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Buenger, Cintas get facelifts

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Students returning in the fall may notice changes in Xavier’s physical appearance. In addition to freshly paved roads and new decorations in the Gallagher Student Center, two larger projects are hitting campus this summer as Buenger Hall and Cintas Center are given facelifts.

According to Senior Construction Manager for Physical Plant Joe Frecker, Buenger, the first-year and sophomore dorms, is being renovated in a number of ways.

Although not an aesthetic change, the main improvement in the dorm will be the replacement of the heating and cooling system in the building.

Previously, the system filtered all the air in the building, both AC and heat, and dumped it outside. The new system will recirculate the air in the building, significantly decreasing the amount of energy used to keep the building cool during the warm months and warm during the cold ones.

In addition to replacing the heating and cooling system with one that is more environmentally friendly, the ceilings and light fixtures will also see more sustainable improvements. The new lights being installed in the dorm will use less energy while maintaining the same amount of visibility.

All of the furniture in the dorm’s lounges is also being replaced with lighter, more moveable furniture so that students can more easily congregate in these spaces.

The renovations made to Buenger this summer will allow the university to see a decrease in its utility bill as well as its carbon footprint, since less energy will be used to heat, cool and light the dorm.

The academic floor of Cintas was renovated last summer, and construction of the sport medicine facilities and renovations of the basketball arena began this summer. The Cintas Center arena currently has a maximum seating occupancy of 10,750 people. After construction the seating capacity of Cintas will be reduced to 10,570.

By Arena Rowe
Opinions & Editorials Editor

Sumner to play close to home with Pacers in Indy

Former Xavier point guard Edmond Sumner guarded opted to waive his two remaining years of NCAA eligibility and declare for the 2017 NBA Draft.

Sumner, who was projected to be a first-round pick prior to this past season, sustained a season-ending ACL injury on Jan. 29 against St. John’s, negatively impacting his draft stock.

Nonetheless, Sumner was drafted by the New Orleans Pelicans with the 32nd pick in the second round and was immediately traded to the Indiana Pacers.

The Pacers now have a high-character guy with talent and incredible potential. The 6’5” guard has NBA size and athleticism.

As a dynamic rim attacker, Sumner drives to the basket aggressively, usually ending with a strong finish.

The road to recovery is long for this type of injury, but expect a resilient Sumner to bounce back and make some noise in his return to action.

The main question at this stage will be how the Pacers handle Sumner’s injury and his contract situation. Sumner, who will allegedly be undergoing a shoulder surgery once he recovers from his knee injury, will likely not be back on the court until the middle of March. In addition, Sumner is not on a guaranteed contract, meaning his time with the Pacers could come to an end at the conclusion of the NBA season in April.

Sumner is on a two-way contract with the Pacers, which is a new type of contract that the NBA introduced this offseason.

Essentially, Sumner will spend most of his time with the Pacers’ G-League affiliate, the Fort Wayne Mad Ants, while getting “called up” to the Pacers every so often.

Sumner has incredible potential, and the Pacers obviously see it if they used a draft pick on an already injured player. However, a hitch in Sumner’s recovery could be detrimental for his immediate future in the NBA.

By Luke Feliciano
Sports Editor

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Partial solar eclipse will cover Cincinnati this fall

By Ellen Bayerman

The first day of classes at Xavier on Monday, Aug. 21 will also bring the natural phenomenon of a solar eclipse. The eclipse will be visible across a belt of the United States, varying between a total or partial eclipse based on location, and Cincinnati will experience a piece of the eclipse in just a few weeks.

Spanning around 70 miles wide, this solar phenomenon will be observable between 1:10 p.m. and 3:52 p.m., reaching its maximum coverage point at 2:29 p.m. During these hours, darkness will stretch across the country, displaying an unforgettable occurrence of the sun retreating behind the moon.

Local amateur astronomer Robert Schroeder reported that “the path of totality goes from Oregon to South Carolina.” Cincinnati will experience between 80 and 90 percent coverage of the sun, Schroeder said. “It will be a ‘small’ or ‘large’ an initiative in its power to help alleviate it in a way that ‘makes it easier for students to truly get the most out of the education we are all so privileged to be receiving.’

Buettner listed several printing issues that students commonly face, such as late-night runs to print in GSC or long waits for computers to open up during a printing rush hour before class.

