Campus embraces Class of 2022

A warm welcome to our newest Musketeers! The next few days will be full of introductions of all kinds, so consider this your Newswire introduction. Check out some of the other new additions to campus highlighted below, and keep reading the Newswire as we continue to welcome a new school year.

Take advantage of the last few moments of peace and quiet before the year begins and check out the new Our Lady of Peace Chapel. Spend time inside the chapel or sit outside in the garden in the back. The building is open from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-5 pm. on the weekends.

Start the day off right with a trip to the newly opened Victory Perk in the Gallagher Student Center. The shop offers coffee, pastries, fruit and more — perfect for a quick bite to eat on your way to class.

A recently demolished lot next to Kuhlman Hall provides a spot to study, read or simply relax. Grab something to sit on and a pair of sunglasses, and you’re set. Pickup games of any kind are also a good option.

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Group leaders’ hopes for Manresa

By Heather Gast
Campus News Editor

“I believe that the Xavier community is about love, and I think that when we think about the big picture, which is life after Xavier, you have to look at the little pieces, like your first year and Manresa. Manresa is about love and acceptance and about all the little pieces that make the Xavier community special, and I hope to welcome the first-years and show them that.”

Gabby Lisi
Senior criminal justice and theology Major

“To welcome first-year students as well as also see their lives and see them adjust to campus. I think it’s a really great program.”

Tom Heisterkamp
Senior marketing major

“I hope to form lasting relationships with the first-years, as well as watch them forming relationships amongst themselves. I hope to make this a good experience for everyone.”

Lily Vardanyan
Junior marketing major

“I hope to successfully prepare my small group as they begin their journey at Xavier.”

Caroline Puryear
Sophomore public relations major

“I want to make Xavier an inclusive and welcoming space for first-years.”

Nicole Armour
Senior marketing major

Newswire staff’s picks: Week of Welcome 2018

Seven of the 90+ free events that Newswire editors are looking forward to

By Heather Gast
Campus News Editor

At the beginning of each semester, Xavier’s student organizations, offices and departments are invited to host events for students during the “Week of Welcome.” Students can enjoy a wide variety of entertainment, free food and goodie.

Managing Editor Kevin Thomas’ pick: Pups and Popsicles, presented by 4 Paws for Ability.

Why: “I mean, the name says it all!”

When: Monday, Aug. 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Where: Husman Stage
(Rain location: Gallagher Student Center (GSC) Concourse)

Opinions and Editorial Editor Ryan Rambisch’s pick: Avengers: Infinity War Screening, presented by the Office of Student Involvement.

Why: “I remember seeing Jurassic Park out on the lawn my first year, and I really like the Avengers, so it’s a mix of nostalgia and awesome movie.”

When: Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

Where: Xavier Yard North
(Rain location: Arrupe Overlook)

Sports Editor Lake Feliciano’s pick: Taste of Cincinnati, presented by Student Activities Council.

Why: “I’m excited for the free food. If you’re not from the area, it’s a great way to try local eateries.”

When: Wednesday, Aug. 23, 5-7 p.m.

Where: Xavier North Yard
Editor-in-Chief Ellen Sieke’s pick: Trivia and Ice Cream, presented by Students for Life.

Why: “I’m a huge fan of trivia and I’m also a huge fan of ice cream, so combining them sounds like a fantastic idea.”

When: Wednesday, Aug. 23, 8:30-10 p.m.

Where: Alter Hall 107

Moving it Up with Alternative Breaks, presented by Alternative Breaks.

Why: “I’m excited to hear about people’s service trips, and I like to use the cute cup you get to water my plants!”

When: Thursday, Aug. 23, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where: Xavier South Yard
Rain location: GSC 1st Floor

Features Editor Soondos Mulla-Ossman’s pick: Eid Celebration, presented by Muslim Student Association and Center for Faith and Justice.

Why: “I know the food will be amazing, and it’s a really great opportunity to meet other Muslims who also want to celebrate as well as people interested in the celebration and history of the celebration.”

When: Thursday, Aug. 23, 5:30-7 p.m.

Where: Arrupe Overlook
Head Copy Editor Hannah Schulz’s pick: Consent and FRIES presented by Xavier Students Against Sexual Assault.

Why: “I hope it aims to educate people more about sexual assault occurrences on campus.”

When: Friday, Aug. 24, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Where: Xavier Yard North
Rain location: GSC 1st Floor
Staff Writer Katie Nichols’ pick: Muskies After Dark Carnival, presented by SAC.

