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Lineup replaces annual campout

Students brave rain, snow to secure spaces for home matchup vs. Villanova

BY LUKE FELICIANO
Sports Editor

In lieu of a campout, Xavier students participated in a lineup outside Cintas Center that took place on Saturday before the clash between the No. 4 Musketeers and the No. 2 Villanova Wildcats. While the result of the game wasn’t what many students had hoped for, the general consensus was that the lineup highlighted the excitement surrounding the matchup and the support for the basketball team.

Students formed a line that wrapped around Cintas, starting at the front entrance and extending all the way to the entrance to the academic section.

The earliest of the bunch took their spots in line around 7:30 a.m. and remained there right up until the students were allowed into the arena at 3 p.m.

Weather conditions forced students to bundle up and battle the elements — a mix of rain and snow — as they prepared for the top-five matchup.

One student, sophomore Zach Pottschi, said about the attire he wore to keep warm: “I wasn’t really planning on snow that much this morning, but I’ve added layers,” Pottschi said.

As the day went on, he put on up to four layers, which included an undershirt, a sweatshirt, two different rain jackets and two pairs of pants. Some students, such as first-year James Record, believed that the bad weather conditions heightened the sense of anticipation surrounding the game.

“(The lineup) adds to the excitement,” Record said. “I don’t think anyone is going to leave…(There is) a good environment and good vibes.”

Sophomore Alex Brown, a lifelong Xavier basketball fan, believed there was a correlation between the students waiting in line and the history of Xavier basketball.

“I think it reflected the fact that all Xavier fans have known that Xavier has always been one of the best programs in the country, but we’ve had to wait for our chance,” Brown said. “Waiting in the line kind of symbolized the wait that we’ve had to go through to get to this point as a program.”

For the lineup, students formed groups, which allowed them to share the experience with friends. The lineup resembled the campout of previous years, minus the actual presence of tents and the overnight stay.

“It’s a great time,” sophomore John Simmons said. “Everybody is out here bonding, and it’s great being with friends.”

Another sophomore, Jake Barford, agreed that the lineup added to his experience of the game.

“Overall, it’s a good time,” Barford said. “One of the biggest games in Xavier history most likely is about to happen.”

While students generally expressed positive reactions to the experience, some felt that the lineup system should have been altered, especially given the weather.

“The lineup idea overall wasn’t the best,” Barford said. “I think there probably could have been a better way to do it, whether it be a campout or maybe something else where we didn’t have to stand with all the snow and everything.”

Others critiqued the timing of the process, particularly the 7:30 a.m. start.

“I think it was a little unnecessary. It was a little early in the morning just to sit out here,” Simmons said.

Opportunities for students to experience a big game at Saturday’s don’t come very often. In recent years, the chances have been limited to one home game against Villanova each year and alternating home games with Cincinnati. Nevertheless, students seemed to enjoy this opportunity to be a part of the greater Xavier basketball community.
Xavier University will be working with former Speaker of the House John Boehner to form “a student-centered project,” according to university spokeswoman Kelly Leon. The project, titled the Boehner Institute, will honor the Congressional legacy and leadership of the Xavier alum. Father Michael Graham, president, and Boehner hosted a small, informal meeting in Naples, Fla., on Feb. 6 that determined the collaboration.

Before his career in Congress from 1990 to 2015, Boehner graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Xavier in 1977. Boehner has decided to honor the university by donating his Congressional papers.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences David Mengel said the Boehner Institute is still in the “imagining process.” He shared that the principle question driving the institute’s development is “how might the collection of Speaker John Boehner’s Congressional papers, which the Speaker donated to Xavier, allow us to provide addition al learning opportunities to Xavier students and our community?”

The Boehner Institute will not just be another academic program. While it will predictably be of use for the political science program as well as Philosophy, Politics and the Public program (PPP), Mengel hopes that the Congressional papers will be useful across disciplines as a “resource for Xavier students and the larger community.”

Junior PPP and Economics double major Jacob Jansen also expressed hope that students of all backgrounds will be able to use the Institute as a resource.

“I’m excited that Xavier has taken advantage of this unique opportunity,” Jansen said. “Whether you like his politics or not, John Boehner is an important member of our alumni network, and although I’ve heard concerns from other students that his party’s ideology will carry over to the institute, I hope and truly believe that Xavier will have the capacity to maintain a bipartisan nature in the institute, allowing students of any ideology to learn politics in an extraordinary way.”

Jansen also commented on the effects not only on Xavier but also on the PPP program. He thinks the institute could elevate the university’s status as a center of political study and enable further success of the program.

“The introduction of the institute to Xavier’s campus leaves the potential for this school to become a hub for political studies across the Midwest, in which I would imagine the PPP program would certainly play a role,” Jansen said. “The program already attempts to instill in its students the necessary skills to succeed in politics, and with the addition of the institute, it stands to become a training ground of tomorrow’s leaders, just like the Ivies.”

