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It is our pleasure to present this centennial edition of the Newswire to commemorate 100 years of student journalism at Xavier University. The first student paper was published in December 1915, and this issue will take you from that publication through every decade to the present one, surveying the history of Xavier students through their own eyes and voices.

As the managing editor for the Newswire, I am also responsible for archiving each issue. This task has been accomplished by editors for decades, leaving a treasure trove at our disposal in the university archives. This edition only represents a slim sampling of what is available, but, nevertheless, I hope it gives you a picture of the accomplishments handed down to us by our predecessors here at Xavier over the last century.

—Taylor Fulkerson, managing editor

Page 2: At the top of our page is the banner of the first paper from December 1915. Below, to the left, are two announcements of the new paper’s purpose and the staff’s intent. Staff members attempted to define journalism. There is also a poem, a letter to former classmates fighting in World War I and a joke, along with the seal of the printer for the paper in its first few years of publication.

Page 3: The Xavierian News covered the development of the college’s student life in the 1920s, ’30s and ’40s: the first dormitory was built on campus after an opinion piece advocated for it the year before, hazarding of freshmen became more prevalent, instigating debates about the value of it, and the name “Musketeers” was chosen for the athletic teams. A poem also explains how “Xavier” is pronounced. Included as well is a photograph of a Jesuit seismologist in the wake of a small earthquake in Cincinnati and student reactions to World War II.

Page 4: Women were not allowed to study at Xavier until 1960, but students had thoughts on the matter over a decade before and published their opinions in the Xavier University News. There is also a cartoon about classroom and teacher shortages, the first of which is still a problem on campus. After President Kennedy’s assassination, there was an entire issue devoted to him, including political analysis and included here, student reactions.

Page 5: Students became increasingly politically interested and active in the 1950s and ’60s, first in response to the perceived Communist threat, and later to issues of progress, the Vietnam conflict and migrant farm workers’ strikes. This page shows various responses to these topics from the editorial boards in the 1960s: Today the Newswire cannot advertise alcohol, but that wasn’t the case before the drinking age was raised, as demonstrated by the ad for Hudepohl beer.

Page 6: A number of historic events took place in the 1970s and 1980s that had a big impact on students: the football team was discontinued, all-school masses were no longer mandatory, President, Fr. Currie, S.J. was dismissed by the Board of Trustees and Edgecliff College was acquired by the university, adding a fourth college.

Page 7: This is the first banner of the paper after the name was changed to the Newswire, along with an explanation by the editor-in-chief at the time. A recent alumnus wrote to the Newswire after he spent time helping to search for survivors at Ground Zero in the fall of 2001. He wished to remain anonymous, but still made the front page, relating to current students the challenges he faced in New York.

Page 8: History of the Newswire, 1915 to present.
THE XAVIERIAN NEWS
CINCINNATI, OHIO
A paper published and devoted to the interests of St. Xavier College of Commerce, Finance and Journalism.

VOL. 1. NO. 1.
DECEMBER 1915
PRICE TEN CENTS

THE XAVIERIAN NEWS
Subscription, fifty cents in advance. Advertising rates on application.

THE STAFF
Herbert A. Nieman, Editor-In-Chief
Associate Editors:

"A mighty oak from the little acorn grows."
The Xaverian is here—seeking its bow before the journalistic world. It is in the hope to stay, to make its mark among the journalistic colleges throughout the country. Our determination to make this paper a success is limited only by the amount of cooperation it will receive from faculty and students alike.

Our brother Journalistic Colleges will always be the first to note that our new college is an evening college. Probably the first and only one to publish their own paper. We have no excuse to offer. We have and shall continue to do the best we can.

What is Journalism?
Answered by the Students

The Press is the pulse of human activity—Ralph Lippert.
Public opinion is moulded through the press—M. C. Heitz.
The reporter is the herald of everyday events of the people—W. P. Kennedy.
The newspaper is sound ethics in a most wholesome public educator—Francis J. Rose.

