HUB architects unveil future plans

BY SONNOS MULLA-OSMAN Copy Editor

A forum-hosting multiple focus groups on campus, the minds behind the Health Unit- ed Building (HUB) met with the Xavier Health Association (SHA) during their weekly meeting on Monday. Bill Baker, the architect for the HUB, was joined by Leah Busam Klenowski, a staff representative on the steering committee for the HUB.

Michael Schuster Associates (MIA) architects have been partnering with Xavier for more than 10 years and have been working on the recreation center for campus for more than 12. Baker listed Alter Hall and much of the work in the Cintas Center as just a few examples of their projects with the university.

Students in the College of Professional Sciences—nursing, exercise science and occupational therapy—will attend class in the building. Baker said. It will be located on Cleneay Avenue where the Urban Farm currently sits. In addition to hosting classes, the HUB will also include a cafe, a new campus recreation center and a health facility in partnership with TriHealth. On Xavier’s web page for the HUB, Dr. Stephen Cleves, a Xavier alum and medical director of the Xavier Health and Wellness Center, said, “Putting a medical office in with a rec center plus wellness facility is where health care is going.”

Approximately 100 people are involved in the planning process, which includes, including the Board of Trustees and the Trustees Task Force. The project also requires working with Sustainability and Physical Plant, among others. Above all, however, is the Xavier building plan, which is a list of eight principles that all of the buildings on campus should conform to. This ensures that the campus is walkable, that it fosters a collection of memorable spaces and that students feel they are citizens of a surrounding neighborhood.

Xavier is one of the most inclusive (universities) in the decision-making process,” Baker said.

Xavier is always interested in input and feedback, he adds, to reflect the university’s mission and goals.

Baker described the HUB as a “legacy building,” intending to meet both current and future needs. It will have a total of five levels, including an underground floor, and feature a four-lane pool, locker rooms, three fitness studios, three full-sized wooden “rub- berized” multi-purpose courts, 11 group study rooms, 11 counseling and training offices, seven labs and a large lobby.

“It looks more friendly, it looks more welcoming,” Newport said.

No support believes that having an inviting, inclusive recreation center is critical to having the full college experience.

“Working out is a big experience for you to kinda grow in yourself,” he said.

Campus reacts to professor’s unexpected death

He had served XU since 2010

BY KEVIN THOMAS Campus News Editor

James Riordan, an adjunct professor in the philosophy department and a major gifts officer, died on Sept. 6 at age 40.

The next day Father Michael Graham, president, sent an email to faculty and students notifying them of Riordan’s death.

“Losing a colleague is never easy but the timing and sudden nature of this loss makes it feel all the more devas- tating,” the email said. “As always, during difficult times like this, I remind you that the foundation of our community is in the support we give to one another.”

Graham urged students to reach out to those who were close with Riordan and informed the community of available resources, such as psychological services of available resources, such as psychological services through the McGrath Health and Wellness Center.

“I was so sad,” sophomore Christina Bellacicco said. “I read the email, and I was shocked because he was really good. It took me by surprise... I feel bad for his family. I definitely think the philosophy department lost someone who was beneficial to them.”

Bellacicco had been a student in Riordan’s Ethics as an Introduction to Philosophy class and thought he was a great professor.

“He was very personable with the students, so I think you learn more when you have more of an interaction with your professor rather than memorizing something or reading something and getting it in your head,” Bellacicco said. “He definitely explained a lot and really went into depth if you had any questions. You felt… you were part of the class.”

Riordan joined the Xavier community in 2010. At the time, he was a member of the Jesuits, although he left the society a short time after and chose to remain at Xavier.

Riordan’s death was unexpected, as he had appeared to be in good health.According to WLWT, Norwood Police was dispatched to his apart ment for a welfare check after he did not show up for work. Riordan’s front door was open, and officers found him on the floor. A report from the police department said that “Medics were dispatched and were not able to resuscitate (Riordan).”

According to WLWT, the report also stated that “evidence of illegal drug use was found in the residence, includ ing syringes, a snorting straw, a meth pipe and LSD patches.”

Riordan’s car was also missing and has since been report ed stolen. Detectives did not comment on whether or not they found the car, and the coroner said that the cause of death was pending.

While Riordan was beloved in his workplace, there is a possibility that the circumstances around his death might change his reputation. Bellacicco says this is not the case for her but notes that it might affect the opinions of people who did not know him.

“I think it may impact people who haven’t had him as a professor because they don’t see his personality interfaced with people,” Bellacicco said. “They’re not really aware of the fact that it might change their view on his legacy and how he is. If you knew him, I don’t think it changes his personality at all.”

Riordan’s family requested donations to St. Juliana Parish in Chicago, where Riordan is taught. Riordan’s family requested donations to St. Juliana Parish in Chicago, where Riordan is taught.

The HUB will feature a new campus recreation center, a cafe and a health facility in addition to classrooms. Several focus groups have been held.