Being able to assist with these issues as a student through the printer’s installation, he believes, will help to show incoming students that they can make a difference. He also hopes that it will serve as motivation for more students to get involved on campus.

The largest obstacle Buettner faced to complete the project was actually the absence of this involvement, the result of what he dub the “student mindset.” “Students don’t usually realize how much their wants and voices mean to Xavier,” Buettner explained.

In addition to the committee members and other faculty members, one person crucial to the printer’s installation is Alter Building Manager Nanette Moore. “She was extremely opening and welcoming when meeting with SGA and started working on things immediately,” Buettner said. “Truly I would implore any student that sees her to stop and take a second to tell her thank you.”

As a takeaway for both the incoming and rising students, Buettner states, “I think these printers should go to show the student body one simple thing: regardless of how small or large an initiative or project is, never give up.”

Newswire photo by Hannah Paige Michels

Junior Sam Buettner spearheaded the initiative to put a printing station in the lobby of Alter Hall for this fall.

“Type of eclipse only occurs, and is visible somewhere on the planet, about twice a year. The most recent total eclipse visible from the mainland United States occurred in 1979.”

Because of the novelty of this event, experts warn observers of its possibly harmful effects. Observers should be aware that it is damaging for the naked eye to look directly at the sun, except when the sun is completely hidden by the moon.

Eclipse viewing equipment such as, “eclipse glasses” can be purchased online. NASA and the Cincinnati Observatory also suggest a DIY “pinhole projector” as the easiest method of eclipse viewing. A simple tutorial can be found online calling for easy household items including aluminum foil, white cardboard, tape and a paperclip.

Stay safe, muskies, when viewing this rare occurrence come the first day of classes.
Deena Dakhiel, a senior communications major from Saudi Arabia, believes even her country has had to deal with the travel ban. "This is an attack on poor and marginalized Muslims, and an attack on any Muslim is an attack on the United States," Dakhiel said. "This is an attack on human rights and an attack on any Muslim. It is an attack on any entity such as a company or university. Opponents of the travel ban claim that it is another way to divide the country further."

"This goes to show that money talks," Dakhiel said. "This is an attack on poor and marginalized Muslims, and an attack on any Muslim is an attack on all Muslims and even greater, an attack on humanity."

The nations on the travel ban list include Syria, Somalia, Libya, Sudan, Yemen and Iran, all of which, with the exception of Iran, are in the midst of war or a failing or deeply troubled government. Somalia’s United Nations-backed government is in constant battle with Al-Shabab militants who are allied with Al-Qaeda. Syria is in its sixth year of a civil war that has taken more than 470,000 lives and displaced 6.1 million internally and 4.8 million externally as of February 2017, according to Human Rights Watch. Libya’s new government, born from the ashes of the Arab Spring and ousted of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, is struggling to contain pockets of Islamic States groups, also known as ISIS, within the country. Sudan still has lasting tensions with South Sudan, which separated from the country in 2011. Yemen is in its third year of a civil war between Houthi rebels and the current government that is backed by Saudi Arabia.

The confrontations in these countries mostly have to do with border disagreements and who has control over oil reserves. According to the Trump administration, the travel ban is necessary for the safety of the United States and to prevent attacks. Critics have cited that the most notorious attacks in the United States were perpetrated by nationals of countries not on the list, like Saudi Arabia, or were born in the United States.

"There is no logic behind it (the ban)," Dakhiel said. "It is just adding emphasis on fear of the ‘other’ and dividing America even more."
Atheists walk into Catholic school

It doesn’t take much to notice the deep rifts in our society. As a self-governing nation of competing interests that requires a cohesive public life, we don’t get along so well. The unprecedented ideological and methodological polarization of our politics, especially in election years, has created a unique set of social problems that leak from the political sphere into our private lives.

A Pew Research study found that 63 percent of conservatives and 49 percent of liberals claim almost all of their close friends share their political views. In the intermedary years, those numbers have inflated alongside new findings that people of opposing political convictions resist dating and marrying, as well as finding common cause outside their ideological camp.

Put simply, we can’t get past our political differences because we think those differences are a function of an environment in which good faith discourse is hard to find.

Consider the bumper sticker approach to politics created by social media, whereby ideas are ripped from context and blown out of proportion to fit the agenda of the “other.”