The Xaverian Editor has made the world a little place in which the life of all is part of ours and ours part of all—George Gissing.

To his readers the conscientious editor is a brother to his people—E. Plemons.
The newspaper is the business world as seen by the battery to the motor—L. M. Heitz.

Thorough training is as necessary to the Journalist as it is for the lawyer, physician, or those engaged in other professions—Herbert A. Nieman.

From The Xavierian News, June 1916

LOOK FORWARD.

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fall to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Well not for chances passed away;
Warp not for golden ages on the waste;
Each sight I burn the records of the day
At scramble every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendor that has sped,
To vanished joys be blind and dust and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead
But never blind a moment yet to come.

Comrades:
"Seems strange to us when we think of your failures gone away, somewhere, it's only a matter of weeks since we were all back here pulling together in the same boat, heart it! Pale, we were. You remember the times we had the ball, the smiles and the speeches? And Brendel's enthusiasm? And Cran's lectures? And Muffin's jokes? And all the rest?"

"Now you're hearing somebody else's lectures and jokes and quick-stopping under somebody else's enthusiasm. No midnight oil now, eh? You're going to bed at 'Taps.' (But we're betting that's a more popular tune than the 'lilt it')? You used to get a lot of instruction concerning poems and feature articles and invoices and amortization. Now your lectures are about formations and hygiene and camaraderie. You used to sit in desks, too, or the sidelines—chain—remember them? Now—well, we know that khaki was built for rough wear all over.

"You're still human, though. And we suppose you have your blue Mondays and days and things just the same as we do. Here's just a little something to show as: if you ever get to feeling that the world is not but a big lemon, remember this—that the boys back home are thinking of you and envying you; that we believe every one of you is a splendid type of student and man; that we're sure you're going to deliver the same effective work in the camp that you did in the class room; that we know you'll carry the big warm spirit of old St. X with you wherever you go, with the assurance that every man with whom you associate will be a little better for having met you. Think about it!

"If it is your fortune to go beyond, let this be our good-bye. When you come back, remember there are plenty of vacant desks and unoccupied side-arm chairs waiting for you; but remember, especially, that our hearts and minds are full of you and that you are hereby welcomed afloat or ashore:

"Your faithful
ST. X. FRIENDS."

From The Xavierian News, October 1917

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From The Xavierian News, June 1916

TO OUR BOYS IN KHAKI.

Joseph Albers,
Herbert Beck,
W. C. Brown,
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William Curtin,
Eillard Dunne,
William H. Diseman,
Frank Pavret,
Harry Gilligan,
John Glauser,
L. M. Heitz,
W. C. Kennedy,
B. H. Kroger, Jr.,
L. H. Mearman,
Frank Schaefer,
Alexander W. Schenck,
Charles B. Skimmerton,
Lucie Streda,
William E. Tasker,
Robert B. Trame,
Edward Vunker.

From The Xavierian News, June 1916

SPECIAL UNIT BANQUET AT HOTEL GIBSON

From The Xavierian News, January 1915
"DORMITORY Says Committee is ASSURED BY FALL"

Living accommodations for four of our students at Xavier College are assured by the beginning of the first semester of next year.

This announcement comes authoritatively from the committee which is managing the dormitory fund campaign.

Temporary quarters will be secured until the new structure is ready to house the students as early as 1926. Further information on this matter will be given later.

The value of a dormitory in St. Xavier College has severely been overstated. The lack of boarding and housing facilities in college housing has been a factor to the great objection to the accommodations of our students. With the certainty of a feature such as dormitory, all signs indicate a recorded-breaking registration of students from the secondary territory surrounding the Queen City.

The campaign for a new dormitory is steadily progressing. With the students and parents interested, the campaign is being conducted on the building to house students.

The plan being followed is to have as many persons as possible contribute a donation sufficient to build and furnish at least one room in the proposed building. This plan necessary for this purpose is $2,000. The room will serve as a perpetual memorial to the donor.

This campaign is a continuation of the Diamond Jubilee Committee's work thru whose efforts Alessio Hall was built.

