Police chief search ends
New chief sites building community as main goal

By Heather Gast
Staff Writer

Xavier's new Chief of Police has more than the traditional experience of serving in the military and other police departments. Daniel Hect has made a career out of connecting to his communities.

Hect believes that a job as a police officer isn't confined to formalities, but efforts need to be made to engage with those you are sworn to protect. He isn't all talk, either. Hect came to Xavier to hang out and talk to students at Coffee Emporium about their feelings toward the police department (XUPD) three times before he accepted the position.

What surprised Hect most about these caffeine-fueled visits and what ultimately led him to take the job at Xavier? He was surprised that when he asked students about the perception of their police force, "There were all good things to say!"

With Hect's last gig at Denison University, a liberal arts college near Columbus, Hect had to start building the police/community bond that he was aiming for from the ground up.

At Xavier, Hect will add on to the work started by former police chiefs. To build this bond, Hect plans to sit in on club meetings and get to know students, as well as have various officers attend campus events to maintain high visibility.

Hect has big dreams for XUPD. Besides maintaining a transparent, visible department, he aims for XUPD to be accredited by three organizations at the state, national and international levels within the next five years. Despite this significant undertaking, Hect is confident in his new department and hopes that these accreditations will make XUPD an exemplary model as a police department.

Hect maintains that XUPD data demonstrates that Xavier and the surrounding communities of Evanston and Norwood are safe. Even so, he intends to have dialogue with residents about regularly patrolling surrounding neighborhoods.

In one of his past positions at University of Southern California in Los Angeles, his department patrolled nearby communities and took emergency calls from residents, as they were able to provide a quicker response than the LAPD. With the proper time and resources, Hect hopes to replicate this system here in Cincinnati.

XUPD was put in the spotlight earlier this year with the crime spike involving robberies at local UDFs, an assault of a Xavier student and a homicide. As a result, the police were able to respond to calls to the address in the registry.

The idea behind the registry was for XUPD to be able to alert off-campus residents of near-by crime as it currently does with XU Alert Me. Additionally, XUPD would be more prepared to respond to calls to the addresses in the registry.

Students criticized the registry, fearing that the police force would abuse the information and target the residences during parties. Hect was not familiar with the registry but was not averse to the proposition. When he first arrived at Denison, officers would hide in bushes to catch students with open container violations, but such practices ceased under his leadership. Overall, Hect favors a more laissez-faire approach to campus policing.
XU library unveils Kanopy system
On-demand video resource gives millions of students access to 26,000 films

BY HYEHYUN HWANG

Xavier’s library recently introduced an online streaming system, Kanopy, to students. Known as “Netflix for education,” Kanopy offers 26,000 on-demand video resources for educational institutions around the world. The service has been featured in publications like The New York Times, Business Insider and Indiewire.

Patty Greco, the acquisitions librarian, and James Green, the user experience/assessment librarian, gave some information about the service. Greco explained that the demand for a more diverse collection of films was one of the reasons Xavier decided to implement Kanopy this spring, not only in the number of films but the genres as well. Green mentioned Patron Driver Acquisition (PDA), calling it the “trigger” system. Green said the university will automatically purchase any resource that is “played” four times in Kanopy, granting unlimited viewing of the material for the entire year.

The library currently has a budget of $3,000 for the education service. The films range from movies to documentaries, and topics include education, global studies, languages, health and more. Greco said the top viewed videos include State of Fear, Freedom on my Mind, New Mindset about Stress, Who is Dayani Cristal?, Don’t Shoot Too Soon, Praying with Lior and Slavery by Another Name.

From Oct. 1, 2017, to Jan. 15, 2018, there have been 1,455 visits and 573 plays within the Xavier community. Students can access Kanopy by searching it online and selecting Xavier University as the institution of affiliation, searching @XU or through the university library’s catalog.

The library has received positive feedback from faculty and hopes to continue to use Kanopy as a supplement for educational, entertainment and lecture purposes at Xavier.

Hoff offers “Teaching Kitchen” cooking classes

BY BRITTANY WELLS

Hoff Dining Commons hosted two Teaching Kitchen sessions in which chefs from the caf taught students how to make “Super Bowls” on Tuesday night. The dish was a healthy grain bowl that included ingredients like lentils and roasted vegetables.

“We’re trying to educate people a little bit more into their food choices,” Tim Beltin, the Production Manager for the caf, said. He also mentioned that grain bowls are “something that we offer every day. It actually tastes and feels fresh, and you know the effort that goes into it.”

“The Super Bowl” hearty grain bowl recipe students got to assemble was a corporate recipe from Chartwells. Students mixed up ½ cup cooked whole grain, ½ cup cooked lentils or beans, ½ cup sauteed vegetables, 1 tablespoon of garnish and 1 tablespoon of dressing in a bowl after listening to a short lecture on the nutrition of the dish.

“I actually liked how he was explaining all the ingredients and what went into the bowl because I think that helps you recreate it later on and I think that I would definitely make this myself in my kitchen,” first-year Sun Haas said.

“I absolutely love grain bowls,” first-year Maddie Weiland said, reminiscing of home. “A few times a week my mom will make a grain bowl and she’ll do different kinds of rices with meats or chicken or fish or whatever and will just toss veggies and stuff together for a bowl and it’s delicious.”