It is not enough to simply “point fingers and prod and agitate. Steer into the discomfort. If you put in the work to build yourself a bridge across the divide, you might just be surprised at who will be waiting there halfway. It isn’t easy, of course, but more than anything, understand the fundamental human aspect of the person across the table. You’ll catch a lot more flies with honey than vinegar, and you might just find that there’s nothing sweeter than good faith democratic conversation.”

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Magic of Hogwarts lives within us

This summer, I had the pleasure of going to London for a few days to explore the city and history, and while there, I decided to go somewhere my childhood self would have been so excited to see. In Kings Cross Station near platform 9 and 10 is the Harry Potter store, which at the time was celebrating the 20th anniversary of the release of Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone.

I have found that many people still are dreaming about receiving Hogwarts acceptance letters, and it’s not hard to see why.

The world that J.K. Rowling created is a place that we wish we all could go to. We are all longing to have wands, broomsticks, and to travel through secret passageways that only we know about.

We are all of these things in our own right way now. Yet, because our world seems to be gliding over the earth and to travel through the secret passageways that only we know about. We are all of these things in our own right way now.

The world we live in now is just as magical as Hogwarts.

Yet, because our world seems to be gliding over the earth and to travel through secret passageways that only we know about, I decided to go someplace else, and while there, I decided to go somewhere else and while there, I decided to go somewhere else.

In the past, you might have ignored it, and even to get food of your choice on your doorstep in a half hour.

Although they do not leave the ground, take a moment the next time you ride a bike to think about how magical it is to be gliding over the earth with the wind in your face, just as though you are on Harry’s Nimbus 2000.

If you think there are no secret passageways, look a bit harder. The grounds of Xavier have many places that the average student doesn’t know about, and if you think you’ve found everything at Xavier, you are wrong.

The story of Harry Potter is alive all around us. In the world’s past, we had an evil leader come to power and murder people just because of the way they were born. Whether that is anyone who was not of pure blood wizard under Voldemort or anyone who was not of pure Aryan descent under Hitler is little difference. We have had people stand up for the common good at their own personal risk, and we have seen great people give their lives to the fight for justice.

I secretly worry that if all of a sudden, we all were accepted to Hogwarts, we would be in awe for a week, and then suddenly many of us would forget how special it was and desire something more. It wouldn’t matter that we could summon a computer from across the room with a spell or that pictures on the walls would move and speak to us. We may even become annoyed at the staircases for being beyond control.

We have lost our sense of wonder in the world. It always amazes me that people can spend so much time in their dorm rooms playing fantasy video games when we live in a world of interesting things.

For the first assignment of the new school year, I hope that everyone can take a step back and think about all the blessings and wonders we have been given to enjoy. Be grateful to your professors, your parents and the school administrators here who work so hard to open up our minds to the realities of the world.

Once I all do that, it becomes much harder to complain about our lives. We have the ability to live in a world of magic, all we have to do is open up our eyes to the wonder all around us.

Staff editorial: New year brings a new Newswire

When you all checked your inboxes and saw a little tabloid about the Neuxaire, you probably had mixed reactions. Returning students, you might have been confused — after all, the Neuxaire never delivers to your inbox, right? Incoming first-years, you were probably just as confused — what is this Neuxaire, and why should I look at it?

Your confusion would be perfectly justified, considering that as far as we know, the Neuxaire has never done a summer edition. But we’re doing one now, as part of our greater plan for this year and beyond. So allow us to introduce ourselves, and introduce you, to the 2017-18 Neuxaire.

In the past, you might have noticed a copy of this weekly newspaper lying around somewhere, be it on a table in Gallagher, on a rack in Alter, or on a stand in Fenwick. Regardless of where you found it, you might have picked it up glanced through a few pages and set it back down. You might have ignored it, supposing it was merely another piece of literature doled out from another group on campus. You might not even have heard of or been remotely familiar with the Neuxaire before reading this article.

And that’s OK. Because this year, perhaps for the first time in a while, we really want you to know who we are — a weekly newspaper run by students for students. If you check out the previous page, you’ll see a mission statement: "Ultimately, we believe that everyone has a story to tell, and as a newspaper, we have been blessed with the unique opportunity to tell those stories.”

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What does that mean? We’re dedicated to bringing you the latest about campus and community events. We want to be a resource for you to more with you as readers and open the gates for you to more opportunities, both within Xavier’s halls and throughout the greater Xavier community.