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CIE, Admissions speak on international students

By Hyerun Hwang
Guest Writer

As a follow-up to last week’s article the Neuraire spoke with staff in the Center for International Education (CIE) and Office of Admissions to gain insight on international education from the university perspective.

Lea Minniti, executive director of student support services, has been involved in various roles within international education at Xavier. Minniti’s goal is to provide international student advising, overseeing study abroad and, as of July, international recruitment.

“I anticipate that we’ll spend this year creating a plan regarding which types of recruitment tactics and strategies we want to undertake,” Minniti said. “I think there are a lot of possibilities including partnering with alumni, current students, faculty and staff with connections abroad.

“Overall, in the conversations that I have, there’s a real value in having a diverse student body, and that includes not just students within the U.S. but students who are from around the world. It brings important perspectives to the classroom, into the residence halls, and it aligns with our mission: preparing students for a world that is increasingly diverse, complex and interdependent. So how can we do that if we don’t have students here from around the world?”

Minniti believes “we can do more” in regard to supporting international students but added that Xavier is making strides in providing assistance with adjustments beyond immigration.

“The success coach model has just started this year and we conscientiously decided to make the international student advisors also their success coaches, just so that it was real clear that we don’t just want to be your immigration people,” Minniti said. “We want to be your immigration people but we also want to help with adjustments. We want to know if you are struggling, we want to know if you need a place to get your hair cut, if you want to go to a park and you don’t know where you want to rent a bike—whatever it is, we want to be able to help you with those things.”

May Lee Moua-Vue, assistant director for international student and scholar services at the CIE, says the CIE’s biggest problem is orientation.

“We want to make sure that everyone has been familiarized with the campus. What we want to do is offer ongoing orientation programs where we can share a little bit more on what resources students can use to be successful,” Moua-Vue said.

Among its services, CIE provides a Cultural Adjustment Workshop, hosts social events like the International Coffee Hour and Tuesday Tapas to “initiate the building of a network of support as well as new relationships.” The CIE also coordinates the international education week before Thanksgiving.

Moua-Vue says that the CIE does not have the means to provide international students with scholarships formerly given to Saudi students but has shifted its focus to graduate study and top-ranked schools. “We might still be able to get some of our majors on the list of approved schools. This would require some research and conversations with Xavier departments and the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission.”

Dean of Admissions for Undergraduate Admission Lauren Parcell credits communication to the overall growth in the class of 2021, though it’s difficult for Parcell to pinpoint one specific reason. She said the admissions office “worked very hard this year to improve our communication with prospective students, made a very intentional effort to respond to questions more quickly and be more available to meet with prospective students and their families, either in person, on campus, near their home or via online tools like Skype.”

Parcell said the admissions office is continuing to make improvements so that the admission, financial aid and class registration processes are as quick and transparent as possible.

“There are a lot of great things going on at Xavier, from the new Student Success Center, to new majors to the plans for the Health United Building,” Parcell said. “Plus, the basketball team did so well last season. All of these things and more contribute to more students wanting to be a part of the Xavier community.”

Parcell said there are 12 people in the admissions office focusing on undergraduate recruitment. Their area of responsibility includes both international and domestic applicants to Xavier.

Due to recent shifts of occupancy in the international admissions department, there has been a bit of a delay. However, the CIE is working on strategically devising an international recruitment plan as well as a support system in the near future.

Talk It Out discusses social media

By Brittany Wells
Staff Writer

According to its mission statement, Xavier University is a “student-led, collaborative experience that inspires innovative thinking, moving others, has involved! This is exactly what happened in yesterday’s first TEDx Talks.


Franco-Zamudio, an associate professor at Xavier College, teaches social justice through dialogue by combining education, research and scholarship. In her talk she explored the sticky balance that comes with hav- ing an online presence and struggle to spread. Franco-Zamudio said that combining the two is often difficult to do without ugly or hurtful comments, a topic echoed by students.

“He becomes toxic when the only comments are negative,” said sophomore last-year Madeline Weiland said.

At one point during the dis- cussion, the topic shifted to the traditional idea of self-censorship. “We should not hesitate to speak of diverse opinions, espe- cially with homogenous private friends.”

By engaging in conversations, a majority of the students stated that those who disagree with the opinion of the group are more likely to move and those who agree with the topic of a much more subtle case, the discussion centered on the idea that so- cial media is intentionally tai- lor-made for each individual and thus will further reinforce previous opinions rather than expose diversity in thought and providing the opportuni- ty for growth.

People get bold on social media, ” junior Brianna Boyce said. “They hide behind it.”

“How can we use that platform to connect us?” asked ju- nior Cherriene Wilson, a TEDx board member and moderator for the event. She then answered her own question: “Have so- cial media to gather people, but once people are gathered, put (technology) down.”

An overarching sentiment of the night was the frustra- tion students feel from the pressure of an online presence. “It’s not a diary,” senior Ros-lyn Davis said. “It’s social me- dia.”