Why: “It’s always great to get some tasty food and potenti ally win a prize. I also look forward to the illusionist, which never fails to stun me.”

When: Friday, Aug. 24, 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

Where: GSC and Xavier Yard

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Nicole Armour
Senior marketing major

Alternative Breaks is a student organization that organizes educational service trips that focus on social justice issues during Xavier’s Fall and Spring breaks. Above, the Spring 2017 trip focusing on the coal industries’ effect on the ecosystems of Appalachia group poses on a train before a week of work in the foothills of Appalachia.

4 Paws for Ability is a student organization that trains service dogs, like Fuji pictured above. The club holds events designed to help socialize dogs where students are encouraged to pet the dogs in training. When seen around campus, however, club members ask Xavier students to refrain from petting these lovable canines.

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Proposals presented at Policy Pitch
City Council member PG Sittenfeld hosted an event to hear the public’s ideas

Week in review
What you may have missed

- It seems that no jobs, not even packing school lunches, are immune to outsourcing. The Chicago Tribune reported that catering businesses nationwide have begun offering options for delivering meals to students during their lunch periods. Business owners and parents cite the stress of packing their kids’ lunches day after day as the reason for summoning such services (Aug. 10).

- A theme park in France has taken a new approach to keeping its grounds clean: turning to nature itself, specifically to big, black birds. The staff is training six crows to pick up litter by rewarding them with food nuggets each time they retrieve a piece of trash and deposit it into the rubbish bin (Aug. 11).

- A German man called police to report a serious issue: He was being pursued by a baby squirrel. Karlsruhe police responded promptly to the scene and initiated their own pursuit of the animal, which fell asleep after being caught. The police department has declared the critter its new mascot and dubbed it Karl-Friedrich (Aug. 12).

- Mexico police discovered a drug-stuffed in bread rolls at a Guadalajara airport. Each of the 15 rolls contained 120 grams of the drug, totaling around $270,000. Nothing was reported with regard to the quality of the rolls themselves (Aug. 13).

- A New Jersey couple’s wedding blush was interrupted by a sudden onslaught of rain and flooding that trapped them in their car. Local police helped the couple climb out through the car’s sunroof to safety. Despite the stormy start to their marriage, the couple is now happily honeymooning in Jamaica, where the forecast calls for clear skies (Aug. 13).

By Kevin Thomas
Managing Editor

City Councilmember PG Sittenfeld hosted what he called a “Policy Pitch Night” on Monday, where members of the Cincinnati community pitched ideas for public policy they want to be put into place. Sittenfeld put the event together with a group called Bridgeable, which is focused on community engagement, and with the assistance of City Councilmember Chris Seelbach and Assistant City Manager Sheila Hill-Christian, who were both in attendance. The event, which took place at People’s Liberty on Elm Street, had a packed house, according to WKRC Cincinnati.

“I think it’s a good idea (to hear the community’s ideas for policy),” Economics, Sustainability and Society major Haley Hayes said. “You have to listen to the community’s voice.”

As a part of one of her required classes, Hayes talked about how she had to speak in front of the council and propose an idea to make the city more sustainable and how it seemed like the students’ ideas weren’t listened to properly.

“By doing this I feel like it makes (city council) actually pay attention to the voices,” Hayes said. “They’re kind of required to, in a way, so I think it’s a really great idea.”

There were around 30 policy ideas originally submitted to Sittenfeld and Bridgeable, but only five of those were chosen as finalists.

The five finalists were Alex Heilan, Pamela Kaufman, Tina Dyhouse, a group of four women (Maria Pionbso, Holly Hankinson, Grace Haack and Ashlin Lindsey) and Derrick Braziel.

Heilan’s proposal was, according to WKRC Cincinnati, “to create a Cincinnati Brand to help define the city and attract more businesses and people.”

Kaufman hoped to create a city office dedicated to fighting homelessness through centralizing efforts to help persons experiencing homelessness.

Dyhouse proposed that the city create a digital ombudsman, which is generally a person who would receive complaints and answer questions on behalf of officials.

Piombo, Haack and Lindsey wanted to promote gender inclusion on city appointed boards and commissions as a way to get more fair representation in the local government.

Braziel, who presented on behalf of the urban entrepreneur group MORTAR, proposed that the city create an office for minority business growth and innovation for entrepreneurs, per WKRC.

