‘Tis the season for construction...

This summer’s projects covered all parts of campus, from a new chapel across from Edgecliff to repairs in Hailstones to upgrades in Elet. Consult the map below for a guide to just what happened while you were away.

**KEY**

- **Repairs**
  - Village Apartments: roofs, windows and decks
  - Edgecliff Hall: roof
  - Hailstones Hall: fixed leaks
  - Schmidt Field House: exterior fixes

- **Upgrades**
  - Logan Hall, Elet Hall: interior upgrades
  - Buenger Hall: phase II of renovations including key card door entries and common room finishes
  - O’Connor Sports Center: PoolPak (pool dehumidifier) replaced
  - Schott Hall: elevators modernized

- **New construction**
  - Our Lady of Peace Chapel
  - Health United Building: foundation and utility lines laid

- **Demolition (renovated into green space)**
  - Judge Wilke’s house between Kuhlman and Buenger Halls
  - Dana Avenue houses

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Dressing Up D’Artagnan
Directly outside of Cintas Center stands the bold D’Artagnan statue. D’Artagnan’s sword threatens our Catholic rival University of Dayton, and his hand leads the charge against our closest D1 rival University of Cincinnati (UC). More often than not when passing D’Artagnan, you’ll notice miscellaneous items hanging from his pointing finger or off the end of his sword. It’s tradition to place some random treasure on this Musketeer. The best object to placed to this day has been a glazed donut branded against UC.

Late-Night Currito
Currito Burrito is a Xavier gem and the last restaurant on campus not owned by Chartwell’s. Offering internationally inspired cuisine, Currito is located at Fenwick Place. Currito is known for their stellar smoothies, guacamole and music playlists. Currito is also one of the only spots on campus open past midnight. It’s not uncommon to pass Currito at night and see a line of people inside, especially on the weekends. The food just tastes different at night, and the energy in the air is palpable. The later the night, the better the Currito.

Alter Hall Takeover
Alter is one of the main academic buildings on campus, situated at the front of the Academic Mall. If you somehow manage to avoid Alter during your tenure at Xavier, you are an outlier. Comfortable classrooms, huge windows, individual study rooms and vending machines make Alter the perfect place to study for finals. In fact, Alter is the perfect place to live during finals. There are showers in the bathrooms in the basement that make camping out there during finals week a realistic option.

Elephant Head
Somewhere on campus hides a stone elephant head. It’s your job to find it. There’s nothing more to say on that subject.

Hating UC
This one’s not an option. You have no choice. Hate UC. If you have friends at UC, unfriend them immediately. If you have family members associated with the Bearcats, disown them. Disconnect yourself from everything associated with UC (soliciting their Raising Cane’s is acceptable). If you heed this warning, you will be better prepared for the carnage of the Dec. 8 Crosstown Shootout.

A.B. Cohen Center
Housing multiple department’s, Cohen Center’s blocklike construction has notably fewer windows than the average building, and its hallways and classrooms form a sort of maze. This was intentional. Cohen used to be owned and utilized by the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, and legend goes that the halls were labyrinthine in nature to keep corpses from escaping.

Brockman Fire Alarms
Brockman Hall is one of Xavier’s four first-year residence halls, planted next to Gallagher Student Center (GSC). Brockman is notorious for many things, not least of which is its fire alarms. At least once a year, a poor Brockman resident will have to leave their room mid-show. Once you’ve seen the horde of disgruntled first-years huddled outside of GSC, you will understand why Brockman’s fire alarms are iconic.

Getting Ready for the Semester

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Homeless encampment sues Cincy
The city attempted to shut down The Colony but received a lawsuit in return

BY KEVIN THOMAS
Managing Editor

Mayor John Cranley and Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters are working together to put an end to the encampment of people experiencing homelessness on Third Street, between Main and Walnut.
The city gave the group of people, who call themselves The Colony, 72 hours’ notice before they would be cleaning the space entirely. City officials shut down the encampment on Friday at 2 p.m. for cleaning, but the community moved back in at 4 p.m. The city claimed that the reasons for shutting down The Colony were health issues, safety issues and economic impact. Deters and Cranley are currently working together to find a way to permanently shut down the encampment.