—from The Xavier News, Apr. 15, 1921

"X-PLANNING "X-AIVER"

A week beginning with an 'X'.

Most never read or rhyme with eggs. Nor do we think of them except by their initials in the class lists. And yet it's probably one of the letters in the alphabet most closely associated with Xavier.

Most always rhyme with good neighbor.

In all the seasons, in all the weather. The two are always found together.

To those who are interested the Management wish to announce that space may be purchased in The Student Edition of The Xavier News, subject to the degree of conformity with our style sheets. Don't goad. Put it in The Xavier News.

—from The Xavier News, Dec. 1, 1920

"THE MUSKETEERS"

Half to the Musketeers!

Rev. P. J. Finn, S. J., member of the board of trustees and widely known writer of books for boys is the winner of the Xavier News prize for a nickname for St. Xavier athletic teams.

"One for all and all for one" the Musketeers shawm apply for and applies to St. Xavier teams. Athlete prestige has been built upon that foundation in the past and whatever may happen to St. Xavier in the future will depend upon the cleanness of interteam bond solidarity of interest and determination of purpose that is evidenced by the undergraduate body, athletes and non-athletes alike.

Heres to the Musketeers.

—from The Xavier News, Oct. 7, 1925

"I"N OUR LETTERBOX"

Your Edition: "My advice of the discussion regarding Prejudicial Races, I would like to state that I am severely against them. In the first place rules that are silly or prejudice should receive the condemnation of all. Secondly, I will assume that the advancement of Prejudicial Races demands that a light, mandatory character for anything that serves of "taint" is revealing.

With the current trend of light disapproval that at first seems less than desirable. It is that Prejudicial Races should be removed to prevent anything during student Assembly meetings, and other upperclassmen should be snubbed. Your opinion—so far as I am concerned—for whom will the rule affect? Thus it seems that the rule is worse than useless. The alternative is better.

There is a dangerous weapon to be wielded by the student body. It opens up an avenue through whom and how the student groups, pretty girls, and class consciousness. It is the spirit of love and unity that should rule in our school. The institution would never be cured by such a rule. I feel that the rule is not fair and should be removed."

—from The Xavier News, Apr. 1, 1923

"This College Model by Selz"

You will see this model a lot at the football games this season. It's the "college idea" for the season.

Many other models to choose from

Selz

Oxfords 6.00 to 8.50

Men's Shop—Separate Entrance on Fourth Street.

THE H. & S. POGUE CO.
The Xavier University News Forum

SHOULD THE EVANSTON CAMPUS BE COEDUCATIONAL?

NO!

By Bob Daner

Is nothing sacred? Does a tradition reaching back over a period of more than 70 years mean nothing? Are we to cast aside an educational policy which has raised Xavier University to an enviable position in the scholastic world? No, by all that's holy, not the educational policy of the Jesuits leading at Xavier has ever hamstringed the classic idea of education, that is educate the whole man. The Xavier program is so integrated as to promote his physical, mental, and spiritual development.

Xavier is involving not merely knowledge for the sake of knowledge... not how to make a living, but how to live. How to live as a man! And it is better way to teach a man to live as a man than to teach him as a man. This may seem a bit too simple to some, but such is far from the truth. Here tradition has established that every student is to be regarded as a man, set in the generic area, not in the sense of man, as the tract, the leader of society. This institution recognizes the fact that man is so constituted by nature to be the leader of society, and the entire Xavier formula was conceived with that in mind. Classes are taught by men and women students on a par. Physiological, mental, and spiritual problems of men. They are led on a plane to fit the intellectual approach of man.

Intuition of the feminine mind would necessitate a complete change in the traditional system of classes would have to strike a man to suit the powers of intellectual appreciation of both men and women. Consequently it would be on a plane entirely suited to neither. Why change a proven system of education which since 1857 has been graduating Catholic gentlemen?

YES!

By Pat Riley

“Say, Gus, who is that cute little doll who sits next to you in our Ethnic class?”