The Hoff Dining Commons plans on having another event at the end of this month, as well as weekly events come February.

Haas said she looks forward to future events where students will have the opportunity to make the ingredients.

For more information on upcoming events check out https://www.dineoncampus.com/xu/.
An interview with new SGA executives

By Soondos Mullahossman
Copy Editor

The Xavierian sat down with SGA executives President Johnny Srisch and Vice President Cole Stautberg to review their first week as SGA leaders. Vice President Brianna Boyce was unavailable at the time of the interview.

The following is an edited transcript.

What are your priorities this semester?

Cole Stautberg, Vice President: Right now it’s kind of busy. One of the biggest things we’re doing is the student activities budget. We’re managing that. We are allocating funds to different organizations.

Johnny Srisch, President: And also, the overall budget for all the clubs. We’re also meeting with a lot of the administrators at this point just to let them put a face to the names, see where their priorities are, what we can do as students to make sure that the priorities are still aligned with the students rather than anything else. Hopefully soon we can get started on projects from our platform. I know Bri and I have been talking to people about the food options over break. That’s still in the works. I’m meeting with Jude (Kiah) on Friday, and then hopefully get the sexual assault hotline — I want to get started on that as soon as possible at least.

Stautberg: And then another thing we’re working on is getting senate started. We didn’t have a Senate meeting, so the last one was over from last semester to this semester. So it’s good that we had the amount of returners that we did (because) they’re the ones that really have to start the semester off with projects so that other senators know what it looks like, what the protocol is, kinda get ideas flowing. So they’ve had projects going on for the past couple months. I don’t know what the status is because I wasn’t at the meeting and neither (were) a couple of committee chairs.

Now we’re meeting with senators fixing up the protocols, what to do next. So it’s been a good process so far, it’s going well.

Before actually getting started, were you nervous? Did you experience any difficulties at first?

Stautberg: It started last semester, really. So we started meeting with a few administrators towards the end of the fall semester, and then we came into the spring. Johnny was in Israel, so Bri and I were going to lead the first Senate meeting.

So we were pretty nervous, or at least I was, because we both don’t have Senate experience, so this is all new to us as well. So we were pretty nervous going in, but we did a lot of preparation work and knew our stuff very well. We have reports very well, so I think it went well. Obviously there are things that could’ve gone better, but I think it went well and we actually did some real Senate stuff like voting and appointing someone. So it was a really good feeling and kind of relieving.

Do you have any embarrassing moments to speak of yet?

Srisch: Not being here, you know, the first couple days. It’s not embarrassing, but it was weird being in Israel for the start of our term. At the end of winter break is when a lot of the planning happens, so it was weird texting and emailing Cole and Bri to see what was going on. And being away from everything was just weird, but I think it’s going well. I still haven’t had a meeting yet, which is weird. I didn’t miss a Senate meeting in the past two years. So it’s weird not being at the first one that I was really supposed to be at. There were so many of us gone.

Are there any individual senator projects or JBC specific projects that have already begun?

Srisch: So a lot of the returning senators, especially Ryan Kambich with academic affairs, their projects rolled over from last semester to this semester. So it’s good that we had the amount of returners that we did (because) they’re the ones that really have to start the semester off with projects so that other senators know what it looks like, what the protocol is, kinda get ideas flowing. So they’ve had projects going on for the past couple months. I don’t know what the status is because I wasn’t at the meeting and neither (were) a couple of committee chairs.

For us, it’s just been conversations at this point. Nothing’s been pen to paper, nothing’s been finalized at this point. I would say we’ve started on quite a bit of our platform just because of conversations. The biggest thing with SGA is letting the administer, we know what the issues are and letting them know that students are working on bringing solution to the table. Often times, it might not be picked, but the fact that we get such a close ear with them, we get so many meetings with them, there’s a great opportunity to actually make sure that the student solution is taken into consideration strongly (and) is shown as a viable solution that’s not just come up with willy-nilly. We take our job seriously, and we put in the research and the time to make sure that what we propose to them is something that will actually benefit the school in the long run.

Stautberg: There are two new Senate reports during our first meeting. Our new senator Matt Miller, he has a really cool idea — he wants to engage Xavier students in tutoring high school STEM students. He had a really cool program in Indiana where they got tutoring resources from college students and he wants to transfer that over to Cincinnati and get that started here, so that was really cool. And then Senator Katy Schuller wants to start working on our university (in terms of) sustainability. She wants to get rid of the use of straws, because there are really wasteful, and so she’s really enthusiastic about that. So we’re excited that they’re working really hard and already getting engaged and involved in the process.

Any final thoughts?

Srisch: Club Day is today, but I think the biggest thing is that students should still look to get involved if they want to. Clubs don’t close after club day, so I think just having a push to check out OrgSync... The best way to make a change at the school is be involved in what you’re passionate about because there are other students you can bounce ideas off of. So go on OrgSync, ask around, (and) if you want to make a club, make a club. If you want to do something, do it: That’s what club day is all about, and that’s what I think Xavier does a great job with... We have over 114 clubs that people can join, and not a lot of schools offer that, especially with the size that we are. So really just to get out there and find something new to do, just to continue making Xavier a better place.