Mengel will be working with Student Government Association President Johnny Srsich to ensure student engagement in the process.
Gardens sculpture donated to XU
Cincinnati Gardens arena basketball art piece finds new home on campus

BY ALEX ACKERMAN
Staff Writer

A taste of Cincinnati’s rich sports history has come to Xavier’s campus with the donation of a Cincinnati Gardens basketball sculpture from John Peckskamp.

The Cincinnati Gardens arena is being demolished, so Peckskamp is handling the future of the sculptures to ensure that they have a permanent place to stay.

Peckskamp is the grandson of Henry Mott, the original designer of the sculptures, which had been a part of the Gardens since its opening in 1949.

The Xavier basketball team played a total of 17 seasons at the Cincinnati Gardens arena from 1963 to 2000 prior to the completion of Cintas Center.

At the arena, Xavier basketball had a total of 236 wins and 74 losses. Brian Hicks, the associate athletic director for external relations, said the connections to the arena show why it is important for Xavier to house the sculpture.

Of the six sculptures outside the Gardens (two each of a hockey player, basketball player and boxer), one of the basketball sculptures will be displayed on Xavier’s campus. The sculpture is already in Xavier’s possession at the Physical Plant building.

It is currently undecided which location is the most appropriate for the sculpture. According to Hicks, the university plans to “finish the current basketball season” before discussing where the sculpture should be incorporated into the university.

Plans could take one to five years since there is no set timeline for what to do with the sculpture. “More discussion is required” in order to come to the best decision possible for everyone, Hicks said.

The sculpture will continue to be stored in the Physical Plant building until those decisions are made, which was facilitated in part by Vice President for Facilities Robert Sheeran.

A number of people have been involved in the logistics of receiving and storing the sculpture, including Hicks, Sheeran and Athletic Director Greg Christopher. Peckskamp was responsible for the donation after reaching out to Xavier several months ago so that the university would provide a permanent place for the sculpture to be displayed and enjoyed by fans.

The sculptures serve as a legacy of his grandfather’s work and he believes that entrusting one to Xavier would prevent its demolition along with the arena. “The sculpture is an important part of the city’s rich sports history as well as Xavier’s history, so we are thrilled that John (Peckskamp) reached out to us several months ago in preparation of the demolition of the building,” Hicks said. To him, exhibiting this basketball sculpture will help “tell the story about that particular era of Xavier basketball.”

Student-run Faves eatery plants its roots in CLC
After opening at the end of fall semester, Faves continues to grow and change

BY ALANA HARVEY
Staff Writer

With its roots firmly planted on Xavier’s campus, Faves has continued to grow as an establishment since its openings.

Danny Schwartz, president and CEO of Faves, has been involved with the establishment since its early stages of development and is proud of the hard work his teammates have put forth to make the on-campus restaurant a healthy and desirable option for students.

When asked about the campus reception of Faves, Schwartz said “We have loved the warm reception we have gotten from our Xavier community.”

“Everyone from students to staff have been extremely supportive and positive about our business, and it has shown in our sales,” Schwartz said. “It has been really cool to see regulars develop as well as see what is most popular on our menu.”

Faves’ best-sellers include the “Si-Guy” panini (named after its creator, Simon Koldof) and the “Fave” blend, which the restaurant sells in addition to crepes and on-the-go options. While these healthy options have been and will continue to be staples for Faves, there have been slight but noticeable changes to the restaurant so far, one of which is its ability to now take credit cards.

“Aside from bitcoin, we accept everything under the sun with our new [point of sale] system,” Schwartz said.

This change gives students more opportunities to purchase healthy food, often with locally sourced ingredients.

Even more changes are to come as four of Faves executive members will be graduating this spring. These members include Kenny Deprez, Sarah Kramer, Michael Bigliarelli and Danny Schwartz.

These positions will be passed on to Jed Raynes, Ethan Schuld and William Zimnder, all of whom are current students. The Faves team finds it incredibly important to stay true to the establishment’s roots by remaining student-run.

“We could not be more happy or confident in leaving our baby, Faves, in the capable hands of these returning students because we know that they are just as passionate about our mission as we are,” Schwartz said.

“I really think that because we are a student-run business, it has helped us connect with our peers. We have really tried to market ourselves as the only restaurant on campus that is students for students. Also, our team has done a phenomenal job on making our restaurant a great customer experience.”

Schwartz feels an immense amount of gratitude for the individuals who have helped Faves flourish, including students, university staff and the Physical Plant team.

“Without them, we would never have been able to see Faves go from an idea to what it is now,” Schwartz said.

Luckily for the students seeking healthier food options on campus, Faves has transformed from an idea to a reality, brought to life by a team of passionate individuals who want to provide these options for Xavier’s students and faculty members.