TEDx Talks Out meets monthly to watch and discuss Ted Talks. For more infor- mation, visit facebook.com/TEDxXavierUniversity.
Wellness Week kicks off its events
Panel examines MENtal health and masculinity

Art With Impact uses film to discuss mental health issues

Students, faculty and other like-minded advocates carved a space for themselves on Monday night to share personal battles with mental illness and also to reflect on films that provided deeper thought on the complex and sometimes neglected issue.

Art With Impact, a group dedicated to promoting mental wellness in young people through art and media, collaborated with the Student Government Association to make the event “Movies for Mental Health,” a reality. This was the first event of Wellness Week, which is dedicated to raising awareness for mental health issues. Students filed into the theater one by one, and one by one staff handed out anonymous surveys. Its questions revolved around the student knowledge about mental wellness as well as their comfort in sharing it with others.

Before watching a selection of films, Jamari Michael White, an Art With Impact representative and Ohio State graduate, led a brief discussion. He prompted attendees to think about how mental health is currently represented in media and juxtaposed their ideas against the reality of mental illnesses.

This reality is captured in the short films submitted to the group. Anyone in the world at any level of expertise may submit up to five minutes of video. Every month, films are judged and one is selected to be featured on the website in addition to a $1000 prize.

May 2015’s winner, “A Blind Stigma,” was one of the evening’s selections. According to Art With Impact’s website, the documentary “discusses mental health in the Black community.”

Each of five individuals featured in the film discussed how the Black community has a habit of turning away from mental health services because of the stigma that Black people simply don’t or shouldn’t undergo mental struggles. “I had no idea that the Black community felt so unheard with mental illnesses,” Ariel Georgeff, a junior theater and communication double major, said.

Following the screenings was a panel of four students and two staff members, Associate Director of McGrath’s counseling services Dr. Timothy Barron and associate psychology professor Dr. Nicholas Salsman. In the “what’s said here stays here” safe space, students opened up about their struggles with mental illness.

One panelist, junior theater major Jess Flake, struggled to bring herself to the chair in the spotlight.

“I think I re-drafted my little speech like four times. It was hard to be personal and just not academic about everything,” she told the Newswire. Her fingers steadily knotted a trail of yarn while she shared her experiences.

While the event’s goal was genuine, Georgeff wished it had drawn a larger crowd.

“We’re at that point in a semester where people are going to bendings to things,” she said.

Flake, on the other hand, was more optimistic.

“I thought that the event did really well to start the conversation about stigmas, and to present some sides that I hadn’t even considered.”

Tonight is Kate Fagan’s talk on the book What Makes Mabelle Run, which focuses on a college student who committed suicide. Friday is “Facing the Effie-X,” a Xavier Yard event about the real and lasting effects of gender-based violence. Wellness Week will conclude with Warrior Run on Saturday, a five kilometer run and walk to raise awareness for mental health issues.

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“Movies for Mental Health” was the first event, screening short films by filmmakers from all over the world. The winning film from May 2015’s discusses mental health in the Black community and the stigma associated with it.

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In the first half, Chief Student Affairs Officer David Johnson engaged in critical conversations that made him feel different.

“You saw this pain (that was so) visceral… Nobody should ever have to feel that,” he said.

Garrison Mays, a marketing and Spanish double major, talked about how he dealt with the pressure his clothing choices put on him.

“I have some times where I’ll test boundaries to see who’s okay with it, to see if I’m okay with it, and then taking it to the next level, surrounding myself with people… who might not necessarily be comfortable with it to get to an understanding of masculinity… and (to) help others to grow together,” he said, eliciting laughs from the audience as he listed the types of clothes he liked to wear.

Center for Diversity and Inclusion Director Taj Smith talked about stereotypes created by masculinity by demonstrating common opinions on “fruity” drinks.

“I tend to like ‘fruity’ drinks… which are typically not associated with being a man. You can get looked down on for having a drink with a cherry on it,” he chuckled.

He also talked about how his experience as a Black male creates unique stereotypes.

“I’ve had people react to me (as I’m walking down the street… because (they felt) they were going to be harassed in some way),” he said.

Marcus Mescher, an assistant theology professor, emphasized dignity when asked what masculinity should look like in light of Xavier’s Catholic and Jesuit identities.

“We need to reaffirm the dignity of the person for who they are… We really have to embrace this idea of inherent dignity,” Mescher said.

The second half of the event gave the audience the chance to ask questions of the panelists. The questions centered on how to engage men unwilling to discuss their masculinity. Smith noted that every person in the audience could have brought one more person who may not have wanted to come to increase awareness of the topics being discussed, while Johnson suggested finding and creating spaces in which men feel comfortable addressing these difficult topics. Each panelist had his own approach rooted in his own experiences for how to approach men about this topic, and many audience members had suggestions of their own.

Mental Health Wellness Week, which this event is a part of, will continue to run through the week of Oct. 2. The Health and Wellness Fair is Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Fenwick Green Space.
Saudi Arabian decree allows women to drive

BY SAVIN MATTOZZI

The long criticized law that forbade women from driving in Saudi Arabia has been reversed by royal decree. King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud signed the decree now allowing women to drive “in accordance with the Islamic laws.”