Stautberg: I’d say just feel free to stop by and meet us and see kind of who we are (because) we’d love to meet everyone and see anything they want to see change in the university or what they want to see done, and we’d love to help them if they want to get something done.

Srisch: Our door will be open.
H&M responds to outrage over ad
Protests lead to a temporary closing of all 17 store locations in South Africa

BY KEVIN THOMAS
Campus News Editor

Swedish clothing retailer H&M closed all of its stores in South Africa on Saturday, following controversy regarding an ad portraying a Black child in a hoodie bearing the phrase “Coolest monkey in the jungle.”

The ad appeared only on the British version of the online store and brought immediate controversy because of the history of “monkey” being used as a derogatory slur to refer to people of African descent.

“To have anything with a Black person, and in this particular case, a Black kid, and a saying around a monkey is problematic historically,” Dr. Taj Smith, director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, said. “We know that that representation has always been there throughout history. It has a lot of negative connotations.”

H&M apologized shortly after people began speaking out, saying in a tweet on Jan. 9, “We understand that many people are upset about the image of the children’s hoodie. We, who work at H&M, can only agree. We’re deeply sorry that the picture was taken, and we also regret the actual print. Therefore, we’ve not only removed the image from our channels, but also the garment from our product offering. It’s obvious that our routines haven’t been followed properly. This is without any doubt. We’ll thoroughly investigate why this happened to prevent this type of mistake from happening again.”

There has been public outcry around the world, including several celebrities such as The Weeknd and G-Eazy cutting ties with the brand. In South Africa, people have taken their objections to the street.

Over the weekend, two H&M stores in Johannesburg and Boksburg were torn apart, with clothing thrown on the ground and mannequins destroyed following protests planned by the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), a South African political party. Smith explained that South Africa as a nation has a long history of dealing with racial issues and that the extreme reaction could be linked to the history of Apartheid, which legally separated Black South Africans from White South Africans.

“I imagine there’s something deeper to (the issue) that led to this grade of frustration (in South Africa),” Smith said. “I don’t think if we didn’t have the history of racism and Apartheid there that there would be this strong of a reaction. I think it’s just the icing on the cake, one thing on top of another thing that makes people tired of facing injustice.”

Some have been critical of the protests by the EFF, claiming that the people who will primarily be affected by the demonstrations are employees who had nothing to do with the sweatshirt design.

“In the moment of people being upset about an issue, usually our reaction is to want to strike quickly, and protests tend to lend itself to that,” Smith said. “Not every protest goes to this sort of extreme.”

Julius Sello Malema, leader of the EFF responded to criticisms in a Jan. 13 tweet.

“We will never be told by any fool on how to fight against our oppression particularly those who have never been at the picket lines. There’s no formula on how you should fight the oppressor, expect more action against all racists, individually and collectively this year.”

H&M South Africa released a statement on Saturday, saying, “What matters most to us is the safety of our employees and customers. We have temporarily closed our stores in South Africa. None of our staff or customers have been injured. We continue to monitor the situation closely and will open the stores as soon as the situation is safe again.”

There are 17 locations across the country.

“This incident is accidental in nature, but this doesn’t mean we don’t take it extremely seriously or understand the upset and discomfort it has caused,” a representative of the company told INSIDER. “We have taken down the image and we have removed the garment in question from sale. It will be recycled. We will now be doing everything we possibly can to prevent this from happening again in the future.”

Senior PPP major Adrian Parker is not satisfied with H&M’s response.

“I think H&M will close all these stores and give their official response of ‘we stand against racism,’ but then underneath nothing’s going to change,” Parker said. “If they want the appropriate response, the appropriate response to me would be that whole marketing team or whoever was responsible, they’re fired.”

Parker also expressed uncertainty about how people expressing outrage now will act in the future.

“A lot of people don’t think about where they’re spending their money,” Parker said. “[The outrage] may just stick to H&M and then may just blow over because they’re cheap, they’re affordable, even though they’ve done this heinous thing. The narrative will turn into ‘Well, everyone makes mistakes.’ At the end of the day, we need clothes, which we can get for cheap at H&M.”

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Subpoena sniffs for ‘Sloppy Steve’

Special counsel Robert Mueller calls the former White House adviser to court

BY RILEY HEAD
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Former White House Chief Strategist Steve Bannon was subpoenaed by special counsel Robert Mueller on Tuesday.

Bannon is expected to testify before a grand jury. This is the first time Mueller has used a grand jury subpoena to get information from a former inner-circle member of President Donald Trump in the special investigation, according to The New York Times.

The committee spearheaded by Mueller was formed to investigate possible Russian interference as well as collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia during the 2016 election season. It has been operating since May of 2017 when the Justice Department appointed former FBI Director Mueller to lead the investigation.

Some believe that the official subpoena is simply a bargaining tool to get Bannon to talk, as reported by CNN. It is rumored that the counsel will use this subpoena as a negotiation tool to have Bannon questioned in a less formal setting. Up to this point, he has been uncooperative with investigative efforts, citing executive privilege and refusing to make any comment.

“Although I may think that something might have gone on between (the Trump team) and Russia, I don’t think it was the deciding factor in the final vote,” junior criminal justice major Mike Best said.

“It’s been a year-long smear campaign that has showed nothing in return, and I believe it’s a huge waste of time and money.”