Faves is located on the fourth floor of the Conaton Learning Commons (CLC) and is open Monday-Friday from 12-7 p.m.
Campus responds to Fla. shooting

The 29th mass shooting in the U.S. in 2018 resulted in the deaths of 17 people.

The Xavier community is also taking the shooting to heart. The Student Government Association (SGA) said in a statement that as a Jesu- it university, Xavier stands with the students, faculty and staff of Stoneman Doug- las and grieves with them. It also stated that “At Xavier, we remember that only a small percentage of people who make threats are committed by those who are diagnosed with, or in treatment for, mental illness. As a university, we move away from framing the conversation around violence in the context of mental illness, which only does a disservice to the vic- tims and unfairly stigmatizes the many others with mental illness.”

Xavier University Police (XUPD) Chief Daniel Hect spoke about the efforts made to ensure safety on campus.

“Emergency planning is a top priority at Xavier University. The recent tragedies are only a reminder of the threats colleges face every day,” Hect said. “As a university, we will continue to focus on preparedness for active shooter and targeted acts of violent inci- dents. However, we will also make a change in our approach of prevention as well.”

Hect went on to say that the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) in student de- velopment reviews concerns about student behavior and looks for indicators of a stu- dent who may cause harm to others or themselves. XUPD officers are also attending a 48-hour Crisis Intervention Team training to help with identifying subjects who are in distress.

Hect also emphasized the role students can play in pre- vention efforts. “If you feel someone is in crisis and needs intervention, you as a student can and should tell a profes- sor, RA, police officer or any other trusted professional staff member.”

XUPD is also conducting regular Run Hide Fight train- ing for the Xavier community. If you would like more infor- mation on the Run Hide Fight program, contact XUPD or visit xavier.edu/safety.

By Jack Dunn

Staff Writer

Nikolas Cruz, 19, made his first appearance in court on Monday in Parkland, Fla. He faces 17 counts of premeditated murder for his Valentine’s Day attack at Marjo- ry Stoneman Douglas High School. Of the 17 killed, 14 were students.

Cruz came to his former high school wearing a gas mask, a vest and a “Make America Great Again” hat. In a black duffel bag, he had smoke grenades and multiple magazines of ammunition. He used an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle that he bought legally in February of 2017.

Cruz arrived at Stoneman Douglas in an Uber at about 2:19 p.m. He walked to build- ing 12, which housed mostly freshman classes, and pulled a fire alarm, sending students ranging from 14 to 18 years old. Xavier Police Chief Daniel Hect said the shooting was a reminder of the daily threats campuses face.

The FBI has taken criti- cism based on missed warn- ing signs. The Bureau said in a statement that “The infor- mation was not provided to the Miami Field Office, and no further investigation was conducted at that time.”

The FBI failed to respond to a tip that had received from someone close to Cruz on Jan. 5. The tip provided in- formation about “Cruz’s gun ownership, desire to kill peo- ple, erratic behavior and dis- turbing social media posts, as well as the potential of him conducting a school shoot- ing.” The FBI stated that the information should have been assessed as a “potential threat to life.”

Cruz has been described by his peers as a ‘troubled’ teen who posted disturbing images on social media. Some posts included images of guns, bullets and a dead frog on Instagram. On YouTube, a user by the name of “nikolas cruz” commented on a video, “I’m going to be a professional school shooter.”

Cruz arrived at Stoneman Douglas and allegedly stalked one of the girls he killed. A 2016 Florida Department of Children and Families report stated that af- ter breaking up with his girl- friend, Cruz began cutting his arms. The report also stated that he had plans to buy a gun, placed racial slurs and hate symbols on his backpack, and suffered from depression and ADHD and was on the autism spectrum. Despite this, he was considered a low risk case.

Jonson also pointed out that it is important to remove the stigma surrounding men- tal illness, particularly among men, and provide the neces- sary treatment that is needed for people who are suffering from disorders.

“It is imperative to note that the overwhelmingly ma- jority of people with a mental disorder are not violent and will never engage in this type of behavior,” Jonson said.
Prof’s misconduct brought to light
Famed flautist’s sexual misconduct to be discussed after more than 20 years

BY HEATHER GAST
Staff Writer

The sexual assault scandal involving former University of Cincinnati (UC) flute professor and world-renowned performer Dr. Bradley Garner was brought to public attention earlier this month by the Cincinnati Enquirer. After the release of an investigative report by UC that included the testimony of 21 former, current and prospective students in November, the university placed Garner on unpaid leave and barred him from campus. Garner retired seven days before his disciplinary hearing in December 2017, claiming he had been denied due process in the Title IX proceedings. No alleged sexual assault victims have identified themselves publicly.

UC began its investigation into Garner in October after a College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) division head and Dean escorted two unidentified flute students to UC’s Title IX office to file complaints against Garner, according to the Enquirer. The investigative report released in November concluded that there was evidence that Garner’s “persistent and pervasive harassment created a significant hostile learning environment for students” via “unwanted sexual advances and verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.” UC has claimed that it did not receive complaints prior to October 2016, though the Enquirer interviewed a CCM graduate student who claimed she filed Title IX complaints in spring of 2016.