Noor Alzani, a sophomore entrepreneurship studies major from Khobar City, Saudi Arabia explains how she first heard the news.

“My brother texted me, and I said ‘no,’ I didn’t believe it,” Alzani said. “Then he shared the website from our government on Twitter. Then I thought ‘oh my God, this is true this is true! I cried.’

Alzani said that even if the government applies strict rules in the beginning, she is content with it because they are moving in the right direction.

“Today is a very special day for all Saudi women. I am so happy, so, so happy. I was stressed because I had a lot of exams and I had to study, but I am so happy!” Alzani said, smiling and hugging. She is also from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, had a different interpretation of the day’s events

“I drove a lot back home, and it’s nothing against the making it the second largest building in the United States. The tower was designed and constructed in the early 1900’s by M. Kinney, was part of the brutalist architecture movement in America during the 60s and 70s that was characterized by the use of concrete and repetition.

The tower, which was designed and constructed in the late 1960s by M. Kinney, was part of the brutalist architecture movement in America during the 60s and 70s that was characterized by the use of concrete and repetition.

A part of modernism, brutalism originated in Europe and became popular in communist countries. The simplicity and repetitiveness of brutalism were meant to signify the communist concepts of ubiquity and universality, but as the ideology fell out of favor, so did the architecture.

Communism became synonymous with totalitarianism in American culture, and this negative connotation carried over to brutalism.

Today, brutalism is widely considered a mistake in architecture history. Many architects used this style for its practicality, but because of its not-so-pleasing aesthetic style, it is now famous for universally being the most hated form of architecture.

Crosley Tower in particular was constructed in this style as a way for UC to appear “sophisticated, worldly and urban” well-known architect Paul Bennett said.

UC built many other tall buildings or “towers” in this decade also to keep up with this image that they were trying to portray for the city of Cincinnati.

In 1989, the same year that Crosley Tower was built, Xavier built a new, modernist building of its own: Schott Hall.

To this day, Schott Hall is the tallest building on campus, showing that all of Cincinnati was trying to portray an urban image at the time. Some, such as senior Serena Amnle, believe the building to be quite ugly.

“Schott is my favorite and least favorite building on this campus,” Amnle said. “The outside is as ugly as the inside, but the view from the top is amazing.”

This goes to show that the modernist movement was a very experimental time in architecture, especially in Cincinnati, and according to Architecture Digest, UC got the worst of it.

UC home to the “ugliest building”

Architecture Digest calls a building on UC’s campus the worst in the nation
Mexico City struck by earthquake
Sophomore's family affected by the second natural disaster this month

BY SAVIN MATTOZZI
Staff Writer

The 7.1 magnitude earthquake that hit Mexico City on the 32nd anniversary of an earthquake that killed around 10,000. This is the second major earthquake to hit the nation this month.

Sophomore’s family affected by the second natural disaster this month

Mexico City was struck by an 7.1 magnitude earthquake on the 32nd anniversary of an earthquake that killed around 10,000. This is the second major earthquake to hit the nation this month. As of Sunday, 318 people have died and nearly 4,000 buildings have been damaged.

Week in review
What you may have missed

- A 79-year-old man was sentenced to life in prison for murdering a surgeon who left him with erectile dysfunction after a botched surgery 20 years prior (Sept. 19).
- All of Puerto Rico may be without power for several months following the devastation of Hurricane Maria (Sept. 21).
- After public outrage due to the change to natural colors and flavors, General Mills is reintroducing artificial coloring and flavors to Trix, one of their many breakfast cereals (Sept. 22).
- Senior Presidential Adviser Jared Kushner drew criticism for using a personal email address for conducting official White House business (Sept. 25).
- A Colorado man covered all of his Nazi tattoos and took down Nazi flags, replacing them with smiley face flags, after becoming friends with his Black parole officer and working alongside a number of Hispanic people on a chicken farm (Sept. 25).

NOTE OF THE WEEK
You’re just not you when you’re hungry

Sept. 18, 4:24 p.m. — Xavier Police assisted Residence Life in the recovery of a small amount of marijuana from Kuhlman Hall. Residence Life will follow up.

Sept. 18, 7:13 p.m. — Xavier Police and Cincinnati Police responded to a report of shots fired on the 2600 block of Montgomery Road. Cincinnati Police is investigating the matter.

Sept. 20, 4:14 p.m. — Xavier Police and Cincinnati Fire responded to Husman Hall for a fire alarm that was set off by an e-cig-arette. The alarm was reset.

Sept. 23, 10:18 a.m. — Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police with an underage, intoxicated student on the 1700 block of Chesapeake Avenue.

Sept. 24, 4:24 p.m. — Xavier Police assisted Residence Life in recovering a small amount of marijuana from the 1000 block of Dana Avenue. The Office of Student Integrity will follow up.

Sept. 24, 6:28 p.m. — Xavier Police assisted Residence Life in the recovery of several bags of candy from his or her office in Smith Hall.

