Campus dining debuts new setup

Communal seating in the caf, Fresh Xpress shop in the CLC highlight changes

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It’s no secret that change is a four-letter word at Xavier. Chartwells taking over most on-campus dining options and renovations in Gallagher Student Center (GSC) have met both pushback and praise. With GSC’s construction underway and some new retail spaces operational, Xavier’s dining situation is starting to clear up.

Though unnoticed by many first-years, older students were quick to comment on the new communal dining arrangement in the Hoff Dining Commons (the caf).

“I don’t like the communal setting because I like to be able to sit alone or with just one other person if I choose to,” senior Evelyn Garrett said. “I’d prefer to have the option to give people the social cue that I want to eat alone or with just a couple of other people.”

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Philosophy department diversifies

BY MADDY GOODMAN
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Xavier doubled the number of female professors in the philosophy department for the 2018-19 school year by hiring Dr. Bethany Henning and Dr. Maryn Jackson. Dr. Myron Jackson was also hired as the Besl Chair for the Ethics, Religion and Science (ER&S) program. He was hired for a three-year term, while Henning and Gustafson-Barrett currently hold one-year temporary positions. According to Dr. Timothy Quinn, the chair of the philosophy department, hiring in the philosophy department is rare, “especially (in) the last several years. (Xavier) hasn’t been able to really hire anybody extra or just one other full-time person... because of the bad economy and its effect on our budget.” However, because of the record-breaking Class of 2022, there is a need for professors in the philosophy department and in the College of Arts and Sciences as a whole.

The College of Arts and Sciences is growing so rapidly that Gustafson-Barrett, Jackson, and Henning and the upcoming hire will continue the department’s goals to “maintain philosophy’s role at Xavier and the general education of all of our students,” (continue) to find ways of enhancing our outreach to other departments on campus and participation in other programs like the Philosophy, Politics and the Public (PPP) program and the Honors Bachelor of Arts (HAB) program... and finally... to increase (both racial and gender) diversity in the department.”

Henning, originally from the Chicago area, specializes in American philosophy with a focus on aesthetics. She most recently instructed at Southern Illinois University and at her undergraduate institute, North Central College.

Gustafson-Barrett specializes in philosophy of literature. She also focuses on aesthetics from a different angle than Henning. Gustafson-Barrett’s dissertation concerned Shakespeare and Plato, so she brings a different background of philosophy to the table, adding diversity of knowledge to the department.

“I think we hired well. I think we found two really, very strong women for the classroom,” Quinn said. “They’re both women, (which) helps with diversity our department. I think that (it’s) also really important for young women to see women professors in the classroom. I’m happy on all accounts right now.

While working toward her doctorate, Henning said she experienced self-doubt and impostor syndrome. Imposter syndrome is a state of mind where one believes that they have not succeeded on their own merit and fear being exposed. “When I walk into any philosophy classroom before the professor walks in, I expect the professor to look like an older white man with a beard,” Henning said. “I always defy expectations by looking like... a younger woman. We don’t expect philosophers to be female. We don’t expect them to be people of color, but they often are, and I think that has kept people who would be interested in the study of philosophy away from both my profession and from the major.”

From her own experience, Henning knows the value of having a professor whom students can identify with and the effect it has on discussion in the classroom.

“I think that having a female philosophy professor or a person of color (as a philosophy professor) can open up the conversation in surprising and unexpected ways,” Henning said. “And I think it can also put the philosophy classroom at ease.”

Henning sees value in opening up philosophical conversations to all people. “It can make it feel... that philosophy is something that belongs to everyone, not just the people who are in power, and it also has the effect of making the Western canon be more accessible to more people.” she said. “It is not just an area of thought that is guarded by what we think of as the mainstream intelligentsia. It now belongs to women, LGBT people, people of color, younger people perhaps, too.”

Henning feels that a diversity of professors brings more to the table for students, not only in philosophical knowledge and ideas, but also by means of inspiration. “Practicing philosophy with female professors or professors of color can help assuage impostor syndrome. The more I did philosophy with other women in my company, the less I was likely to feel that my ideas were not philosophical enough and that my arguments were not solid enough,” she said.

Quinn believes that diversity is needed in the student body and in Xavier staff. He believes the philosophy department has taken great strides by doubling the number of female professors with in its staff.