Sittenfeld expressed his excitement before the event, comparing it to Shark Tank, a TV show where people propose their business ideas to investors.

“I think the ritual of pitch events that you see in the start up community could be extrapolated and deployed for the good when it comes to government, too, so we’re really excited to see what comes out of this,” Sittenfeld said.

“There’s a little bit of a dynamic for this as a Shark Tank for policy but with much nicer, kinder judges.”

Despite the judges in this case being Sittenfeld, Seelbach and Hill-Christian, the ultimate decision was made by the crowd, who voted on each of the five proposals with a marble that was given to them when they entered the building. The winning proposal was Braziel’s, meaning that Sittenfeld has to get to work on writing policy that would help minority business owners and innovate small businesses.

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SGA Execs: State of the Campus

To all those new members of the Xavier community, let us start by saying welcome to campus.

We’d like to begin this fall’s State of the Campus address with a quick recap from where we left off last spring and how we plan to move forward into the new school year. Our last major project of the 2017-18 school year was the “We Will Not Be Next” walkout in memory of those who were killed in the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

What I learned from my summer internship

I feel like all I ever hear is that you need to have internships. People always say that internships are essential and how they help with future job placement because they show interest and show you are passionate about the job. I might be the only kid I know who has a deep passion for urbanism and urban planning and is willing to spend their free time researching the history behind it. It makes sense that I would try to find an internship working in urban planning, so that’s what I did. I got an internship in the small city of Hamilton, Ohio, a long struggling rust belt city.

For anyone who knows me, it sounds like the perfect internship. Hamilton is working on a new comprehensive plan and is undergoing a huge revitalization. I went to work and put my whole self into everything I was trying to learn as much as possible. I was excited to work in a new city I didn’t know much about while working for a Xavier graduate. The first week was rough, the second was a lot better. I thought I was having a hard time adjusting to a work environment from school or I was just awkward around new people. I would get distracted from the work that I thought I was passionate about. I found myself on social media instead of enacting in my job. I started showing up late and leaving early while still taking the longest lunches and break possible. I truly was not enjoying my internship.

For weeks I have been having lunch with a group of Xavier students and one conversation that I know I will be having hundreds of times during the first week of classes: “So, how was your summer?”

I know that most people simply want to hear the basic “Oh, it was amazing, I had a great internship,” but will I really be able to tell that lie? It wasn’t amazing — but what can I say?

Looking back on it now, it wasn’t the people or the place. I thought I would love the job and the work, but something was missing. It wasn’t until I got to interact with people in the public that I knew what I was missing. I learned that the only way that I could be happy was to get back to working with people.

Looking back on this whole experience, even with the long days and seemingly quick lunches, I did learn something. I learned that I needed to interact with people, and whether those people were the public or just my coworkers, I couldn’t work in a cubicle. I learned something about myself I couldn’t have learned any other way. I know that I will be working for a Xavier graduate in the future, and I think it will be better. I thought I wasn’t the only person who wouldn’t want to hear the basic “Oh, it was amazing, I had a great internship,” but will I really be able to tell that lie? It wasn’t amazing — but what can I say?

We, as students and as a university, need to stress to our community that internships should be about learning and not future job security.

Miles Tiemeyer is a junior history and Philosophy, Politics and the Public double major. He is a guest writer for the Xavier Newswire from Cincinnati.
As we get closer to the beginning of this school year, I want to take this opportunity to share some of my best advice with our newest Xavier students.

I should put out a disclaimer here that I am not at all perfect and that you can take this advice with a grain of salt if you want. However, I am going to be a junior here in a few days and have learned a lot throughout my time at Xavier so far. Here are some of my biggest take-aways from my first two years in college.

First of all, don’t let Manresa scare you away. I was way too introverted to like Manresa; the chants alone were enough to make me question if Xavier was the right place for me.

Obviously, I wasn’t a huge Manresa fan, but you should also know that you do learn a lot about a lot of valuable things about Xavier and transitioning to life on your own. You may not make all your best friends within the first three days, but don’t let three days of orientation defeat you.

Speaking of friends, you’ll make them, I promise. I am not going to lie, I am not always the most approachable person. I was so scared coming into college because I knew that I don’t make friends easily. That being said, I have made friends for life here. My random roommates, whom I was admittedly very pessimistic about prior to move-in, are still my roommates two years later, and I can’t imagine my life without them. I’ve made friends in some of the most unlikely places: you just have to be open minded about it.