Sept. 25, 9:12 p.m. — Xavier Police assisted Cincinnati Police with a report of an assault on the 3600 block of Montgomery Road. Cincinnati Police is investigating the matter.

Sept. 25, 10:25 p.m. — Xavier Police assisted to Xavier Police that a student had used a fictitious ID when stopped by police off campus. The student was referred to the Office of Student Integrity.

Trix, a breakfast cereal, is bringing back artificial flavors and colors.

Photo courtesy of Reddit
Acceptance of hookup culture

We live in a society with a heavy emphasis on hookup culture. I'm loosely defining the term "hookup culture" to mean a society that accepts or even encourages casual sex, usually as a result of a specific set of values for a particular time and place. There are a lot of positives that come with a hookup culture, however, is the time to learn what kind of person you're attracted to and what a deal breaker is for you. Hookup culture is basically the best-case scenario for this type of learning, but this aspect is often overlooked because of the pessimistic associations that come with it.

It seems to be the only option. There are plenty of people in committed relationships, and that is also people. On the flip side, there are some who don't want to participate.

The bottom line is that hookup culture is real. It's certainly not the only option, but it's undeniably a huge part of the modern world. It really doesn't matter if hookup culture affects you or not, but it's open to anyone that you choose to treat the people around you who participate in it.

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A call for more empathetic justice

I am a feminist. Although I am a woman who grew up in a patriarchal society, I had a relatively different experience. For example, when we were getting ready for college, my grandfather would sit down each of his granddaughters, male and female, and ask us what we would be studying and if a career in that field would be able to financially sustain our families. In other words, I grew up in a household where an 80-year-old Nigerian man asked his granddaughters if they felt the choices we were making would give us the ability to do what our society had not designated as our role. I am an advocate for racial justice.

I grew up in Nigeria. Everybody is Black in Nigeria, so we technically don’t have racism. I am a cisgender heterosexual woman. I believe that members of the LGBTQIA+ community should be respected and afforded the same rights and liberties as everyone else. I believe that girls should not be denied access to education on account of their gender.

I have always had access to education. In fact, when my college counselor asked my father if I could take a gap year before I went to college because I would be 16 when I started, he responded, “What is she going to do at home for a year?” I believe Muslim women who cover their hair shouldn’t live in fear of being attacked. I am not Muslim. I did, however, wear a hijab for about five hours. It was for “Hijab for a Day,” a program put on by Xavier’s Muslim Students Association to allow female students at Xavier to experience what it’s like to wear a hijab and, thus, experience the ostracization that many Muslim women feel.

But why do we need to personally experience injustice ourselves? Why do we need to believe that it exists and that it’s wrong? Why do we need to have men experience catcalling before they believe the women who have told them that it is uncomfortable and embarrassing? Why do we need virtual or augmented simulations in order to believe people who we actually been in solitary confinement and say that it is inhumane?

We, as emotional beings, are capable of something called empathy, which consists in the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. We exercise this tool often and use it to connect with people. However, I’ve noticed that empathy becomes a non-entity when something else is involved. Somehow, people are able to empathize with their best friend who just got dumped by their longtime partner despite they themselves never having been in a relationship. Gaining this awareness and strength allows me to better care for others for granted. By no means am I saying it’s OK people have treated me as such, but typically their actions toward me stem from an insecurity or lack of understanding of the proper give-and-take relationships require in order to exist healthily.

I have spent the majority of my 21 years on this earth tending over backward to make sure everyone around me is happy and taken care of. I am naturally a nurturing person, and I’m not mad at myself for that quality. It makes me an overall likeable person whom people enjoy having in their lives.

The important factor about this well-known characteristic is possession to not let people take advantage of me. I am naturally a nurturing person, and if I’m the first to do so and they take advantage of it, so be it. Now this might cause me to modify how I care for a person, but each and every one of us deserves to be loved and cared for, so I’m not going to completely discontinue the way I care for someone who doesn’t reciprocate my care and love.

It’s only been in the past couple of years that I have realized I have to avoid conflating an imbalance of power with the natural give-and-take of involving another person in my life. Any relational concessions, especially if it’s against your desires, can be misconstrued as power over another. There’s a certain healthy amount of power exchange in any relationship. You just have to be aware and cautious about those who choose to abuse that power.

Gaining this awareness and strength allows me to better care for others in the long run. Because if you don’t care for yourself, how do you expect for others to care for you?
By Luke Feliciano  
Staff Writer

The Cincinnati Bengals haven’t fared too well in 2017, beginning the season with a deplorable 0-3 record. There are many reasons for such inconsistent play, but all signs point to a sluggish offense, and in particular an offensive line that has proved suspect.

Quarterback Andy Dalton hasn’t done much of anything partly because the offensive line that is supposed to be protecting him is in complete shambles. The Bengals saw two key offensive linemen, Kevin Zeitler and Andrew Whitworth, leave the team for free agency.