The subpoena came after some of Bannon’s comments were released in Michael Wolff’s controversial new book, Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House, according to The New York Times. He is quoted as saying a meeting between Donald Trump, Jr., Jared Kushner and former campaign chairman Paul Manafort occurred during which they promised negative information on then-Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. In the book, Bannon calls this exchange “treasonous” and “unpatriotic.”

Bannon has since apologized for speaking out against the Trump administration, but the President has cut ties with his former chief strategist.

Trump has since been quoted as saying Bannon has “lost his mind” and even gave him the nickname of “Sloppy Steve.”

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A disingenuous year for elections

The beginning of 2018 marks the start of another arduous national campaign season. This November, the entire Hispanic community’s Representatives, along with a third of the Senate, 36 governors and countless state and local offices, all important initiatival will come under our collective review for a new mandate. This should be the voting time for the people.

In some ways, the ideological bluster of the year already feels disingenuous given the detached circumstances behind finding ourselves in. As ever, antidemocratic powers will be in force, chief among them the runaway campaign contributions, laws and partisan gerrymandering. Each will serve to smother the democratic voice. Voter ID laws ensures that candidates favor able to the wealthy, to those who can afford the luxury of such measures. The voter suppression laws, the ones most likely to make it to office next January. The electoral system’s money draws a deep and troubling rift between those few individuals capable of influencing elections and the rest of the electoral body.

Second, voter suppression laws seek to disadvantage the most marginalized by muffle our nation’s democratic voice. Voter ID laws have all become the rage in the past few years. Especially in the South, policies aimed at tackling the spectre of “voter fraud” will be in full effect this November.

This strike at a “bogey man” is a misguided and harmful. The reason I could use to justify this addiction thing. The longitudinal studies major, there are implications. Smoking cigarettes is bad for my health and is just not something I can do. If you know me at all, you know I have a true love/hate relationship with cigarettes. If you don’t know me, you’ve most likely given me the side-eye while I was smoking next to the library (for that I am sorry). I started smoking as a freshman at Xavier to combat the newfound stresses I faced as a college kid. It was never really about impressing people; it’s not 1954, and smoking cigarettes is generally frowned upon. For me, it was a way to spend a few minutes out of my own head, meditating on the type of people or any other reason I could use to justify this addiction thing. The longitudinal studies major, there are implications. Smoking cigarettes is bad for my health and is just not something I can do.

While voter ID laws do nothing to mitigate nonexist ent voter fraud, they do have the curious effect of decreasing turnout. As countless studies and testimonials have demonstrated, these voters are less likely to vote once they formally register. Voter ID laws amount to our generation’s “ballot box and literacy tests of old – a legalized way to disenfranchise the American public along racial lines and stifle the democratic voice.

Finally, partisan redistricting (gerrymandering) enforces the act of voting across the nation. By allowing for the partisan drawing of electoral districts on the federal and state level, we have in effect allowed politicians to pick their constituents, ensuring they represent districts amicable to their views and hostile to those of others. The result is a drastic loss of competitiveness in elections. What’s more, the votes of citizens in specially drawn districts become diluted and disconnected, unable to pro duce real change in their partisan constituencies. 2018, I fear, will serve as yet another example of broken democratic action in our country. There is energy and excitement in this year’s mid term – the American public is galvanized by the past year of horror show politics.

Unfortunately, powerful measures to dampen the electoral roar exist and will foreseeably continue to make a mockery of good faith elections going forward.

Why one smoker is happy ashtrays are disappearing

As ever, antidemocratic powers will be in force, chief among them runaway campaign contributions, voter suppression laws and partisan gerrymandering.

Last month during finals week, the handful of ashtrays located outside Gallagher Student Center (GSC) were abruptly removed, with a “No Smoking” sign. This was met by a universal shrug, as the majority of students at Xavier are not affected by this small push toward a possibly smoke-free campus in Xavier’s future.

The GSC ashtrays disappear, but they are not necessarily shocking; the lack of notice before they were removed, however, was. Ashtrays across campus (specifically outside Smith Hall, Fenwick Place and the Conaton Learning Commons) were also taken the same day as the ones outside of GSC. As a smoker, I’m a bit worried. If you know me at all, you know I have a true love/hate relationship with cigarettes. If you don’t know me, you’ve most likely given me the side-eye while I was smoking next to the library (for that I am sorry).

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While taking away ashtrays is a small step toward reducing the smoking population, it’s not enough to combat the stressors that keep students smoking or smoking in the first place. There will always be smokers among our students, so taking away the majority of the ashtrays really just takes away a place to set their butts.

Even then, there is a step in the right direction for Xavier. Hopefully other smokers will use this as an opportunity to cut back on smoking, at least when they are on campus.

From a resentful smoker with Lupus.

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Mental health awareness must be discussed more

The tweet read: "Logan Paul should probably just kill himself." Not only was I annoyed with the blunt and crude announcement made by an anonymous Twitter account, but I was also sadly used to seeing this kind of disgust about celebrities, especially from anonymous users. After reading three or four hate comments about the YouTuber, I decided to do some research about the intense shaming. Initially, I just wanted to keep up to date with the latest social media drama, but as soon as I was, I wished I hadn't stumbled upon the disturbing images from Paul's video.