Something else that you should be open-minded about is student involvement. One of the best things about Xavier is that you can be as involved as you want to be, but that also leaves a lot of room for people to distance themselves. Try new clubs or find a job on campus. Staying involved will open so many opportunities for you to meet new people or to learn about a whole new part of yourself. I came into the Neuxue with no journalism experience, so you can always end up finding something that you didn’t even know you loved if you just try it.

My next piece of advice would be take classes just because you’re interested in them. Everyone has core requirements that they have to fulfill, but try to do the most interesting courses.

I know that a lot of people come into college thinking that they know what they want to do, which, as rare as that is, could be possible. The more likely story, however, is that you will change majors at some point and you will find a different path for yourself. One corny but true piece of advice, and it’s probably the last thing your parents said to you before you dropped you off. Have fun. College is a time to find things you love and things you hate and hate for fun while you do it. Study hard and do your best so that you stay successful, but you really will remember the fun you had the most.

Xavier teaches us to be men and women for and with others. You are all coming into Xavier with a fresh start, and my best advice is to try and be the best version of yourself for you and everyone around you.

It’s ok to call your mom crying because you miss home, and it’s just as ok if you don’t miss your high school life as much as you thought you would.

Sometimes your freshman year is about learning how to grow up more than learning about calculus or astronomy. At the end of the day, you’re going to get out of Xavier with the last thing your parents said to you and everyone around you.

My next piece of advice is to think about your major. You are all coming into college hoping to be a junior here in a few years later, and I can’t imagine my life without them.

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Xavier athletics: A year in review

BY DONNIE MENKE
Staff Writer

Collectively, Xavier sports saw achievements ranging from individual to team success and much of the same is hoped for in the 2018-19 season.

With the fall sports season fast approaching, here is a glance at how Musketeers athletics fared last year.

Baseball: The Musketeers relied on many underclassmen and finished with a 20-35 record after losing numerous starters to the MLB Draft. Alhry Major was named the Big East Freshman of the Year and was named to the All-Big East Second Team.

Basketball: Xavier earned its first No. 1 seed in program history and won the Big East regular season title before falling in the Round of 32. Trevon Bluiett eclipsed the 2,000-point mark and closed out his Xavier career in second place on the all-time scoring list.

Women’s Basketball: Jada Byrd and Imani Partlow led the team in scoring as Xavier finished with a 10-20 record.

Men’s Cross Country: Jack Hautz and Evan Byrd led the team in scoring. The Musketeers reached the Big East playoffs for the first time in program history.

Opinion: NCAA rule offers little change

BY JACK DUNN
Campus News Editor

The NCAA announced new rule changes with regard to basketball players with hopes of playing in the NBA this past week.

The changes aim to address issues brought forth by a commission that was created in response to the FBI investigation into college hoops last year. However, I’m not quite sure that these rule changes, while they may be a step in the right direction, really alter much of the landscape for these elite prospects.

I’ll start with the first change. Those players who enter their name into the NBA Draft but do not hear their name called will now be eligible to return to their schools and play out the next season.

This is different from the previous rules where players would have to withdraw their names from the draft within 10 days of the NBA combine. Those who did not withdraw their names were considered draft eligible and could not choose to sign with any team they’d like.

If this rule sounds great on paper, there is only a very limited number of players who will benefit from it.

Most players who go to the combine know roughly where they stand with NBA teams and if they are likely to go in the first or second rounds, with the potential of being signed as an undrafted free agent. If they know that they aren’t going to be picked in one of these three things, they withdraw from the draft and go back to school.

There are also financial questions of how this rule is going to work.

The NCAA is requiring schools to provide scholarships for those players who choose to return.

While many of the elite schools already do this, even for players who are up to 10 years removed from their playing days, how will smaller schools pay for scholarships that haven’t been budgeted yet?

The NCAA claims they will set up a fund that will help provide for these smaller schools, but there is no guarantee that this will work.

One of the other big rule changes is how the NCAA handles agents.

The NCAA will allow players to hire agents as long as these agents complete a certification as well as request an evaluation from the NBA’s Undergraduate Advisory Committee.

In addition, high school prospects who are designated “elite prospects” by USA Basketball can now hire agents, provided that the NBA changes its age limit.

Still with me? Good.

Again, while this sounds good on paper, I’m not totally confident it will work well in practice.

What kind of a certification process can an agent go through that makes them truly a good agent? Who says that these agents aren’t going to just abuse these players for their own benefit? This was also announced without consultation of USA Basketball, as well as the NBA.