We want to give you the opportunity to discover a new hobby, a new club, a new class, because of an article we published. We want to give you the opportunity to discover a new job, a new internship, a new passion, because of a story we wrote.

Ultimately, we believe that everyone has a story to tell, and as a newspaper, we have been blessed with the unique opportunity to tell those stories. So with a new, sleek design, a modernized and improved website, and a greater focus on accessibility and interaction, we hope to remain true to our mission and bring those stories to you. Here’s to a new year, a new student body and a new Neuxaire.
Opinion: Drafting a championship fantasy team

By Jack Dunn

Staff Writer

It’s the time of the year when thousands of fantasy football fans across the country start preparing for the all-important drafts at the start of the season. Luckily for you, I’m here to give you my advice on who and how to draft.

The number-one most important thing to figure out before you start looking at players is where you are drafting. There are plenty of different ways for people to draft, but for purposes of this article, I will be using a standard eight-team snake draft.

There are benefits and drawbacks of drafting both early and late. If you have the first overall pick, you are lucky enough to choose whatever player you want first. However, your next selection won’t happen until the end of the second round, which means you will have to draft strategically to get the right players at the right time.

The next thing that should be taken into account while drafting is what kind of league you are in. Most leagues have their own tricky rules that change how you draft. Check with your league commissioner before you draft to make sure you are updated on this so that nothing catches you off guard.

If you are in a standard league, you should use two of your first three picks on a running back and then a wide receiver. The reasoning behind this is it is much easier for a running back to get you points through rushing than it is for a wideout through catches.

There are also fewer elite running backs than there are wide receivers. If you are in a points per reception league, then you should do the opposite and draft wide receivers first and then look for running backs that make a lot of catches. Because the wideouts earn extra points, it makes them much more valuable than running backs.

When I draft, I want to have the third overall pick, and I would draft Le’Veon Bell. Despite his having problems outside the lines, he has the best potential for big games and single handedly won me a fantasy championship two years ago. You have to stick with what you know. My next pick would most likely be Jordan Howard. Despite playing for a bad team, Howard was able to rack up the second most yards last year, all as a rookie. He is more likely to play against poor defenses and definitely start showing big numbers fast. My third overall pick would probably be Julian Edelman. Despite not being too fond of the Patriots myself, he has the best quarterback in the league in Tom Brady and will put up consistent numbers to keep my team going strong.

Drafting can make or break a fantasy team. It’s up to the player to decide what it will be. Fantasy football can be a tremendously fun activity to do with your friends, but it only reaches its maximum level of fun if you are performing well. No one likes to be the owner of the last-place squad, so start your year off right with a strong draft. Utilize the experts, read a couple of articles and stick to what you know. Maybe you’ll even win a couple of bucks this year.
How to stay entertained on campus

Check out these places to go and things to see when you can spare the time

By Riley Head
A&E Editor

Head to the auditorium in the CLC on the last Friday of every month to see Don’t Tell Anna. Xavier’s popular improv comedy troupe is guaranteed to make you laugh out loud, but seats fill up fast, so get there early!

Gallagher Theatre is home to the Xavier Theatre Department’s world-class shows. Be sure to buy your tickets in advance — the plays are very popular. Xavier’s Student Activities Council also books movies here from time to time, so keep an eye out for those as well!

Basketball games don’t start until the winter, but they are definitely something to look forward to. The atmosphere in the newly renovated Cintas Center is electric, and there is nothing better to make you feel connected to your school.

After may be home to all your classes, but after hours it can also be a good place to unwind. Find an empty classroom and some friends to work on homework together, or hook up a laptop to the projector and enjoy a movie.
By Saharish Ijaz

Guest Writer

So far, my summer of 2017 has been quite exciting. I had the chance to travel and experience beaches fully for the first time.

My boyfriend Yohannes and I traveled to Savannah, Ga., and roomed in an Airbnb for only $18 per night. Our host Gino had decorated the room so beautifully — "psychadelic," as he liked to call it.

We decided to rent a car and travel to as many beaches as possible in three days. My first and favorite was Tybee Island. On our journey there, I was excited to finally feel the sand on my feet and actually go into the ocean water. As we approached the beach, we noticed we were walking faster.