Former UC adjunct professor Randy Bowman also claimed that Garner’s inappropriate behavior had been an “open secret” among staff since the 1990s. UC’s investigative report found that Garner targeted students in three main ways within CCM: sexualizing students, texting them sexually explicit messages and having sexual relations with them. He also made objectifying comments during private and group lessons to female students. “The comments included, ‘Would you like your spanking now or later?’ and ‘I want you to breathe so low that the bottom of your pants pops open. I promise I won’t look...but maybe I will.’

CCM students and a professor claimed they had occasionally received or heard of students receiving sexually explicit texts including genitalia from Garner. The UC investigative report included one student’s testimony claiming that Garner kissed them on the face during private lessons. Garner even had students sign legally binding contracts to only be taught private lessons by him, according to the Enquirer. Prospective CCM students detail instances that Garner had forced sexual relations when they were minors. Bowman claimed that Garner showed him two videos of the flute professor having sexual relations with students.

Besides UC, Garner was instructing at three other institutions: NYU, Juilliard Pre-college Division (Juilliard Prep) and WildAcres Flute Retreat. UC did not attempt to inform any of these institutions of the investigation after it released the report in November. Juilliard Prep had informally known of the investigation through the flute world and placed the famed flautist on immediate leave in December, allowing Garner’s contract to expire without renewal. New York University fired Garner after being approached by the Enquirer in January. Wildacres Flute Retreat has elected to continue to employ Garner despite the allegations.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters will be working with UC to examine the sexual assault allegations further.
We need more of the right kind of love

Love is essential. However, the word itself is often thrown around with little attention to its meaning. As our control of the world seems to dwindle, we feel a natural desire to look for the love in everything that happens, but this has caused an overuse of the word ‘love’ and a dissolving of its true definition.

I agree that the need for love is great. With the increase of mass shootings, knowledge of sexual orientation and strong discourse within politics, it is crucial that love remains at the root of all that we do, good or bad. However, for this to be effective, we must be conscious of what it means.

As a 15-year-old, I remember telling a boy I loved him mere two weeks into the relationship. I told him that what I was feeling was not love, it was a mix of pressure and excitement. As a 17-year-old, I told a boy I loved him two months into the relationship.

The love in that case has remained and grown ever since because it took time to understand what I was feeling.

While pressure is a key problem in romantic relationships, it is even more problematic in partnerships within social or political sphere.

In my experience, the pressure to say I love someone to friendships is much greater than in romantic relationships. Social influencers teach us that if we ‘don’t say it, we don’t mean it.’ When we use it not as a necessity but as a filler, it taints the relationship. Love is essential, and for it to be meaningful, it is meant to instill confidence and warmth.

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I was not shocked to hear about the shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14. Why should I be? I saw 56 fellow Americans get mercilessly gunned down in October at a concert in Las Vegas and then 26 more a month later at a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

No changes were made in that time, so why would it be surprising that more of our citizens are being killed in these terrible tragedies? Did anyone really think mass shootings would end on their own?

Our responses are unfortunately always the same. This may seem controversial, but thoughts and prayers are not going to change this cycle of mass shootings. It’s a great idea to shoot out the first one or two, but that is often overlooked. Permission to move from each sexual assault has ended in the United States. It ended after 30 people were killed at a college in Virginia. It ended after five police officers were gunned down at a rally in Dallas. It ended after 20 first-graders and six faculty members were killed in a grade school in Connecticut.

We have chosen to do nothing and these new shootings are just consequences of our inaction and negligence. Schools come up with new acronym or shooter training, and law enforcement tries to come up with quicker response times. It needs to be asked before the act is actually started. Saying yes to something else means that a person is going to get their way. Would you like to go to the movies tonight or do you want to go out to eat? Ongoing consent is not a one-size fits all requirement. It is so explicitly clear. It is more attractive than someone recognizing you as an equal human being.

If you say yes? Were they sober? It is so explicitly clear. It is more attractive than someone recognizing you as an equal human being. How do you feel comfortable if we say yes? I can list endless ways to ask the basic question. It’s so simple and there is no excuse for skipping this step. I have heard the argument that asking explicitly for consent “kills the mood” or stopping to ask about birth control or condoms or STIs is not “sexy.” As college educated adults I think we should have more respect for each other than using these excuses. Someone’s safety — whether it is mental or physical — is much more important than a moment of supposed awkwardness. And if you don’t think that asking for consent is sexy you’re obviously not doing it right. While I don’t think this basic human right is something that needs to be made more appealing, nothing can be more attractive than someone recognizing you as an equal human being.