These two losses are painstakingly apparent as the Bengals offense has proven to be quite lackluster thus far. Dal- ton sports a brutal stat line in the first three games of the season, having double the number of interceptions than he has touchdowns (2 TDs, 4 INTs). He has also been sacked 11 times and ranks dead last in the NFL with a 16.6 quarterback rating.

The offense took a fairly significant blow after it was announced that tight end Tyer- ler Erifi will miss multiple weeks after sustaining a back injury in the team’s Week 2 game against the Green Bay Packers.

Nonetheless, after a sluggish start, the Bengals offense was somewhat galvanized in a 27-24 overtime loss to the Packers this past weekend. Wide receiver AJ Green commented after the loss, “We did some good things today, but everything is a process... I feel like we took a step forward. We didn’t come out with the win, but that is the way it is.”

The Bengals ranked second last in total points per game last season. They drafted two dynamic players, John Ross and Joe Mixon, to add firepower to a struggling offense. Neither have impressed thus far. The speedy Ross has only appeared in one game with one career rushing attempt for 12 yards. As for Mixon, he only has 107 rushing yards on 35 attempts and seven receptions for 59 yards. Veteran wideout AJ Green seems to be Dalton’s only reliable target, with 20 receptions for 252 yards and a touchdown on the young season.

The Bengals offense seems to be the major concern. The defense has played particularly well, currently rated as the seventh best in the league. It will have an added boost in its next game with the return of linebacker Vontaze Burfict from a one-game suspension stemming from a flagrant hit in an Aug. 19 preseason game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

Many fans have been calling for the firing of head coach Marvin Lewis, who is now in his 15th season at the helm of the Bengals. He has yet to capture a single playoff victory and is in the final year of his contract.

Some early speculations detect that he may be in danger of being on the hot seat. The team has already made changes to its coaching staff after firing offensive coordinator Ken Zampese after playing the first nine points in the Week 2 loss against the Houston Texans.

The Bengals look to bounce back on Sunday and avoid a 0-4 start. Fortunately, it has a favorable matchup in Week 4 against AFC North rival, the Cleveland Browns, who haven’t had a winning season since 2007.

Men’s and women’s soccer kick off Big East play

By Tim Kramar  
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The Xavier men’s soccer team has found success on the pitch lately. After having a seven-match unbeaten streak, it fell victim to Big East oppo- nent St. John’s for a final score of 3-0 on Saturday.

During this stretch the Musketeers battled top competition. They were able to pull out a 1-0 win against then No. 9 Georgetown and played to a 1-1 draw against 15th-ranked University of Kentucky. Xavier’s strong performances helped take hold of the 23rd ranking in the nation last week.

This is a big step in the right direction for Coach Andy Fleming and his squad.

The hot streak for the Mus- keteers has been led by some explosive play upfront and persistent play from the back line.

Cameron Taylor, a red- shirt junior, has been arguably the most valuable player for the Musketeers thus far in the season. Taylor’s 5’11 and 178-pound frame com- bined with his athletic ability has posed a matchup night- mare for opposing teams on set pieces and balls swung in from the far side. Taylor scored four goals from the right back position and also tallied one assist against University of Cin- cinnati. He was named Unit- ed Soccer Coaches National Player of the Week.

Another standout per- former for Xavier has been redshirt sophomore Samson Sergi. He received Big East Weekly Honor Roll for the second straight week after notch- ing another goal against Kentucky last Wednesday. Sergi has tallied five goals from the forward position in the 2017 campaign, certifying himself as a top striker in the Big East conference.

The Musketeers will look to rebound from their 5-0 loss to St. John’s on Saturday at home against the Providence Friars.

The lads look to be poised and motivated to make a run in this year’s Big East play and to also qualify for the na- tional tournament.

By Colin Cooper  
Staff Writer

Xavier women’s soccer be- gan Big East play this past weekend with an emphatic vic- tory over Creighton, defeat- ing the Blue Jays on Saturday by a score of 2-1.

Entering the conference opener, the team was coming off a 1-0 home loss to Dayton on a golden goal. This marked only the second time this season that the Musketeers have been shut out.

Coming into the game, the team knew it would be fac- ing a strong Creighton team. Play between the two teams was even until Xavier broke the deadlock in the final min- utes of the first half.

Capitalizing on the re- bounded shot from redshirt freshman Carrie Lewis, junior Forward Westwater & Schembri netted her fourth goal of the season to put the Musketeers up at the break 1-0.

The score remained 1-0 throughout the second half until the 77th minute when Creighton tied the game at one a piece. This, however, did not affect the Musketeers. In a great show of resilience, the team battled back. In the 90th second, Kylee Ger- rard picked up a spot on the Big East Weekly Honor Roll, her first conference honor of her ca- reer, as she played to Muske- teer to receive the honor this season.

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Sergi, Taylor receive honors for performances

Westwater & Schembri score

With her strong performance last week, Sydney Schembri was named to the Big East Honor Roll. This is her first career conference honor.
In response to his statements, many teams across the league also participated in similar acts of solidarity to support equality. New England Patriot players kneel and link arms during the national anthem in protest of recent statements made by President Donald Trump.