There were just a few people at the beach since it was just a little before noon. As soon as we got there, we laid the beach mat and other equipment and turned the camera on. Soon after, we plunged more than 30 feet into the water.

I didn’t know how to swim, so there were many times the waves overtook me, but I managed to resurface every time. It was a phenomenal experience to be completely engulfed in the water. The only aftereffect that I did not like was a salty mouth and the water that came up through my nose after I came back up.

Once we had our fun, we went back to the sand to dry off. The feeling of hot sand is the best, but it can burn so much at times. We lay drying off in the sun. I kept thinking that I guess this is what it feels like to get a sun tan on my skin, the sun just zizzling lightly on my skin but not hurting because of the ocean breeze.

Yohannes and I had packed a lunch: a couple of sandwich-es and strawberries. But every bite I took had a crunch of sand. I hope I gained some nutrition from it.

As I mentioned earlier, Tybee Island was not our only beach. We also drove to South Carolina and Jacksonville, Fla. One day after another, our beach experiences heightened. But by far, the most relaxing, calming and enjoyable was our time at Tybee Island.

On our final day, we were back at Tybee for our last time at the beach. We collected souvenirs of genuine sand and sea shells with the hope to create our own DIY decorations. It was apparently not out of the norm for tourists to take some sand back home.

Since returning to Cincinnati, my days have been filled with classes and work. I still enjoy myself by going on thrilling excursions and hanging out with my boyfriend’s family. All in all, it’s been an amazing mix of events. I’m sad there is just a little bit left to relish.

By Susana Duffy

Guest Writer

Everyone was excited for summer to start at the end of last semester, myself included. This year, the start of summer meant the start of one of the greatest times of my life so far. I participated in Xavier’s study abroad program in Greece along with 20 other Xavier students. The 20-day program was jam-packed with new experiences and people, and each day I spent in Greece was like my first.

I’ve been asked a number of times since my return, “what was your favorite part?” and I haven’t really been able to answer. It’s like asking someone to pick his or her favorite song. You can’t really pick just one.

I really had to give it some thought, and I think I’ve narrowed it down enough to choose one. My favorite day was when my roommate and I got completely and utterly lost.

It was our last day in Santorini, and we had the whole day free to do whatever we wanted. So naturally it was the only rainy day of the whole trip. It rained off and on from the moment we woke up. Nothing too severe, just a soft showering.

We left the hotel and made our way to one of the many all-terrain vehicle rental shops in the neighborhood. The guy running the local shop remembered seeing my roommate the night before, and he generously gave us a good deal, 20 euros to rent an ATV for the entire day. He gave us a brief tutorial and sent us on our way.

Once we began driving we soon realized we hadn’t a clue where we were going. We continued on our indeter-minate path under an unspoken agreement that we didn’t mind getting lost.

If we saw an interesting biker, we would follow them. If we saw anything of interest to us in the slightest we would stop and investigate. We gave away our inhalation and just began doing.

At every place we stopped we met the most fascinating people who were always so generous and kind. We asked them to point us in their favorite direction, and then we would follow it. Which, in retrospect, may not seem like the best idea whilst traveling, but hey, it worked out for the best.

The locals were always so welcoming, something I didn’t expect from an island riddled with tourists at every turn. One of the most memorable people we meet on our excursion was a ceramist named Andreas.

We were driving as fast as we possibly could on our bike when we saw a sign with “Ceramic Studio” painted in crude white letters. Being the huge art nerd that we were, we hit the brakes so hard that it’s a miracle we didn’t just fly off. We walked into Andreas’s studio, and it immediately began raining — which we interpreted as a sign. We were meant to stop here.

Walking into his studio was like walking into a Vogue catalog. Everything was immaculate and so modern, so opposite to all the Greek art and architecture we had seen so far. We were the only two people in there, and he was happy to accommodate us.

We exchanged our art experience and knowledge with him, and he showed us his process. We stayed for what seemed like hours. Needless to say, we left with some of the most beautiful ceramic pieces I’ve ever seen.

We drove from one coast to the next seeing all the beautiful beaches of Santorini. Because it was a gloomy day we had them all to ourselves. We spent time collecting rocks from the white sand beach, the red sand beach and the black sand beach, all of which I would end up losing before the trip’s end. But the rocks didn’t matter to me as much as the experience did. The entire month I spent in Greece is one that I will never forget.