Other factors like alcohol can make this issue of ongoing consent even more confusing. If the person explicitly told you that they wanted to have sex at the beginning of the night but at the end of the night they’re so drunk they can’t walk, does that earlier consent still apply? If someone passes out in the middle of consensual sex, does that earlier consent still apply? These answers are a shockingly clear no to me, but I think that it’s a common source of confusion. If someone cannot coherently reply then the answer is a re-sounding no. I do believe that some layers of consent can be tricky to navigate and be situational. Ongoing consent does not fall under this confusion because it is so explicitly clear. It is such an easy box to check. Did they say yes? Were they sober enough to mean it? Great job, you have gotten consent from your sexual partner. Ongoing consent is not a one-size fits all requirement. It needs to be asked before each new sexual act starts, even if you have hooked up with the person before, and especially if it’s your first experience with them. This crucial step cannot be left out or its importance minimized.
By PAUL FRITSCHNER

Staff Writer

Some days you’re the bug, and some days you’re the windshield.

Wednesday night against Seton Hall, especially in the first half, Xavier was the windshield on a car flying through a country road in the middle of the summer.

While things got dicey in the second half because of defensive lapses and a plethora of fouls, the Musketeers were able to hold on for a 102-90 win.

This was Xavier’s 12th win in conference play, and it gave the team a game-and-a-half lead on the Villanova Wildcats for first place in the Big East.

All of this is to say, that on a nine-game winning streak, Xavier was feeling confident about its chances in taking on the four-time defending Big East regular season champions on Saturday.

The magic number for Xavier to win the conference title outright was four, meaning any combination of Xavier wins and Villanova losses adding up to four would do the trick. Should Xavier win Saturday afternoon, that number would go down to two and would set up the possibility that Xavier could clinch it at home on Senior Night against Providence.

Having only lost to Xavier one time since the Big East formed, the Wildcats have proven their dominance over the Musketeers. Xavier had a chance to change that narrative, but Villanova saw it to that it wasn’t the case.

Villanova sank contested three after contested three en route to splashing 11 triples in the first half alone. It seemed like no matter what Xavier did defensively, Villanova’s shots would fall.

In 11 matchups since the new Big East formed, Villanova has averaged 11.35 per game on 41.4 percent from beyond the arc against Xavier.

It’s made 11 or more in seven of the 11 games and has that at least eight in all of them. It finished 16-1 on Saturday, which was a record number for any Xavier opponent in the history of the program.

“If they shoot the ball the way they did today, it will take a monumental effort to beat them,” Mack said. “When it’s going in, they’re a tough team to knock off. They really are.”

Xavier rallied from its 14-point halftime deficit to cut it to three at one point in the second half, but it never got closer than that. Villanova battled through foul trouble to emerge with the 95-79 victory.

Not to be lost in the result of the game is that Trevon Bluiett entered the contest needing 19 points to pass DaVid West for second place on Xavier’s all-time scoring list.

He finished with 41 and will now likely sit there behind Byrons Larkin’s seemingly insurmountable lead.

“I’ve said all the things I can say about Tre and more,” Mack said. “He’s been fun to coach, and I have no doubt on Monday when he shows up for practice he’ll be ready to go again.”

Xavier now closes the regular season with three very winnable games—George-town on the road, Providence at home on Senior Night and DePaul on the road.

Should the Musketeers win all three, they will guarantee themselves at least a share of the Big East regular season title.

Xavier opens season against Florida State, defeats the No. 8 Kentucky Wildcats, 3-2

Trevon Bluiett scored 26 points against Villanova as he surpassed David West to become the second-leading scorer in program history.

Women’s tennis takes down Ivy League foe UPenn

BY TIM KRAMER

Staff Writer

Xavier baseball began its 2018 season over the weekend against the fifth-ranked Florida State Seminoles. Xavier is eyeing its third Big East Tournament in a row and seeks to advance to another NCAA tournament.

Xavier opened its season test against a three-game series against an elite Florida State program.

Though Xavier dropped all three games to the Seminoles by scores of 11-1, 7-2 and 5-1, the Musketeers competed against top competition.

In opening series of the season, Xavier wasted no time in giving its younger players experience.

Head coach Billy O’Connor did not allow his young guys back down, allowing several freshmen to see the field and throw some innings on the bump.

Xavier threw freshman Trevor Olson in game one. The left-hander has big shoes to fill after the departure of standout Zac Lowther, who now pitches for the Baltimore Orioles organization.

Other freshmen arms that took the hill over the weekend included Sean Douaire, Henry Miller and Evan Miller.

Preseason All-Big East member and sophomore infielder Conor Grammes picked up right where he left off from his freshman season.

Grammes recorded five base hits in 12 at-bats, including a home run in the fourth inning of the series finale.

Grammes is a versatile player for the Musketeers, being able to play third base and designated hitter while also having the ability to take the mound from time to time.

Expectations are very high for the underclassmen this season.

The team entered the week looking to bounce back from its losses to Florida State.