“There are valid points to the city’s reasons for shutting down The Colony, which is why it’s such a tricky thing to talk about,” senior social work major Lauren Bailey said. “I think health and wellness and everybody's overall well-being needs to be taken into account and it’s important that that aspect is brought in. However, I don’t think it's valid to use that as a reason for doing this when you don’t offer up viable solutions for the residents to use and take up. So when you’re saying, ‘we’re doing this for your well-being,’ while still not offering up affordable housing for them to move out of a tent and into a home, I don’t think you can justify it as being done for the well-being of these individuals.”
The Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition responded to the attempt to clear out The Colony by filing a federal lawsuit claiming that the people living in The Colony are “engaged in symbolic political speech calling attention to the City’s affordable housing crisis.”
The lawsuit will be heard in federal court and revolves around the First Amendment, which grants free speech in public areas to all people in the United States. “People have a human right to speak and to be seen,” Josh Spring, executive director of the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, said. “You can’t get any more seen than here on Third Street. In fact, city officials have made it clear that part of the reason they don’t want people here is because they think it’s bad for business, for tourists... and we are saying no. People are here because they have no other place to be, and they have chosen this place because other people can see.” Bailey agreed that there is a housing crisis and that something should be done to change it.
“I think there needs to be a more comprehensive response so that there is no longer a need for a tent city to exist,” Bailey said. “I don’t think anybody would ever say we should live in a society that encourages people to be living in tents, but that’s because I don’t think we should live in a society where people have that as their only solution.”

Summer in review
What you may have missed

- A couple in Texas is considering divorcing so that they would individually be able to qualify for Medicare and be able to afford to take care of their sick child (July 11).
- An Arizona congressman claimed diplomatic immunity when pulled over for going 97 mph when the speed limit was 55. He then bragged about the speed limit being 55.
- A California’s man was completely destroyed by recent wildfires in the area – well, almost. One item he managed to salvage was his grandmother’s diamond wedding ring. The man said that he had prayed to his grandmother shortly before finding the family heirloom (July 29).
- A London woman woke to find a three-foot python had curled up next to her whilst she slept. By the time animal services reached her home, the snake had slithered away in search of another abode (July 30).
- An Ottawa company fired a van driver after videos surfaced of him deliberately driving through puddles during storms to soak unsuspecting pedestrians. Police decided not to press charges (August 1).
- Two men and a woman stole a baby horn shark from the San Antonio Aquarium by wrapping it in a blanket and disguising it as a baby in a stroller. Police were able to recover the shark from the garage where it was being kept. The shark, named Miss Helen, was safely returned (August 2).

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Remember to KISS: Keep It Simple, Student

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To all the incoming first-years, WELCOME! You are about to embark on a great journey throughout the next few years. There are many important aspects of college to balance, and I like to call them the Big Three. In college one gets a “social,” “academic” and “extracurricular/work” sphere. It’s important to remember this because when you pull from one, you take away time from the other spheres.

It’s great that everyone is going to Cancun later, but remember to have that Anatomy & Physiology test tomorrow. This is the time in your life when more is expected from you, whether that be financially, mentally or otherwise. There are students here who need two jobs to keep their financials afloat. Others are lucky enough to have parents pay, so they get to focus on other spheres. This is not the little leagues anymore. Professors expect you to have those assignments in on time, and your club leaders expect you to pull your weight.

It’s OK to go out a lot if that is your prerogative, and it may not negatively affect your grades (at least at first), but it will begin to affect your other spheres. It is best as you can to not get over involved with extracurricular activities. Remember, you’re a student first, and you need time to recharge and regroup for the challenges school can take a lot out of you.

Eventually most of us hit a breaking point at some point in our college career: “Wait, I don’t want to do accounting anymore!” “Will I graduate on time?” “It can’t do SGA and SAC anymore.”

Hitting that breaking point is extremely normal and sometimes happens more than once. That’s a sign that it is time to refocus your efforts and balance out the Big Three. Sometimes you have to find time to take care of your mental health, and sometimes you may need to cut back on work hours, club hours or stay on the weekends to do homework or just sleep.

Finding the perfect balance is not easy, but you need to be involved with everything or yourself will get into a frenzy. Each semester gives you the opportunity to improve upon the previous one or change something you don’t like about your college experience.

Invest in your education both inside and outside of the classroom. Explore what the city of Cincinnati has to offer, do community service, dating, etc. Take hold of what will surely be some of the most memorable times in your life with some of the most memorable people you will meet.

College is about making new friends and discovering new hobbies, but remember that you are becoming more independent, but you still have safety nets when you fail. There are really no other times in life when you have this freedom to explore and fail.

Ellen Siefke

Opinions & Editorials

Remember to KISS: Keep It Simple, Student
We are a country of very detail-oriented individuals, which is one of the reasons why so many political campaigns are looking for volunteers, interns and even staffers to help them win. November, and political campaigns are looking for volunteers, interns and even staffers to help them win. While voting is an important aspect of the democratic system, there is a whole other world of ways to get more involved in the political system. Taking part in a campaign is a fun and worthwhile experience. Especially for the politically-minded, political science majors or those looking for political action, campaigns offer a wide array of responsibilities and opportunities. People who run the campaign, others communicate with voters and still others help fundraise and set up events. These people have the opportunity to make decisions and meet special VIP’s, including members of Congress, members of executive administrations and former elected officials.