How, some of you will shut up, lift your eyebrows in horror and certain, ‘What’s with Xavier University?’

Well no kidding, why not make “X” coeducational!

Just stop and think of all the advantages. The boys would no doubt take stock of themselves. They would pay more attention to their appearance. Neater looking scholars because girls on the campus would want to look their best and be well groomed.

Then too, competition would be corner. No fellow will let a woman get ahead of him when it comes to brains. Scholastic averages would receive a shot in the arm.

Seeing girls in school and getting to know them would help students immensely. Collegewomen would meet girls who had been interested by the coeds that suited them, their own type. With Catholic boys dating Catholic girls, the number of mixed marriages would decrease rapidly.

Learning how to get along with people (Male and Female) in this world is no small part of a college education and anyone who thinks otherwise is just plain dumb.

Now, now, hold on. I know Xavier has been a Men’s school for over 100 years. The classes are taught by men, for men and etc., so there is no place for women. But that notion is a bit one sided.

A few changes in classes would remedy this situation. There are many classes where men and women must be segregated.

There are in most colleges a certain number of students who are not good mixers—that is they are not equipped with that sort of personality that makes for getting along with people their own age. With young Catholic women sharing their school rooms, they may work out their own problems, their particular social experiences, their own possibilities in the social world, and thus gradually blossom out.

The loss of coeducation is not new by any means. It has been tried and approved in many colleges. St. Louis University, University of Denver, University of California, and others, etc. The cost plan benefits any school. Coed would add spirit, grace, color and dignity to Xavier’s campus.

This force of education has been highly recommended by many men who have been through our College.

There is no reason why it could not and should not succeed at Xavier.

Xavier is already graduated one of the finest colleges in the Middle West. Why not make it one of the finest co-educational colleges in the Middle West?

—from the Xavier University News, Dec. 12, 1947

CO-EDUCATION

Co-education

De前の的 the Jesuits were noted for their outstanding institutions of higher learning such as Xavier University. They operate schools throughout the world with the purpose of helping young men and women to become good Catholics and citizens. The purpose of our very being is to teach God. Every phase of our lives should lead us to God. Naturally, Catholic education is very necessary.

In Cincinnati there is only one Catholic university for men. There are two colleges for women and no co-educational Catholic colleges. Due to this fact, many Catholic students enroll in non-Catholic schools.

Many Catholic girls I know are attending Indiana and Illinois because of the broader social and educational opportunities offered in these co-educational schools. For these students there is danger of, in attending a non-Catholic school, they may be co-educational or not. First, their education cannot possibly be complete, for it lacks God or even denies God, and thus they are not properly equipped to fulfill their purpose in life.

Second, through their social life, a Catholic college, many Catholic men and women meet and finally marry people who are not of their own faith. If they had attended a Catholic school, it would have been far more likely that they would have met a Catholic partner.

This city is in need of a Catholic re-education, and Xavier should be one.

Sincerely,

Sue Schnickman

—from the Xavier University News, July 23, 1956

STUDENT REACTION HERE!

By Dave Cook

News Managing Editor

Debated was the first reaction of the Xavier students as they heard of President Kennedy’s assassination. The statement of Freshman Steve Childs: “I didn’t believe it happened, at first. I didn’t believe it could ever happen. I think it has hurt us, but it might make us stronger and more united, though we’ve probably lost some prestige abroad.”

Senior Nick Alvaro, echoing Childs, commented, “I still think it’s a pretty hard thing to accept—so I believe that it actually happened. I was surprised at the way that a lot of fellow students never even considered the possibility of it happening.”

But Roger Broadner, ’64, after offering his thoughts of “surprise and shock,” added, “I see that the nation was still whole and the government was still in control. I guess I thought about the tragedy is that we lost a man who really cared about the American concept, among the 100 million in this country the change in policy, possibly concerned for the majority’s will, forever.”

One student, Junior Terry Sorey, did not seem so sure of the position, “I was at a loss for words, at first.” He said, “I thought the nation would not be able to continue to function.”