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The reactions stem from the reactions of NFL players who have protested during the national anthem before, who have protested during the season.

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Opinion: Sports should help unite, not divide us

NFL players react in the wake of recent comments made by President Trump

One would like to think that in the democracy we live in, it is possible to do both. However, it appears that everyone, including players, owners and fans are forcing themselves to choose to be one or the other. Some believe that they must choose to be a good person by taking a knee. Others see that they are citizens first, and regardless of whether you agree with the reason for protest, you must respect your country above all.

It doesn't need to be that way. The players are being good citizens by protesting in a peaceful way. Those who stand for the anthem are also good people because of their love for country. So why do we force ourselves to pretend that we are on different sides?

If it were me on that field, I don't think I would kneel. My grandfather was a Marine who fought at Iwo Jima, so I feel that I would stand. That doesn't mean that I "hate" those who do. I respect them for it. That is what this country is all about. What other country would allow people to peacefully protest for as long as they have?

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Ridder transfers to Missouri State

Xavier's 2017 recruiting class diminished to three after forward's departure

Jared Ridder declared his intent to transfer to Missouri State yesterday.

By Paul Fritzner

The men's basketball team was hit with some unexpected news last week when it was announced that freshman Jared Ridder would be transferring immediately. Ridder stands at 6'7" and was widely regarded as one of the best shooters on a Xavier team since possibly the days of Brad Redford. Ridder, a native of Springfield, Mo., cited a desire to move home and play for a school in his home state.

He had been attending classes at Xavier and had been on campus to participate in workouts over the summer. Yet, despite this exposure, he made the decision to leave less than two weeks before the first official practice and less than a month before Muskeeter Madness, an event that kicks off the new basketball season.

In a release posted to goxavier.com, Ridder said, "After much consideration and talking with my family, I have decided that it is in my best interest to move home."

Jared has indicated to the coaching staff that he has a desire to be closer to home, head coach Chris Mack said. "While we are disappointed, we all want Jared to be happy moving forward. We wish him nothing but the best."

Ridder was the No. 1 recruit from the Class of 2017 in the state of Missouri. He attended Kickapoo High School and finished his career as Kickapoo's all-time leading scorer with 1,628 points. After his senior season, he was named the Missouri Gatorade Player of the Year and Mr. Basketball for the state of Missouri.

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The loss of Ridder leaves Xavier with three on-campus members of their 2017 class, which was widely regarded as one of their best ever and ranked 11th nationally. Paul Scruggs, Naji Marshall and Elias Harden find themselves on a team that returns six players who played substantial minutes in the Elite 8 run last spring.

This is a battle-tested squad led by a consensus pre-season All-American in the form of Trevon Bluiett.

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By Jack Dunn

Over the weekend, President Donald Trump made several controversial comments regarding the players who take a knee during the national anthem before NFL games. Those comments were met with strong reactions from NFL players who participated in the protests.

The reactions stem from Trump's comments at an Alabama rally, where he called for a boycott of NFL games, saying "Even if it's just one player, get up and leave the stadium. I guarantee things will stop."

The overall reaction around the league was large numbers of players protesting during the national anthem. It started in London, where the Ravens-Jaguars game saw more than 20 on-field personnel kneel, including Jaguars owner Shahid Khan, who locked arms with players and coaches and Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Lewis. The reigning Super Bowl Champions, the New England Patriots, saw 17 players kneel while others linked arms. Patriots owner Robert Kraft said he was "deeply disappointed" by Trump's comments.

The Steelers, Titans and Seahawks did not come out of the locker room for the anthem before Thursday night's game.

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"What is the difference between being a good citizen, and being a good person?"
Flat Earthers find their champion in rapper B.O.B.

“Airplanes” singer creates a GoFundMe to help prove that the Earth is flat.

The debate about whether the earth is flat or a sphere is, apparently, not quite settled. Rapper B.o.B., whose real name is Bobby Ray Simmons, recently launched a GoFundMe campaign to help him prove that the earth is flat. The bio on the page says that the rapper is raising money to “Help support B.o.B purchase and launch one, if not multiple, satellites into space.” The rapper does not trust the satellites that are currently in orbit, as he believes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is part of a conspiracy attempting to prove that the world is not flat.

“I have to think it’s crazy just for the fact that I’ve gone through this schooling where they’ve told you this is a sphere that we’re living on, and I’ve seen pictures that I believe is part of the conspiracy attempting to convince the world that the earth is not flat. I’ve seen pictures like that my doctor said. “We live in orbit and the Firmament!!!”