A n y o n e with social media is most likely aware of the events surrounding the vlogger, but in case you missed it, here's what happened. On Dec. 31 Paul released a vlog titled "We Found a Dead Body in the Japanese Suicide Forest..." The video showed Paul and a few friends exploring the infamous Japanese forest where is home to hundreds of suicides occur every year. What many thought to be just clickbait with his shocking video title turned out to be the truth. Paul and his crew discovered the body of a man who had taken his life in the forest just hours before the video was recorded. Despite the tragedy that they came across, the vloggers relentlessly chronicled the body discovered, even going so far as to closely film the unknown victim and circle the scene with little to no panic about the situation.

Paul has since received backlash from social media and numerous news outlets about the lack of respect that the group had for the victim and the victim's family. He has released apologies since then, and one is a written apology and one in the form of a video. Nonetheless, Paul has not been left off the book for his actions as he has been demoted on YouTube, losing his preferred status and most associations that he has with the company.

The harrowing images of dead bodies have been a turning point for Paul. The second that he realized there was an actual victim in the forest, Paul and his crew have turned off the camera and called for help. This was sadly not the case, and the audacity that these 20-something-year-olds had to publicly display the painful effects of mental illness without regard for the victim or his loved ones is the most disturbing part of Paul's video.

In an apology video, Paul discussed mental health awareness and his regret for the initial video. The issue with his apology, however, is that portraying a dead body in a notorious suicide forest in order to gain millions of views is not mental health awareness. It is a positive step toward suicide awareness, but until everyone realizes that depicting a dead body in a forest is not mental health awareness, it is massively overlooked. Paul is a vast amount, mental health awareness is generally overlooked. Paul is a perfect demonstration of this.

Logan Paul did something disgusting for his YouTube career, and although his actions most likely wouldn't be repeated now, who's to say that he didn't go into that forest with a camera first, someone else wouldn't have? I am in no way trying to excuse his actions or defend the video, but instead I am claiming that a larger population, one to which Paul obviously belongs, is also culpable for belittling the importance of mental health. I first learned about the video because someone else was telling Paul to kill himself, hypocritical comments about mental health awareness are just as bad as what Paul did. Making a joke about wanting to kill yourself because of your homework is only adding to the problem surrounding Paul's video. The outrage that spiraled from the video is a positive step toward suicide awareness, but the fact that a disturbing video made society recognize that is a sad realization. Logan Paul is undoubtedly to blame for his actions, but until everyone starts taking mental health awareness seriously, you could be playing a part in this issue, too.

Mental health awareness must be discussed more

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God broke an unbroken silence

I am a big fan of silent retreats. You cannot run away from yourself, your fears or your insecurities. Yet, despite the terrifying prospect of facing these things head on, at the same time it is impossible to run away from the unrelenting love that completely surrounds you. For this reason, infinity seems to be loud—surrounds you. For this reason, infinity seems to be loud.

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I am just as guilty as anyone of overlooking the value of things in the world. I have treated people without considering the facts that we cannot each surround by love. Yet, despite our actions, at the end of the day, there is value to everything under the sun, because God is in all things, guiding them, teaching them, and most importantly, loving them. It is from this love that each person was made. No one was asked to do anything to be given this gift.

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Xavier downs Creighton at Cintas

BY LUKE FELICIANO
Sports Editor

After two consecutive losses in Big East play, the Xavier Musketeers looked to bounce back against the No. 25 ranked Creighton Blue Jays. Xavier dominated Creighton in a decisive 92-70 victory.

With the win, head coach Chris Mack tied former Xavier student Kerem Kanter, who also started on Saturday afternoon in a decisive 92-70 victory.

Xavier dominated Creighton with a decisive 69-62 victory. Thursday's game marks Kanter's third consecutive double-digit showing in the early part of Big East action.

Senior forward Sean O'Mara went 5-of-6 from the floor and tacked on 12 points and four rebounds. Senior guard J.P. Macura was a jack-of-all-trades with 10 points, five rebounds and four assists. Mack was pleased with the performance of his Xavier team and said, "I thought our effort was right there today, and we just got to figure out a way to bottle that up and bring it every single night."

"It just started with our defensive effort. It was really good, and it was where it needed to be. And I thought because of that, our offense was quicker, smarter. It was better, more connected." Mack also expressed his respect for the Creighton basketball program, saying, "It's a really good team that we beat, one of the best offensive teams in the country. A team that really spares you from the three-point line at every position."

Xavier now moves to 4-2-1 overall. Its next contest is tonight at Cintas Center, when the Musketeers look to win their second straight home game against St. John's. Tipoff is slated for 8:00 p.m.

Women's team youth-laden

BY PETER FRIEDSCHEN
Staff Writer

There have been some growing pains for the women's basketball team this season, but there are reasons to be optimistic as the squad continues with conference play.

After finishing with a solid record of 7-4 in the non-conference schedule, the Musketeers opened Big East play in a decisive 69-62 victory over Butler on a nationally televised game before New Years. 2018 has been a struggle for a team that is extremely young and has yet won a game since the calendar flipped.