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John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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SCHOOL DAZE . . . BY TOM GRAY

—from the Xavier University News, Apr. 26, 1963
X. U. NEWS Editorials

Boycott...
The plight of the migrant worker is a sad one. His pay averages about $1.40 an hour; his work is seasonal, uncertain — and when the field is harvested, he must move on. Living conditions are, at best, tolerable. Present labor laws do not cover him — thus, minimum wage and child labor laws, health insurance and fringe benefits are, for the most part, not available to him. His family must move where he can find work; often the wife and children will work in the fields, too. Educational facilities for the children are in turnout, due primarily to the necessity of the mobility of the occupation.

The movement to raise the conditions of the migrant worker began in 1965 when the United Farm Workers Organizational Committee, the bargaining agent for the Grape Farm Workers’ Union, sought union recognition from the powerful grape growers of Delano, California. Although the union apparently represented a majority of the field laborers, the growers refused. In September, 1965, the union struck the Delano growers and since then, due largely to sympathetic boycotters across the land, the union won several contracts in grape country.

The UFWC’s central figure is Cesar Chavez, a man considered a vicious enemy of the non-unionized agricultural system by some, and the “Bolshevist of the migratory worker” by others. He was politically embraced by the late Senator Robert Kennedy as well as Senator Eugene McCarthy. Catholic dioceses in the country, and in particular the Cincinnati archdiocese, perhaps to mitigate the damage done by the “grower-Church coalition” in Delano, have expressed their sympathy for the migratory laborer.

The California grape boycott, while aimed primarily at aiding California migrant workers whose situation is not as serious as those from other areas, will ultimately aid the migratory worker everywhere.

That union leaders are attempting to force the growers to negotiate out of fear is unfortunate, but a necessary action. Powerful growers have neither the right to bind the political hands of migrant workers, nor to perpetuate economic injustice on a minority oppressed long enough. A successful boycott is vastly needed — but will come about only by every individual’s actions.

—from The Xavier News editorial board, Oct. 14, 1968

Joint the Enjoyers

GET A SIX-PACK OR TWO COOLING OFF

Hudepohl

IS THE PURE GRAIN BEER WITH ENJOYMENT BREWED RIGHT IN.


News Platform For Progress At Xavier:

● Increased emphasis on the responsibility of the individual student through the wise administration of student services.

● Improvement of library research facilities.

● Reduction of menial tasks to students through the equitable administration of student services.

● More emphasis on scholarship by the addition of meaning to the Dean’s List, hereinafter a somewhat empty honor.

● Increased participation in extra-curricular programs through the amount of interest by student leaders.

● Elimination of duplications, overlap and confusion in registration and general confusion in registration through general reform of the system.

● Expansion of campus parking facilities.

● Continuation of the faculty evaluation program through voluntary participation.

—from The Xavier News editorial board, Sept. 25, 1964

Radicals In Reverse

One month ago a group was formed calling itself “Young Americans for Freedom,” an organization dedicated to the political realization of conservative principles. After forming chapters on campuses throughout the country, they hope to make available to college students books, pamphlets and speakers, and also to provide conservative background material for the student and come. They will pledge themselves to neither major party, despite the preponderance of Goldwater men among the regional directors, but will endeavor to establish their beliefs to be a true conservative.

THE NEWS feels there should be a promotional plan on all college campuses for organization centered around political discussion and action. Such organization would not only strengthen the student’s grasp on great issues which confront America; they would exert a strong influence on the human themselves, awakening our country’s patriotism in the beliefs and wishes of the coming generation.

—from The Xavier News editorial board, Oct. 1, 1969

Classifying Us

The pages of the newspapers of the world are daily filled with copy concerning that group of individuals collectively known as students. In recent months, Washington has taken steps to determine the phantom students. It is primarily for disease, and the battle for human rights. The questions which are being asked throughout the world are also legislatively here in Cincinnati. What’s wrong with these kids? Why do they disrupt their studies in order to spend their limited time raising hell about things like civil rights, the draft, and, seemingly everything else? Are these students satisfied with the country they live in? For example, when the garbage collectors are on strike, what do they want? This is bad, but education when the garbage collectors are on strike, what do they want? This is bad, but education...