The Musketeers faced No. 8 Kentucky on Tuesday night and won 5-2.

Xavier took a quick 2-0 lead with a two-RBI single off the bat of freshman Albffy Major. After Kentucky tied the score, the game went to extra innings.

In the top of the 10th inning, graduate senior Joe Gellenbeck lined a double and advanced to third on an error.

Xavier seized a 3-2 lead in the same inning when sopho- more catcher Natalie Monas- tra, who came in the game for junior Nate Soria, hit a sacri- fice fly to right field.

Junior Trey Schramm shut down the Wildcats in 4.8 pitches in relief to seal the victory.
Tom Brady the GOAT? Think again

Opinion: Despite the glory, Patriots QB isn’t the best athlete in sports history

BY JACK DUNN  Staff Writer

Tom Brady is not the greatest athlete of all time, or GOAT as it is now commonly referred to. Now re-read that sentence very carefully. I did not say that he was a bad football player. I did not say that he was a bad quarterback. In fact, I think it is hard to dispute that he is the greatest football player of all time. But there is a very big difference between being the best at your sport and being the greatest athlete of all time.

In the leadup to the Super Bowl earlier this month, there was a lot of discussion surrounding this topic. And I would say it was a fair argument. Had he won the Super Bowl, he would’ve been 6-2 all time.

He already has his name stamped on one of the greatest comebacks ever with his win over the Atlanta Falcons last year. He’s also got the huge career numbers with 608 touchdown passes and more than 66,000 passing yards. Add 68 more touchdown passes in the postseason and near-

ly 10,000 yards to go along with that. These are some unreal numbers, but can they qualify for true GOAT status? I would say no. There’s a very simple reason for this. When I think of the greatest athletes of all time, I think of the people who truly changed the way we played and even perceived sports.

They rocked the sports world or even the political world. This is because sports can have more of an impact off the field than on it in some cases. By the definition of greatest “athlete,” none could be better than Jim Thorpe. He was the first Native American to win gold medals in the Olympics, capturing the pentathlon and decathlon titles in 1912, which are considered some of the hardest tests of a human’s abilities.

He also used professional baseball and football, being a part of the 1920s all-decade team for the NFL. He’s in both the pro football and college football Hall of Fames. As important as his accomplishments in the NFL, it is his overall impact that will be remembered. He will be the only person to have a statue of himself in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The city of Seattle has officially applied to become the newest NHL expansion team. If the proposal is accepted, it will become the 32nd franchise in the league.

As important as his accomplishments in the ring—an Olympic gold medal and a heavyweight title—were, his accomplishments outside the ring may be even more important. His wins were vacated after he refused to join the draft, but they were later reinstated by the Supreme Court. For these actions, he was later reinstated by the Supreme Court.

I believe that when you decide who you think the greatest athlete of all time is, you need to consider all of these facts. In my opinion Tom Brady is probably the greatest football player of all time. But is he the greatest athlete?

No, I don’t think he is.

Recap of MLB offseason transactions

Yanks trade for Stanton, Angels sign Ohtani, Astros add Cole

BY DONNIE MENKE  Staff Writer

After an offseason to forget, Major League Baseball has returned. Pitchers and catchers reported for Spring Training last Wednesday for most teams and the rest of the teams reported earlier this week.

The biggest story this offseason was the lack of free agent signings and general roster moves, but there were still some major stories to note. One was a blockbuster deal that sent reigning National League MVP Giancarlo Stanton from the Miami Marlins to the New York Yankees.

Stanton, who hit 59 home runs, will join a lineup that already features two of the better power hitters in baseball: Aaron Judge, who hit 52 home runs last year, and Gary Sanchez, who hit 33 home runs.

They were among the best power hitters already, but adding Stanton makes this possibly the most powerful trio in a long time. The Yankees had a successful year last season, falling one win short of a World Series appearance.

The team that beat them, and won the World Series, also made a big trade this winter.

The Houston Astros traded for pitcher Gerrit Cole, formerly of the Pirates. Cole had a down season in 2017, but many still believe he has ace-caliber potential.

Joining a rotation that already has Cy Young contenders Dallas Keuchel and Justin Verlander, and possibly the best No. 4 starter in baseball in Lance McCullers Jr., the Astros look poised to repeat as American League Champions.

The Los Angeles Angels signed Japanese superstar Shohei Ohtani and Zack Cozart in an attempt to bolster their roster as well.

Ohtani is projected to both pitch and hit in the majors and should give the Angels another star player next to Mike Trout.

Outside of this, not much else happened this offseason, roster-wise. The Marlins traded other top players in Marcell Ozuna and Christian Yelich, and there were minor free agent signings, but big names such as Yu Darvish, JD Martinez and Eric Hosmer went unsigned much longer than they normally would have.

Darvish remained unsigned until the second week of February, while Martinez and Hosmer didn’t sign deals until earlier this week.