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Basketball alums show pro talents

Five former Musketeers played for various teams in the NBA Summer League

BY DONNIE MENKE
Staff Writer

Five former Xavier men’s basketball players took part in the NBA’s annual Summer League. Trevon Bluiett, JP Macura, Edmond Sumner, Kaiser Gates and Semaj Christon all played for different organizations.

Playing for the New Orleans Pelicans’ summer league team, Bluiett impressed with his shot-making ability. In his four games played, Bluiett averaged 18.3 points per game while shooting 57 percent from the field. Bluiett also averaged 5.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game, showcasing his all-around game and how it fit in with NBA-caliber talent. He also had three blocks, which is one fewer than he had his entire junior year.

Macura also impressed with his play in Las Vegas for the Charlotte Hornets. Though he didn’t put up great numbers — six points, 1.6 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game — Macura impressed people with his hustle and off-ball defense.

He averaged 1.4 steals a game, shot 60 percent from the field and earned a technical foul late one game. Macura, much like Bluiett, looked a lot like he did while playing for Xavier.

Summer looked to be close to fully recovered while playing with the Indiana Pacers’ summer league squad. In 19.3 minutes a game, Summer averaged 11.3 points, 2.0 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.3 steals a game while shooting 47 percent from the field.

After Gates forewent his final year of eligibility for Xavier, he played in the summer league for the Chicago Bulls. He earned 14 minutes a game and managed to average 1.7 points and 1.2 rebounds during those 16 minutes.

Christon played with the Brooklyn Nets and got 15.6 minutes a game. However, he struggled shooting from the field, only managing to make 19 percent of his shots and score 2.6 points a game. He impacted the game in other ways, though, getting his teammates involved with 2.0 assists a game.

Though none of the former Musketeers were able to win the summer league championship, each made his presence known in some way. Christon and Sumner have already played in the NBA, but this was the first taste of it for Bluiett, Macura and Gates, all of whom hope to make an impact this upcoming season.

New ticket system aims for easier use

BY PAUL FRITSCHNER
Staff Writer

The athletic department recently announced a change in its ticketing system for the upcoming basketball season. Xavier Athletics is now partnering with Paciolan, "the leading provider of ticketing, fundraising, marketing and analytics solutions for college athletics," according to goxavier.com.

The partnership is part of an effort to make the fan experience more seamless and enjoyable by allowing fans to manage and purchase tickets online or on their phones. The athletic department felt that this software would help fans stay better connected with their ability to manage their tickets.

"Paciolan is going to be a great partner for the Xavi- er ticket office," Ticket Sales Manager Eric Thompson said. "This platform will allow us to better serve our fans while joining other prestigious collegiate ticket offices using this software. Fans will enjoy a more favorable MyMusketeers experience when managing their tickets online or on their mobile (devices)."

According to goxavier.com, "Highlights of the platform include a cohesive integration between ticketing and fundraising, making it easier to transfer or resell tickets if you cannot attend a game."

While this change will have an effect on alumni and general fans purchasing tickets, students, especially those who will be graduating next year, should be aware of what's happening.

However, as far as current students are concerned, Thompson said there would not be changes to the way they receive their tickets for game days.

This change in ticketing software is immediate and will be in effect for the 2018-19 season. Students received an email with information about activating their new online MyMusketeers accounts on July 11.

Four tips for making the most of your fantasy season

BY JACK DUNN
Campus News Editor

It’s almost football season again, which means excite- ment for fans across the country. Ultimately one team will hoist the Lombardi Trophy, and I can tell you right now it won’t be the Bengals. However, ever more people are looking forward to playing fantasy football this coming season. Drafting well is an important way to start, and here are four tips to help you beat your friends or coworkers.

1) Wait to draft your QB

There is always that one guy who drafts Tom Brady or Aaron Rodgers in the first round. I always wait till the eighth round or so to find a QB. Kirk Cousins, Matthew Stafford and other solid options will likely still be around.

2) Pay attention to bye weeks

This is simple — you don’t want all your running backs to have a bye in Week 10. By staggering when players have bye weeks you can keep a starter or good bench player in your lineup every week.

3) Check your scoring system

There are two main types of scoring in fantasy foot- ball: standard and PPR. PPR stands for Point Per Reception and helps receivers get more points, which is especially good for high-volume guys like Julio Jones. Always read the scoring system and other rules in case your commis- sioner has some funky rules.

4) Know what other people need and where they are in the draft order

When drafting, it is always good to be aware of what oth- er people are doing. Just like when you’re playing a game of poker, figuring out other players’ strategies will help you with figuring out when you need to reach for that hometown hero or wait for an overlooked player.
Belko Experiment falls flat

Ridiculous circumstances, unrealistic characters and a predictable outcome all made for one very forgettable movie

By Trever McKenzie

Online Editor

If you ever get to know the real me, you’ll know that I absolutely adore elimination-style shows and movies. There’s a pleasurable thrill in watching characters getting whittled away and trying to predict who the last person standing will be. Reality TV shows and murderous horror movies alike fulfill my desires for eliminations, and I unironically enjoy both despite their campy cliché-ness.

