zone at the COG provide additional options for students with dietary restrictions and allergies.

My Zone is designed to accommodate those who require nut-free or gluten-free alternatives. Zag Dining rotates through a variety of different grains in bagels, English muffins, waffles and tortillas. Students can find new certified gluten-free granola, along with yogurt and spreads to prevent any cross contamination that may occur at other stations.

Hayden Thrasher, the new health and wellbeing coordinator, quickly honed in on the project after coming to campus in August.

“I think coming into a campus food service role, I’ve learned a lot more about food allergies and how common they can be and just how severe they are,” Thrasher said. “I wanted to make sure those students had some different items that are always going to be there in a safe and contained area.”

Zag Dining does not plan on stopping there. My Zone is still in the introductory phases, but District Chef Thomas Morissette said he believes options for students will continue to grow.

“For me, what I want to do is remove the fridge and make that more of the vegan or dairy free section,” said Morissette. “Basically, I want a My Zone section for gluten-free and a vegan section. So, I could see it easily doubling by the end of the semester.”

In the meantime, Thrasher said Zag Dining wants feedback from students. Comment cards for suggestions are available in the COG.

“Students are able to play a role in the dining process and we take that information and bring it to the people that are going to be able to execute that change,” Thrasher said.

Any students that want to provide feedback or would like a dietary consultation can contact Thrasher at hayden.thrasher@sodexo.com or Morissette at thomas.morissette@sodexo.com.

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