Sunday’s loss to Marquette in Milwaukee was the last travel experience for Xavier for the next few weeks, as the team will stay in Cincinnati until it goes to Seton Hall to start the month of February. Imani Partlow, who was out for an extended period of time with an injury, leads the team at nearly 11 points per game, and Ariana Gray is the team’s leading rebounder at 5.7 rebounds per game.

Xavier relies heavily on the distance jumper, as 143 of their 385 made field goals have come from beyond the arc. They shoot the three-ball well, at a 24 percent clip. Only Villanova has more underclassmen, 10, than the Musketeers do at nine. Additionally, Xavier’s roster features six true freshmen, which is the most in the conference.

Prior to their most recent game against Marquette, those underclassmen have played more than 60 percent of the team’s available minutes this season. Xavier was picked to finish 10th in the Big East, and even though it currently sits in ninth, there is reason to look to the horizon for positive outcomes.

First, consider that statistic about the number of minutes underclassmen are earning. That kind of consistency will allow head coach Brian Neal to work with the same group of players for the next couple of years as he continues to implement his system and build the program.

One of those freshmen, Jordan Dawson, was the 2016 West Virginia Gatorade Player of the Year in high school. The results may not be showing yet, but there is plenty to come as this program evolves.

The women’s team plays next on Friday at Cintas Center against the Providence Friars. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

Track opens 2018

BY COLIN COOPER
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The 2018 season began this past weekend for the Xavier track and field teams. Xavier opened the new year at the Kentucky Invitation- al at the University of Ken- tucky in Lexington, Ky.

Coming into the event, the team was prepared to go up against tough competition. Schools such as Ohio State, University of Cincinnati, Louisville and Indiana were just a few of the teams Xavier was up against.

While facing off against these teams posed a great challenge, it also gave the squad a chance to gain experience for upcoming events. The men were able to secure three top-20 finishes. Junior Grayson Jenkins was one of the top finishers, placing 15th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:01.62. Senior No- lan Daniels also placed 12th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:00.44.

Freshman Luke English rounded out Xavier’s top male runners for the weekend with a 20th place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.98.

On the women’s side, they were faced with tougher competition. Senior Sarah Clark put up the best performance for the team with a 17th-place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:22.13.

Senior Allison Sinning placed 26th in the 3,000-me- ter run with a time of 10:18.25. Junior Kara Rob-inson also placed 26th in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.25.

The Musketeers look to build on these performances at their next meet, the Glad- stone Invitational, on Jan. 19-20 in Bloomington, Ind.
The end zone sailed over Julio close to winning, but Matt Eagles were able to add two goal to end the half. The Falcons score 10-6.

six-yard pass to running back Matt Ryan struck back with a LeGarrette Blount touchdown, but second quarter with a LeGarrette Blount touchdown.

The Divisional Round of the 2018 NFL playoffs saw the NFC and AFC have to offer. Meanwhile, the Minnesota Vikings both advanced in the NFC and AFC. The Patriots will square off in Orlando, Fla.

The Vikings answer was a 10-0 lead and a three-point lead in the first quarter. They went on to win 29-24 late Sunday.

The Cleveland Browns traded away arguably their two of their best players, Danny Shelton and Josh Gordon Hayward. The Browns trade was a massive move for the Cleveland Browns and defensive squad.

And then there were four: Vikings vs. Eagles, Pats vs. Jaguars

Cavaliers superstar LeBron James is having one of his best seasons yet. He is averaging 27.3 points, eight rebounds and eight assists per game. His three-point shooting is on point, scoring at least 20 points per game. Steph Curry is leading the team with 37.8, but is also a leading candidate for Defensive Player of the Year.

The Warriors are still the favorites to win the NBA finals, even after getting off to a relatively slow start. They currently rank as the best offensive and defensive team in the NBA along with having the fourth best defense in the league.

Minnesota Vikings without Stefon Diggs scored a walk-off touchdown in the closing seconds of the Vikings' win over the Saints on Sunday. The Vikings defeated the Detroit Lions 24-9 in the first half, going up 17-0 by halftime. Then, Super Bowl XLIV MVP Drew Brees started to take control in the first half, going up 17-0 by halftime.

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The third game of the Eastern Conference finals, the Toronto Raptors seem to have made the necessary adjustments to truly compete for championship. The Territory’s offense is much more efficient and, as a result, ranks fourth in the NBA. The Raptors, along with the Warriors, are one of two teams to rank in the top five on both offense and defense. The Raptors’ defense ranks fifth in the NBA.

Rookie OG Anunoby has been another key to the Raptors success, allowing for versatility and floor spacing they did not previously possess.

The Cavs still have LeBron James, arguably the greatest player of all time, having arguably his best season ever. This is not the same team that blitzed the Eastern Conference in each of the last three seasons.

Irrising in Boston, and his impact on the team hasn’t been exaggerated yet. Whether it can retain its conference championship or not, the Cavs are still a hot bet to win again because of James.

Some other teams may still emerge as true contenders. However, these six teams have the best chances of winning it all, each for different reasons. It could be a tight race.

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Pirates walk the plank

This week, the Pittsburgh Pirates traded away arguably two of their best players, Andrew McCutchen and Gerrit Cole. McCutchen was shipped to the San Francisco Giants, and Cole was traded to the Houston Astros.

Bookies in a crapshoot

A recent report published by the Las Vegas Review-Journal stated that up to 18 states are preparing to introduce legislation to regulate sports betting in the new year.