Both organizations seemed just as puzzled by this announcement as the rest of us.

There are many more rule changes that the NCAA announced in an attempt to fix the issues of corruption in college basketball, but in a way, they just created more problems.

Instead of taking meaningful steps to end corruption, they just tried to mask it with more confusing rules. Maybe one day they’ll actually address what the FBI investigated — but I don’t see these rules making a difference anytime soon.

Johanns and Matthew Dyer posted strong performances at the Big East Championship as the team finished fourth.

Women’s Swimming: Emily Conners and Paxton Drew led the team at the Big East Championship as the team finished fourth.

Men’s Tennis: The men’s team finished the season with a 5-16 record as Jack Dyskema led the team with nine singles wins.

Women’s Tennis: The women’s team finished with a 13-11 overall record, which included a victory over No. 5 Seton Hall in the Big East Tournament.

Men’s Track and Field: Grayson Jenkins and Zachary Polk each posted top-five finishes at the Big East Championships as Xavier finished seventh.

Women’s Track and Field: Madeline Britton made the NCAA Championship to cap a good season for the women.

Volleyball: The volleyball team finished 15-19 on the season, as Laura Grossman led the team in kills and Mackenzie Humm led the team in assists.

Are you flipping kidding me?

There was an outcry over Cubs infielder David Bote’s walk-off grand slam against the Nationals last Sunday because of his emphatic bat flip. Objectors claimed it was disrespectful.

It’s Showtime! Or maybe not...

A CNBC report stated that Coca-Cola has purchased a minority share of BodyArmor, a sports drink endorsed by famous athletes such as Robe Bryant and Mike Trout.

The good ole glory days

The annual Little League World Series is set to begin on Thursday with a slate of first-round games scheduled to take place before the start of the weekend.

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Admitist a wave of scandals that recently swept over college basketball, NCAA President Mark Emmert (center) is hopeful that the new rule changes to NBA Draft eligibility will ultimately benefit student athletes.
First Purge offers a welcome reset

The latest addition to the Purge series is actually what the franchise needed

BY TREVER MCKENZIE
Online Editor

Admittedly, the Purge series was never my favorite after the second and third movies completely ruined the franchise. It felt like a reset was necessary, and The First Purge delivered exactly what the series needed by exploring the origin of the government-sponsored murder fest.

What the movie does very well is subvert expectations where necessary. I must spoil the movie to talk about how good it is, so spoiler warning. What I expected from the movie was not at all what I got. First, they subverted exactly what everyone was thinking when the Purge began. We all expected immediate death and violence. Yet... we got a block party. I’m dead serious. The citizens of Staten Island held a block party. I was completely caught off guard, but the choice made sense and I liked it so much more than if everyone had gone right to ward killing, which leads me to my next point.

The deaths had so much more impact because there were fewer of them. The tighter focus on specific characters garnered far more sympathy from me because their personalities were highlighted more. There were about seven characters with strong personalities, and the rest were side-characters who were equally engaging. There didn’t feel like a single wasted character in this movie, and you knew exactly where you stood with them the minute they were on screen. I attribute this both to the excellent dialogue and the talented actors. Both the audience and I verbally expressed dismay when certain characters were killed off and cheered when we finally got to see the main five characters defend themselves successfully from the government-planted murderers.

The third thing the movie did right was have comedy. I cannot express with enough gusto how much comedy improves a horror movie. Any horror movie that takes itself too seriously is going to bore people. The First Purge had a healthy mix of humor and horror throughout, primarily led by actress Mugga’s sassy portrayal of Dolores. The main characters had plenty of comedic moments as well and lots of tension building that resulted in non-violent but hilarious payoffs.

Secondly, the government-planted murderers were equally engaging. There’s great tension between siblings Nya (Lex Scott Davis) and Isaiah (Joivan Wade) to drive conflict but not overshadow the tender care and love they share for each other.

There’s a surprising, well-written relationship re-build plot between Nya and Dmitri (Y’lan Noel), her gang leading ex-boyfriend (it doesn’t result in them getting back together, which was another welcomed subversion). There was even a government conspiracy subplot that made sense led by actress Marisa Tomei’s character. That barely scratches the surface of some of the amazing characters, like the psychotic druggie Skeletor (Rotimi Paul).