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—from The Xavier News editorial board, Oct. 1, 1969
Currie Leaves Presidency Early

By Paul Blair

Xavier University’s board of trustees has named Dr. Francis V. Mannisto, associate president of Xavier University, as its new president.

Currie assumed the presidency on July 1, 1973, succeeding Dr. Robert J. Liotta, who had served as president since 1968.

The Xavier-Edgecliff Shuttle in 1980

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A New Name and More Changes for the Better

BY PAUL BLAIR
Editor-in-Chief

If you are reading this editorial right now, then we've done it. The editorial staff, by itself, facing equipment failure, broken locks, moving, lack of staffing and Labor Day weekend, has nevertheless managed to put together a first issue, and yet a first issue that takes a radical break with the past.

The editorial changes are perhaps the easiest to notice. This summer, while no one was looking, the senior members of the editorial board sat down with the Programs and Publications Committee to choose the name Xavier Newswire out of many otherwise absurd or boring possibilities.

The staff also reedited the look of the paper from the masthead to the standing section heads to the headlines. We hope this cleaner, more dynamic look will be more appealing to students.

Something which the most observant may notice at the added depth of the paper. This year's newspaper is one and three-quarters inches deeper than last year's. Yet it seems our new aggressive business manager, Thomas Leisinger, has determined that we don't get to use any of the added space for movies.

The Newswire has a new printer this year too. While the printing company compares to other institutions, the Newswire has tapped off a significant amount of its printing budget, despite the added size.

Another cost-saving measure which has been implemented is the use of a Macintosh computer to communicate directly with our typesetters. The savings from the printer and the typesetters will mean that the Newswire will spend at least $3,000 less of student funds this year, even despite the addition of the new staff payroll plan.

We hope that the new Wednesday publication date will be an asset to teachers and advertisers alike. We hope to make this year's Newswire a lot more fast-binding and thorough with regard to campus news.

We also hope we get an advice. As the time of this writing, an interview session had been completed, but a final decision has not yet been made on the interview process. While on campus personnel was considered for the position, it is quite possible that this year's advisor will be someone of professional standing. We'll keep you posted.

—from the Xavier Newswire, Sept. 4, 1985

Student manager seriously injured in car accident

Photo by D.G. Wohl
In a show of support for injured student manager Bryan Williams and fellow team member Chris Mack, the men's basketball players wore the initials and jersey number on their shoes.

Muskie's experience at ground zero

AS TOLD TO KATE DOWNING
Assisting Writer

The author of the following article is a 2001 Xavier graduate who prefers to remain anonymous for personal reasons. As a firefighter and an emergency medical technician, the author volunteered his services to help the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks in New York City.

One September evening, I hugged my parents in a hasty goodbye and left home uncertain of what lay ahead. I am 22, and I had finished my bachelor's degree at Xavier University only three weeks before.

As a firefighter and a emergency medical technician, I answered a call to duty in response to the tragedy. While the nation's biggest emergency was en route to New York, to aid in the recovery effort. Backing out of my driveway, an array of emotions flowed through me. I was excited to go and help, but I also knew what I was about to do, and what it was going to be like would change my life forever. I knew the young man backing out of my driveway was not the same person who would be returning. I knew a part of me would never return from Lower Manhattan.

I am a Xavier graduate, and all of you know me. Professor, I sat through your classes and participated in your discussions. You graded my tests, read my essays, and wished me good luck at the end of the semesters. Students, you paced me in the hallways every day on your way to classes. I sat in the same classes as you. Together, we cheered the basketball team in the Convocation Center, we drank beer at Dana's and we complained about midterms and papers.