Leonard Fourtuinette

Jacksonville Jaguars running back Leonard Fourtuinette was involved in a minor car accident yesterday but was not injured. He even posed in a picture with a fan who rear-ended him.
SPOILERS: The Last Jedi crushes expectations

By Jack Dunn

Staff Writer

Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi was a great movie. Yeah, I did just say that. And yes, I am a true Star Wars fan.

I didn’t say Rian Johnson created the perfect Star Wars movie. I still question if some scenes were entirely necessary for this two and half hour long movie (green milk scene ring a bell?). Also that Leia scene at the beginning of the movie? Personally, not my favorite and kind of odd in the context of the movie.

But despite these flaws, the eighth installment in every-one’s favorite space opera was outstanding. The three main stories happening in the Last Jedi do a lot in character development for those involved. Rey learns from her experiences with Luke, and Kylo Ren shows her that there is always hope, even when it seems darkest. Poe Dameron learns that sometimes the best seems darkest. Poe Dameron’s favorite space opera was one’s favorite space opera was the context of the movie.

This movie also proves it is impossible to satisfy all Star Wars fans. While most critics loved the movie, online fan reviews were about 50-50. I saw the film three times, so I guess you can tell which camp I fell into. First, people complained that the prequel trilogy was too different. So, when JJ Abrams gave them The Force Awakens, they of course complained it was too similar. So why all the hate on eight? Too different again. If you ask me, it seems like some people are still living at the end of The Empire Strikes Back.

While Mark Hamill stole the show as Luke Skywalker, this truly is a swan song to the late Carrie Fisher. They let her cute dog Gary attend the premiere, and he perked up every time she was on screen. I think that is a pretty darn good metaphor for how most Star Wars fans felt about Leia in this movie. Since we know that Carrie Fisher is no longer with us, The Last Jedi toys with your emotions with her time on screen. I was happy with how her final film handled her death, although I hope they truly find a good and honorable way to say goodbye to Princess Leia in the final film.

The Last Jedi may not have been the Star Wars movie some people wanted, but I think it is definitely one of the better ones in the saga (I don’t need to bring up Jar Jar do I?). It may not be perfect, but it is still a really good movie. I recommend it to anyone and everyone.

It’s all downhill from here

Check out the best hills for sledding on campus

The hill leading to O’Connor is the steepest on campus, but it also ends in the street. PROCEED WITH CAUTION.

OPINION: Mourn the “good guys,” believe the women

By Riley Head

A&E Editor

Last week I finished binge-watching Parks and Recreation for the umpteenth time. This week, I had my heart broken when I learned that one of my favorite actors on the show, Aziz Ansari, was accused of sexual misconduct. The #TimesUp movement that is happening right now in Hollywood is important and empowering. It is helping people around the world realize that they are not alone and that these kinds of experiences are not OK. I fully advocate for all the women stepping forward and send my support to those who cannot or choose not to share their stories at this time.

With that being said, this movement is exhausting. The news cycle is dominated by women’s testimonies of their assault and I find myself constantly re-experiencing moments and feeling emotions that I am actively working to move away from. Women whom I have admired, put on a pedestal in some sense, as independent and brave have stepped forward to share their stories. Just yesterday morning, decorated Olympic gymnast Simone Biles added her name to the list of athletes taken advantage of by the USAG team doctor. While it is empowering to reaffirm that every event does not define you, it is terrifying to know no matter who you are or what position you hold, you can be affected.

One of the most challenging components of this movement for me has been the loss of so many “good guys.” I am in no way saying these men should be pardoned for their behavior. But it is mentally exhausting to continuously lose men you looked up to as positive role models. 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Origins updates Assassin’s franchise

Beat the snowy days with this new video game set in hot ancient Egypt

BY LUKE FELICIANO
Sports Editor

Ubisoft’s popular game series Assassin’s Creed is back after a one-year hiatus with its tenth installment of the game: Assassin’s Creed Origins. In this game, players discover the beginnings of the Assassin Order with its roots lying in ancient Egypt.

In Assassin’s Creed Origins, players are put into the shoes of Bayek, an Egyptian Medjay native of Siwa. Bayek is a warrior who is killed by a ruthless Order of the Ancients group. Bayek is determined to seek revenge against them.

Even though Origins is the 10th game in the series to be released, it technically opens the entire story line. It features a variety of updates that make it exciting to play while maintaining the basic themes of an Assassin Creed game. For example, Bayek has eagle vision, but instead of hitting a button to scan the surrounding area, players control his tamed eagle named Senu to scout the location.

Another concept that remains the same is the ability to fight animals and gather materials from hunting them. In this game, the animals are pretty aggressive and in some cases even hard to hunt because they engage in groups. Beware the alligators, they will run after you from the water!

What this game does best is provide the gamer with more customization than ever before, and as a frequent AC game player, this was a much-welcome addition. Through the many quests and plentiful side quests, players can level up Bayek to gain more health and opportunities to obtain more weapons. This game actually has a weapon arsenal like never before. Not only can Bayek equip three different classes of bows, but he can also handle a variety of weapons, from heavy and powerful maces to long-reaching quick weapons and even dual shortswords that allow a swift taking out of enemies.