Director Gerard McMurray and writer James DeMcono really pushed this movie where it needed to go. I wouldn’t call The First Purge camp, but I would absolutely call it a movie to watch. More importantly, it adds incredibly important context to the Purge series and has a powerful leading cast that carries the entire movie on their shoulders with Atlas-like professionalism. I’m excited to see where The Purge goes next, if they don’t choose to end on this high note.

Go pop some tags: A Guide to local thrift shops

It’s time to pick out your first day of school outfit! No need to stress about price at these under-the-radar spots that offer a plethora of good finds:

The Snooty Fox
This secondhand store is a little more high end but carries clothes for all genders and sizes! They usually have more name brand items for sale.

Hours:
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday noon-5 p.m.

St. Vincent DePaul
This store holds goodies of all kinds! It tends to be a little on the less expensive side, which is good if you’re looking for a large haul!

Hours:
Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Clothes Mentor
This store hosts a wide variety of styles and sizes. They are located in Hyde Park Plaza across from Snooty Fox, so you can make it a whole shopping day!

Hours:
Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Rainbow
This shop has trendy styles at a convenient location off Montgomery Road. Rainbow isn’t a secondhand store, so they have more consistent sizes.

Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday noon-6 p.m.
Aries: Auto-correct really doesn’t like you this week. Type very slowly and very carefully.

Taurus: As you’re packing and getting ready to move in, take some time to poke through your little box of childhood memories.

Gemini: With all these movie sequels flying left and right, re-watch the originals and marvel to yourself about how the first ones are always, always better.

Cancer: Welcome to the Queen City, where your wallet gains sentience, climbs out of your pocket and leaps at literally everything in sight.

Leo: Challenge yourself to respond to text messages using nothing but gifs for a day. It’s actually a great way of forcing yourself to slow down and think about what you’re sending.

Virgo: Now’s the time to forgive your dog for peeing on your Valentino white bag. If you’re leaving home for school, you won’t get another chance for a while.

Libra: Got so much stuff on your floor you literally can’t see it any more? Same. Leave it. No judgment here.

Scorpio: Buy a planner with “I am very busy” written on the front to motivate you to live up to that thing’s expectations.

Capricorn: Double-check Rate My Professor, my dudes, before it’s too late.

Sagittarius: When all else fails, play dead. You can’t reply to emails or pack or get all your life obligations done when you’re dead, right?

Aquarius: Pennies cost more to make than they’re worth, so why does it feel good to find one on the sidewalk? Work those glutes and snatch it up, girl.

Pisces: Just remember that canceled plans = more time to catch up on all that good stuff on Netflix. Or, y’know, mentally prepare yourself for school.

Some quick tips from a Xavier senior

BY SONDOS MULLA-OSMAN
Features Editor

So school is a thing that’s happening soon. Like, really soon. Trust me, I’ve got the same mixed bag of emotions you do, and I’ve been doing this for three years. When I first stumbled around campus during Manresa, I can’t even begin to explain how lost I felt. None of my high school friends came with me to this school — so literally everything was foreign to me. The students, the buildings, the instructors — everything was new, and everything was strange. Add that to the fact that I was horrifically introverted and saddled with helicopter parents who discouraged any form of socializing, and things got pretty tough.

Don’t worry, though! I’ve compiled a little list of things I wish I’d known when I first started out as a student here. Whether you’re new or returning, I hope that at least one of these makes your transition into the Xavier community a little smoother.

- Got dining dollars? You can actually use them in the All For One Shop in the Gallagher Student Center, so long as you’re spending them on food.

- Want to study in Alter Hall, but all the rooms are full? When you walk toward the front entrance, take a hard left and go down the ramp/stairs. It’ll take you to Hailstones, a building I had no idea existed till my sophomore year. It’s older than Alter, but it serves its purpose just as well.

- Professors are incredibly accommodating, so make sure you let them know about the stuff going on in your life on the very first day of class. For example, I let them know I’m a commuter because weather, traffic and etc. may hinder my ability to arrive to class on time.

- Take as much advantage of Club Day as you can. From the freebies, to the people, to the (hopefully) nice weather, Xavier’s clubs only have a mass-gathering like this twice a year. Sign up for as many clubs as you can.

- Be careful with the printing system. You get $80 every semester, where every page costs a couple cents — plenty for some people, but not enough for others. Look out for your theater friends and consider lending them your printing money. Because they will run out pretty quickly.

- Don’t panic! Live day to day and focus on the positives. With great change comes even greater opportunity. You got this.