I arrived in Manhattan, and as I approached the site of the attack, I tried to mentally prepare myself for what I was about to see. I wasn't sure about what to expect, but I knew it would be unlike anything I had ever imagined. I remember my first look at ground-zero like it was yesterday. I remember how it felt. People have asked me, "What was it like?" But I have no answer for them. I can't describe it. I don't even know where to begin. I have seen it with my own eyes, and it is still difficult for me to imagine. How can I describe it to someone who wasn't there when I can't even describe it to myself.

—From the Xavier Newswire, Oct. 10, 2001; see archives for rest of article
One Hundred Years of Student Journalism

The names reflect the name changes the paper has undergone in the past 100 years.

**The Xavierian News**
December 1915

**The Xavierian News**
March 1916

**Xavier University News**
September 1937

**Xavier University News**
August 1943

**Xavier University News**
March 1946

**Xavier News**
September 1963

**Xavier Newswire**
September 1985

The publication that eventually became today's Newswire had a humble beginning, but high aspirations. Since 1915 it has consistently advocated for students, giving them a voice to express their concerns.

The first in the line of predecessors to the Xavierian, the Xavierian News, was not the first student publication that printed news on campus, but it was the one that eventually molded into a newspaper. The first news source was The Collegian, which appeared and then mysteriously disappeared in 1887. The Athenean followed in 1912 and also printed news for a time, though it shifted to a literary publication and has remained so today.

First printed in 1915, the Xavierian News began as a newsletter for the evening college of the university, the College of Commerce, Finance and Journalism. The publication printed information about which students were enrolled in which classes, jokes, poems and student griping about various classes, a far stretch from journalism in the early days. It took at least five years before the publication became a more serious news source for students.

The student newspaper took on big tasks in the next decade, advocating for a dormitory on campus and against the college changing its name, (both successfully), and for the correct pronunciation of "Xavier" (which is still met with mixed results).

By 1925, the newspaper was published weekly instead of bimonthly, a publication schedule still utilized today. It also held a contest to name the athletic teams of the college and the college. The name "Musketeers" and the corresponding motto "All for one and one for all." The name stuck.

It remained focused narrowly on student life until the end of the decade, when it endorsed Ohio gubernatorial candidate Myers Cooper in 1928, an act that landed the candidate in trouble with opponents.

As World War II picked up, the administration halted publication, but students decided to keep writing. Starting in 1943, they printed a newsletter, Xavier News: a Student Publication, which was distributed to students, alumni and Xavier community members in the military.

After the war, in March 1946, the Xavier University News resumed publication. The first ever April Fool's edition was published in 1949 and it is still published today. (Years later, in 1984, the April Fools edition was found to be so provocative by administrators that it was suspended for one year.)

In the 1950s and 1960s, students became politically active. The News first supported McCarthyism and later wrote against the war in Vietnam. They advocated for solidarity with migrant workers here on campus through boycotts of grapes and lettuce. They also advocated for the presence of women on campus, a goal that was achieved with women attending the evening college beginning in 1960 and women moving on campus in 1969 to the top two floors of Kuhlman Hall. (Fr. Al Bischoff, S.J., better known as Fr. B, spent time as their "guardian angel," helping them to feel safer on campus.)

The paper changed its name to the Xavier News in September 1985, but not before it printed an article in March that year reporting the freezing of faculty salaries, which eventually led to the ouster of President Fr. Charles Currie, S.J. by the Board of Trustees.

The Xavieran finally printed in color for the first time in 2007 and launched a website in the same decade.

The Xavierian News staff, 1935

**The Xavierian News**
December 1915

**The Xavierian News**
March 1916

**Xavier University News**
September 1937

**Xavier News**
August 1943

**Xavier University News**
March 1946

**Xavier News**
September 1963

**Xavier Newswire**
September 1985

It is not always a gripping history, I can admit, especially when one attempts to pull it all together in one place. However, it cannot be denied that the student newspaper has had an unforgettable impact on Xavier's campus, often for the better.

My sincerest appreciation goes to the staffs of years past, who have preserved the happenings here for years to come, to my own staff for their patience and to Roger Fortina for his book "To See Great Wonders: A History of Xavier University," which has been an immense help.