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the Virgin Mary in a way
ically recounts the story of
aining. The movie metaphor-
And even that is more enter-
pretentious retelling of the
Bible. I'm not joking. Read
their lives as God in the most on-the-
way possible and then
makes him the biggest asshole
who ever lived. He essentially
ominates on Lawrence's whole
existence because he wants
friends. Is the movie trying
to tell us that God is a bad
person? That humanity is
absolutely terrible? That the
Virgin Mary went through
so blatantly obtuse that I al-
negotiate Lawrence into working
a terrible movie and then co-
pered Lawrence into working
on it so that they could actu-
al people to come see it.
Her character could be com-
pletely erased from the first
act with no consequences, and
in the second act, you'll pray
for her pregnancy to cata-
pull her and her baby safely
a luxury spa resort while
the house and everyone in it
crumbles into a sinkhole that
leads straight to Hell.

The characters in this mov-
le lack any redeeming qual-
ities whatsoever. The main
characters are completely dis-
respectful to Lawrence's char-
acter at every single possible
moment and blatantly ignore
the fact that they're solving
their family issues in the house
of a woman they don't even
know. The extras are probably

most infuriating movie extras.

Lawrence finally stabs and
later incinerates the world's
living room and almost get
the war zone/gang
tured porn? This is as close as
horrible experiences? Don't
ever get a lobotomy

the movie is cyclical and
set up Lawrence's husband
ly priest seem like a dubstep
glow-stick dance party hosted
by DJ Khaled.

The movie is essentially a
war movie and a supernatural
horror all in two pretentious-
ly-filmed hours. Most frus-
trating of all is that Lawrence
feels like a background char-
acter in a movie that exclu-
sively focused on her.

The only smart decision
the producers of this movie
made was to keep the camera
Lawrence at all times. She
truly was the only redeeming
quality of this movie. While
the rest of the actors' perfo-
rances were fine, Lawrence's
was the only one that felt gen-
une. Maybe it was because
they filmed her actual ac-
tions to being told that this
movie was the only one that felt gen-

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pletely erased from the first
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the house and everyone in it
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The characters in this mov-
the most annoying humans to
ever walk the fictional Earth.
At any given time, there will
be a minimum of five extras
doing something obnoxious-
ly stupid that she just asked
them not to do.

The ending of the movie is
so blatantly obtuse that I al-
mast started playing games
on my phone. Are you ready
to see Jennifer Lawrence tor-
ture porn? This is as close as
it gets. I never wanted to see
a pregnant woman running
through the war zone/gang
shooting/FBI raid in her
living room and almost get
raped twice, but Mother! made
sure to fulfill the wish that no
one ever had.

Go see Mother! If you want
to experience the stupid-
est movie to ever be created,
or to get gratification when
Lawrence finally stabs and
then incinerates the world's
most infuriating movie extras.
Better yet, donate the money
you'd spend on the ticket to a
hurricane relief fund. You'll
help more people and you
won't want to get a lobotomy

I would pretend like the situation never hap-
pened. I would completely ignore his or her
presence both online and in person. Strength of
will for the win.

For a while I would follow literally every one
of your crush's movements on snap map. After a
good cry I would realize that I am good enough
for anyone! Don't let someone else's approval af-
fact you. But there is also no shame in the oc-
asional snap stalking.

I would wait a few days and then confront him
or her about why they were ignoring me. If they
just weren't that into me, I would just try to be
friends again.

Q: I feel like I'm not getting
a lot out of my Xavier expe-
rience so far. How do I make
some memories?

If you can get yourself to Mt. Adams, Thursday
nights are the most fun. You can find most of
the Xavier population dancing at Chapter. It's an
easy way to make new friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bring your family to see Xavier
Theatre present Legally Blonde,
the Musical!
The show will run Oct. 20-22
Tickets on sale now!

Three anonymous Xavier stu-
dents with three very different
takes on life want to help you
solve your problems. Hopefully
one of them can help you with
your most pressing issues!

Q: I hooked up with someone
that I have had a crush on
all semester, and now they
won't snapchat me back.
What do I do?

Atheos:

Porthos:

Aramis:

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a lot out of my Xavier expe-
rience so far. How do I make
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Atheos:

Porthos:

Aramis:

If you have a question that you want
the musketeers to answer, email the
newswire at newswire@xavier.edu, or
DM us on Twitter @xaviernewswire
Aries: You will be investing in a portable light-up fan for your walk to class.

Taurus: There will be many doors opening in your future. Be nice, someone might be holding the door for you, so say thank you.

Gemini: You will find 75 cents on your way to Gallagher. Nice!

Cancer: You’ll spend all your dining dollars at Coffee Emporium this week while studying for midterms.

Leo: Your clever joke will not be as successful as you hope. You tried.

Virgo: You will see so many cute dogs on campus.

Libra: Xavier University will like your Instagram picture this weekend.

Scorpio: The fire alarm will go off while you’re in the shower.

Sagittarius: Watch out for the squirrels, they’re nuts.

Capricorn: You’re still in shock that Kylie Jenner is pregnant.

Aquarius: You’ll fall asleep in class because you stayed up too late trying to watch all of One Tree Hill before it leaves Netflix.

Pisces: You’ll receive a letter from someone important. Too bad you can’t figure out how to open your mailbox.