In addition to the lack of roster moves, commissioner Rob Manfred attempted to enact “pace of play” rules such as a pitch clock, reduced time between innings and a limited number of mound visits. This was a point of contention between the MLB and the MLBPA.

It was announced earlier this week that a pitch clock would not be implemented this season, but there will be limited mound visits and less time between innings.

Now, that Spring Training is here, the MLB can move on from this offseason, and hopefully, the coming season will continue to build on the momentum of the last two.

Sports Banter

Don MDingly fires back

Marlins manager Don Mattingly didn’t take too kindly to Bryce Harper’s comments about the team’s recent transactions. Mattingly responded by saying, “Take care of your own dognut.”

Super-G=Super Gold

Ester Ledecka from the Czech Republic, who normally competes in snowboarding competitions, won the gold medal in the women’s super-G, a skiing event.

Bubba balls out

American golfer Bubba Watson, who took part in the NBA celebrity All Star game over the weekend, also won his first tournament in two years at the Genesis Open.

Space needle, or hockey stick?

The city of Seattle has officially applied to become the newest NHL expansion team. If the proposal is accepted, it will become the 32nd franchise in the league.

Sports
Buried Child uncovers Xavier Theatre talent

By Hannah Paige Michels
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As hoped, Xavier Theatre did not disappoint with its second show of 2018, Buried Child. The play takes place in rural America during the 1970s and follows a dysfunctional family with a terrible secret.

At no fault to the cast and crew, the beginning of this show is painfully slow. Watching a grumpy husband character bicker with his off-stage wife for 15 minutes for the sake of exposition while the guy next to you in the audience manspreads like there is no tomorrow is a recipe for restlessness. Thankfully the cast trudged through the beginning and into a much more interesting storyline.

The beautiful set was comprised of rainwater trickling from the ceiling, a staircase comprised of rainwater trickling from the ceiling, and a towering fence as the backdrop. The set was complemented by an incredibly impressive cast.

First-year Holland Taylor uncovers Xavier Theatre talent. Taylor had a passionate energy and dedication that I expect her theater career. Tay-

lor did not quite embody the character as much as some of the more seasoned actors, but she had a passionate energy and dedication that I expect will make her a valuable asset to Xavier Theatre in the coming years.

Henry Eden easily stole the show as the character of Vince. Vince’s character arc is probably the most drastic and unnerving of all the unstable characters in Buried Child, and Eden did not hold back in playing older characters, and I commend Xavier Theatre for making that presum-
ably tough decision.

Buried Child is an emotional and twisted story that can be difficult to watch at times. But this show ultimately stretched the talents of Xavier’s theater students and expanded Xavier Theatre’s bounds for telling complicated and intense sto-
ries. I look forward to seeing the next great story Xavier Theatre tackles.

Rating:

Chloe Kim is a 17-year-old snowboarder participating in the Olympics. Her parents are from South Korea, and she is making her Olympic debut in her family’s home country. The teen has already made history by being the youngest woman to ever win a snowboarding gold medal.

Red Gerard is a 17-year-old snowboarder making his Olympic debut. He overslept the day of and showed up late to his competition, but he still brought home the gold. He told reporters that he forgot to set an alarm after falling asleep watching Netflix the night before.

Shawn White won the United States’ 100th all-time gold medal in Pyeongchang. He claimed this record title with his signature snowboard halfpipe event. White is also the first snowboarder to win the same event at three separate Winter Olympics.

We at the Newswire would like to wish a happy #dirtythirty to the icon herself: Bad Gal RIRI.
To all the first-years searching for housing next year, The Newsure has the perfect cheat sheet to help you figure out where to live based on location, space, price and perks/downsides:

Kuhlman Hall: Probably the most centrally located sophomore building on campus in terms of accessibility, Kuhlman is a first-year and sophomore building located right in the Xavier Yard. If you lived in Kuhlman this year and loved it, get ready for round 2! There aren’t any perks to being a sophomore in Kuhlman compared to being a first-year, but you could always try to get your whole friend group to live in one of the top two floors of Kuhlman! Live by yourself with your freemie (future roommate or friend roommate) in Kuhlman’s simple suite-styled dorm. Dorms have one bedroom for you and your roommate and a connecting bathroom to another double or single bedroom. Sinks are nicely located outside of the bathroom in each bedroom for easy access. The sinks don’t take up too much space because the room is spacious, and everything can be arranged without feeling cluttered. Living in Kuhlman is very nice and perfect for checking into a suite on X-Pulse without having to get out of bed. The price for this suite is $3,375.

Buenger Hall: The nicely renovated sophomore, first-year honors and athletics dorm is definitely the way to go if you cannot get into Fenwick or prefer to be closer to the parking lot. Truthfully, it is a bit secluded in location, but it has a great studious atmosphere to it. Live in a suite with a common area, one-and-a-half bathroom and bedrooms for four or six people. Use a nifty key to get into your dorm which is very nice if you forget your ALL Card in your bedroom. Enjoy your sophomore year in one of the nicely renovated sophomore dorms on campus for a total cost of $4,160 for a single room or $3,740 for a double.