The game developers have completely tailored this game to take into account the over-all user experience. In previous games, there was only one default difficulty setting, but in this game, the player has the option to make the game super easy all the way up to a nightmarish difficulty.

Aside from the control system being slightly different than past games, Origins has a restructured combat system that requires players to time up not only attacks but also defenses. This makes the game innately more difficult. The days of button mashing are finally over.

I think what this game does really well is provide a natural progression. Both side quests and main quests have an assigned level, which is the level that is suggested to complete the quest. From my experience with the game, it is impossible to jump from main quest to another main quest because of how increasingly difficult the missions get. That being said, the side missions are all the more important.

The game developers have completely restructured the combat system making it easier for new players to get a hang of. The combat system is more streamlined and user-friendly with the addition of Bayek’s eagle, which allows for more exploration and strategy.

This game is back to its roots, focusing on exploration and story-telling, much like past games in the series. However, Origins brings new elements to the table, such as increased customization and a restructured combat system. Overall, it is a great start trending in the upward direction.

Total score: 3.5

Kylie Jenner watch

Lady Bird gives a new voice to classic coming-of-age story

BY HANNAH PAGE MICHELS
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Set in the iconic early 2000s, Lady Bird centers on the 17-going-on-18 Catholic high school student Christine Phelan as she maneuvers her way through her senior year. Christine calls herself Lady Bird, a name given to her by her best friend. The film was written and directed by Greta Gerwig, and the story is largely based on her own experiences.

This film is unexpected in a handful of ways, because it is a coming-of-age story and features a female protagonist. It is also surprising, as this film has been well-received by both critics and audiences alike. And for good reason, too.

Christine is real, and her story is that of so many young adults trying to find their way, dreaming of life after high school. Despite repeating around the life and issues of a young woman, Christine’s story includes universal themes of clashing with parents, affording college, and dating with friends. In an industry that’s saturated with stories of young male. Christine struggles with trying to decode the young men in her life, the story definitely centers around her relationships with the women in her life. Christine’s mother and her best friend take precedent in her life even when she’s fawning over a brooding male. Without a doubt, this film is going to be raking in nominations and awards. Experiencing the story of a young woman who isn’t shrouded in the veil of a manic pixie dream girl is a rare spectacle. Be sure to take a look.

Total score: 3.5

Kylie Jenner attended the iHeart Music Radio awards with her friend Jordyn Woods to support her rapper-boyfriend Travis Scott.

By Riley Head
A&E Editor

Kylie Jenner has been in hiding since pregnancy rumors broke in September. Her last public outing was at the iHeart Radio awards with her alleged baby daddy Travis Scott. Since then she has been spotted getting into an airplane, and the rumors have gone wild.

Fans believe she is pregnant because the social media mogul has missed most of her hallmark events. She was absent from Paris fashion week and her favorite holiday: Halloween. All recent paparazzi photos have shown Jenner hiding her body under baggy t-shirts and oversized puffy jackets—despite the L.A. heat.

The longer Jenner’s absence from the public eye goes on, the wilder rumors have become. The latest speculate that she is acting as a surrogate for her older sister, Kim Kardashian. Kardashian is expecting a new baby through an unnamed surrogate and the eerily similar timeline have some guessing that Jenner is not pregnant with her own child.

Only time will tell if Jenner is truly with child, but until then we can continue to speculate wildly.

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Marian A. Spencer remains an underrepresented heroine of the Civil Rights Movement despite her many accomplishments in integrating Cincinnati. The granddaughter of a freed slave, Marian was not sheltered from the prejudice against African Americans.

As a young girl, she witnessed Ku Klux Klan parades occur mere feet from her home and experienced criticism against her family for speaking out against racial injustice. Rather than fall to a world of hatred and discrimination, she grew into a woman whose passion for equality and justice led to a legacy of triumph and inspiration for those facing adversity. Marian began her community involvement by joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at just 13 years old. She and her twin sister Mildred graduated as co-valedictorians from Gallia Academy High School in 1938. Both decided to attend the University of Cincinnati. Despite their admission, the sisters were prohibited from certain aspects of the campus. They were refused from specialized colleges, such as the College of Engineering and the College of Medicine, and were even refused on-campus housing. Marian was inspired by the discrimination to join (and later become president of) the Fellowship House, campaign against her university and further eliminate segregation in the city. Marian’s most notable success in integrating Cincinnati occurred in 1952, which involved the amusement park Coney Island. After her family was denied entrance to the park, Marian chaired an NAACP lawsuit against Coney Island and won, thus integrating the park for the first time since its opening in 1886. The success continued from there; Marian served on the executive board of the NAACP, becoming the first female president of its Cincinnati branch, and became the first African-American woman to be elected vice mayor of Cincinnati. In addition to these accomplishments, she was recently honored with the name of University of Cincinnati’s Marian Spencer Hall, which stands as a bittersweet reminder of the obstacles faced and the many victories won. Marian, now 97, continues to live in Cincinnati and work toward the eradication of segregation.

An in-depth detail of Marian’s life can be found in the book Keep on Fighting: The Life and Civil Rights Legacy of Marian A. Spencer, written by Dorothy H. Christenson. An event hosted at the Cincinnati Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 2-3:30 p.m. will talk about and focus on this book.