Going into The Belko Experiment, I expected some form of gratification. I knew the characters were all going to die and only one person would be left standing, which was enough to pique my interest. What I didn’t expect were the ridiculous circumstances, unrealistic characters and predictable winner that the movie laboriously churned out in the effort of securing a sequel.

Don’t get me wrong. The Belko Experiment has a lot of potential. The idea of forcing 30 people into an all-out office brawl to survive is promising. The issue lies entirely in the execution. What a movie like this needed was a subversion of the ending that I fully expected from the beginning (spoiler alert ahead). The character that survives at the end is the male lead who is the primary focus during the opening scenes. I could see this coming a mile away the minute his budding romance with the female lead was hinted at prior to everything going haywire. I spent most of the movie hoping I was wrong, but as characters I continued betting on were getting picked off, I started feeling that sinking feeling that happens when I’m right and, once again, don’t want to be.

The movie unfortunately wastes a lot of potentially interesting characters to focus on the lifeless main character and his equally lifeless girlfriend. It also completely squanders a nail-bitting, emotional showdown by killing off the female lead in favor of letting the male lead kill off his boss.

There are some neat characters to be explored, like the macho guy who struggles to win anyone, the immortal woman who manages to hide out for most of the experiment in the basement, an unfortunately stereotypical gay male character who is great at escaping and a stoner trio bent on causing chaos. Regrettably, these characters are all killed off in blatantly insulting ways in favor of pushing the three leads, none of which have any personality worth rooting for.

Any character I listed above would have been a better winner than the male lead, and I was extremely annoyed to see him win. The whole movie felt like bad fanfiction where the author is the main character that survives everything because they’re the author and that’s what they say. It might as well have been the wet dream of some office worker getting real tired of his coworkers annoying him by living their lives and socializing like normal human beings.

Even the gratuitous, gory death scenes couldn’t save this movie. A particular sequence in which the people running the experiment kill off 60 people by exploding microchips in their heads sticks out to me because of the pleasing violin music accompanying it. We were studying irony with your Bachelor’s in film. Please use it better.

The Belko Experiment could benefit from examining what made movies like The First Purge so great and narrow its scope if it wants to make a sequel — not that I’m holding my breath for that.
Savoring the last of summer
BY SOONDOS MULLA-OSMAN
Features Editor

Summer. It’s a thing that’s ending soon, whether you want to believe it or not. Trust me, I’d much rather make an invitation-only bed fort with a stash of Kroger brand comfort snacks than write eight essays and take five tests in the span of a week. While it’s a reality that’s dangerous to deny, there are some must-dos that can make it feel like summer will last forever — things that you probably wouldn’t be able to do during the school term.

1. Stay up until sunrise (roughly 5 a.m.)
This one’s a classic. The rising sun won’t look pretty to you if you’re pulling an all-nighter trying to finish a lab report you had an entire month to do. Even if you have some sort of summer responsibility, this likely won’t compare at all to the ones you’ll have during the fall semester. Drink up that Mountain Dew or coffee or FaceTime the night away with friends. Or both. Then, when the night sky starts to peel away, step out in them jammies and slippers.

2. Sleep in until at least 2 p.m.
This follows from the previous recommendation. Smash that alarm. Let your own messed up body clock wake you up naturally. Stretch and relish the fact that the annoying chirping birds got too tired of singing long before you rose. Shuffle to the kitchen and eat a well-deserved brunch.

3. Binge watch that show your friend recommended forever ago
You know you have one. I have like 342374987123. Watch it, then gush to your friend about how awesome it was. There was a good reason they recommended it to you, after all — they wanted to share their enjoyment of it with you. There’s no better time than summer to check this off your list when you can talk purely about the show and not that essay you guys have due soon.

4. Go on a road trip
Do you know how hard it is to plan big trips during the school semester? Like obnoxiously hard. Grab a friend or two or some family or both. Google a city you’ve always wanted to visit, pack a small suitcase, book someplace to stay and head out the next morning. It’s as sporadic, simple and beautiful as that. You don’t have much time left to do it, after all.

5. Understand that it’s not the end of the world
Summer’s like a hyper-limited-edition Oreo. It’s awesome, it tastes great, it’s always insta-worthy, but it leaves too soon. The nice thing about summer is that it’ll be coming back next year. Change can be scary, but as long as you keep yourself open to new things, you’ll be OK. All kinds of different limited-edition Oreo cookies get pumped out year-round, after all. You just might fall in love with another.