Commons Apartments: Get another taste of independent living as you live the best of both food worlds by having your own kitchen and living spaces right next door to the caf. Get your own room for only $4,730, but it is an easy price to pay for independence. Bedrooms are on the smaller side, so if you are going to share, choose a roommate who you can get along with.

Bishop Fenwick Place: Located above the caf, you feel like you are truly living the suite life in this hotel designed dorm. This dorm allows you to choose among a four-person, six-person or eight-person suite. Four-person suites only have one bathroom, but six-person and eight-person suites have two bathrooms. Each bathroom in Fenwick has a shower, a sink and a toilet as well as an extra sink outside of the bathroom in case you need to brush your teeth but the bathroom is occupied. Upon entering the dorms, you see a spacious common area free with not (beautiful) furniture supplied by the university. Just bring your own TV, and you’re set for the best movie night with friends. Plus, the whole dorm is carpeted, which is perfect for keeping your feet from getting cold. The best part of this spacious dorm is not having to leave the building on a rainy or miserable day. Throw on some Birkenstocks with socks and head downstairs to the caf without having to step foot outside. If you need to study, no worries, there is a lounge in each wing with huge windows. The only true downside is that the first floor by Smith is not actually connected to the caf. Rooms are $4,100 for a single or $3,740 for a double.

University Apartments: Live in the nice, secluded apartments just steps away from Gallagher and right across the sidewalk from Buenger. The most affordable apartment on campus at $2,960 has great privileges like being able to cook in your own kitchen, a living room, plenty of closet/storage space and privacy. Bedrooms are triples only, but it is easy to make a setup that won’t make the room feel so cramped. It is a grungy but lovable apartment that is worth experiencing.

Manor House: Give yourself the best first apartment living experience possible on Xavier’s campus and the chance to cut down on your meal plan by cooking in your own cozy kitchen. Sophomore Maya Mendosa says, “You can really make it your own, homey space and you’re still located close enough to campus that you feel like you’re a part of your community.” Each room in the Manor House fits two and is an open layout with a living space and one bathroom. It also has plenty of storage space for you to use. It may not have a walk-in closet, but for $5,445 it is a steal!

Village Apartments: Craving that apartment feel, but too nervous to depart from Xavier’s residences? Fear not, because the Village Apartments are perfect for you! Located right across the street from the admissions office on Dana Avenue, these apartments offer privacy and an off-campus vibe while still being a part of Xavier. Receive perks like your own parking lot, a full kitchen, living room and private ($4,730) or shared ($4,160) bedrooms. Choose wisely and you can even have a room with a balcony. How fancy! You can live in a two-bedroom flat, a two-bedroom townhouse or a four-bedroom apartment. It is rough to walk to class whenever the weather conditions are less than ideal, but it is an easy price to pay for independence. Bedrooms are on the smaller side, so if you are going to share, choose a roommate who you can get along with.

Visit xavienewswire.com to see more photos of different sophomore housing options from Commons to Buenger!

Libra: Cancel all plans, it’s time to make a very unwanted, opinionated post on Facebook about .50 Shades Freed.

Scorpio: Thursday is the best day to sing and dance in the rain to “Africa.” You’ll be sure to bless the rains down in Gallagher.

Sagittarius: Grab a bowl of Lucky Charms from the caf, and it will reveal who has a crush on you.

Capricorn: Your midterm will consist of a 200 word essay composed of vine references only.

Aquarius: Drink some Kool-Aid because it will help you with your cool, man.

Pisces: Sneak into the nursing school’s snowball dance by dressing up like Olaf. It definitely won’t work and you’ll be embarrassed thoroughly.

Aries: Just like Adam Rippon, USA figure skater, you will make Reese Witherspoon proud.

Taurus: Forget about finding a penny on the ground, you will find a Black Panther admission ticket and will be able to see the best movie ever.

Gemini: Fergalicious definition, make them notes go loco. Take a hint from Fergie and keep your national anthem singing to the shower.

Cancer: Just like American Idol, you need to take a two-year break from exciting so you can come back bigger and better.

Leo: Don’t worry about not catching the name of the cute stranger at Dana’s, your bff will use their FBI skills to find them on Instagram.

Virgo: There is a 30% chance that you are already reading this horoscope.
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Applications must include:
• Application cover sheet, which can be picked up at the Brueggeman Center or emailed by contacting the Center.
• Official transcripts.
• A two-page statement describing your interest in being a Fellow and the type of research you would conduct, including ideas for your international travel.
• Names, emails and telephone numbers of two Xavier faculty members who can be contacted for reference.

Applications due March 26
Send applications to the Brueggeman Center by March 26. Award notifications will be made the week of April 16.

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