“(Hiring) is one of the most important things we do as a university,” Quinn said. “It’s absolutely critical, absolutely critical, to get strong teachers, good scholars and good colleagues,” as they are the people who help Xavier students pave their futures.
Pope faces backlash

Vatican reacts to grand jury report, Vigano

By Jack Dunn

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick died of a heart attack on July 28 of this year, but Vigano states that the Pope ignored his claims and allowed him to serve publicly for another five years. The letter comes out less than two weeks after a grand jury report found that more than 300 priests had abused more than 1,000 children over 70 years. The jury identified priests in six dioceses across Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro says he had sent the Pope a letter in July in warning him that the investigation had discovered “widespread sexual abuse of children and a systematic cover-up by leaders of the Catholic Church.”

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Madden tourney leads to tragedy

Shooting leaves 3 dead, 10 injured

By Jack Dunn

Three people were killed (including the shooter) and 10 were wounded in a shooting at a Madden 19 e-sports tournament in Jacksonville, Fl. on Sunday. The shooting caused Electronic Arts to cancel the final three qualifier events for the tournament.

David Katz, 24, from Baltimore opened fire at GLHF Game Bar in downtown Jackson- ville. He allegedly lost in the tournament earlier in the day. Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams said Katz “clearly targeted” other members of the tournament, walking past patrons in other parts of the building before opening fire in the back room. He then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

Police say the motive remains unclear and is still under investigation. Katz had purchased the handguns legally in Baltimore within the past month. He carried extra ammunition for both weapons, but police believe that only one was fired.

Week in Review

- Parrots might be capable of making sound economic decisions, according to a recent German study. A total of 33 birds were given a choice between eating a lower-quality food like sunflower seeds or taking a token that they could save for prizé pieces. The parrots consistently chose the tokens to invest in the prize. It’s still probably a good idea to avoid taking financial advice from your parrot, however (Aug. 25).
- A Sharpe named Hoshi underwent life-saving surgery to remove an eight-inch skewer that became stuck after she ate a chicken kebab. The injury that their dog’s pelt was caused by eating meat was not lost on the vegetation owners. (Aug. 26)
- President Donald Trump’s fingers have earned him criticism once again — only this time, it’s not for Tweeting but for e-sports. Photos of his recent visit with children in Columbus appear to indicate that he incorrectly colored one of the stripes on the American flag blue. Some of the more humorous critics couldn’t help note the resemblance to the Russian flag, whose three stripes are white, blue and red (Aug. 27).
- Authorities have banned swimming off the west coast of France after a bottlenose dolphin reportedly became too friendly with tourists and locals. The dolphin, named Zafar, was known for swimming close to boats and allowing children to pet him. However, he then began to rub himself against win- dows and boats in what appeared to be attempts to become intimate with them (Aug. 28).
The sad state of sexual health on our campus

So, we’re on a Catholic, Jesus-loving campus, and we don’t have access to contraceptives. While I love Xavier for all it is, this is clearly an area that Ires me. But I am wise enough to know that taking on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Board of Trustees and Fr. Graham for a systemic and widespread negligence in the Church hierarchy. Misconduct leaked accusing them of covering up cases of sex abuse, was not simply a report on victims would normally lead one to think it is a report on the activities of the mob.

In world news, Australian Archbishop Philip Wilson has resigned because of an investigation regarding his own history as an abuser and an enabler of this sort of sickening behavior. There are simply facts. Here is another: the Catholic Church, for decades, participated in abusing children, enabling abusers, threatening re-traumatizing victims and endangering the most innocent individuals under their care.

Now how do I, born and raised a Roman Catholic, go and sit in my pew and get a lecture about morality and ethics from a pulpit that has participated in these acts—or so I am told and stood by as they happened?

Am I painting too wide a brush? This abuse and its enabling was systemic, and each new grand jury investigation exposes just how far the fraud was able to go, all the way up the hierarchy.

No more apologies, no more internal investigations by the Church. It is clear they are unable, either because of ineptitude or because of more sinister motives, to handle cleaning house and reforming. It is time for action.

To be clear, many of these news stories are about abuses that happened more than a decade ago. However, that does not lessen the degree of how seriously and morally re-pugnant they are.

It means that the Church still has not reckoned with its past. This abuse has not simply a few bad apples or dioceses, it went up to the Vatican. The words of the Church are losing meaning among many who sit in the pew and give hard earned money to an organization that continually lies to its members. This newest scandal is similar to the wake-up call of the 2002 Boston Globe series about Church abuse.

There is a great quote from the movie The Patriot in which the reverend says, “A shepherd must tend to his flock and at times fight off the wolves.” Well, it seems that the flock needs to do a better job protecting each other. Is the Church choosing not to reform itself and enact harsher, more systemic measures to prevent these atrocities, its members need to act, either by leaving or making their voices louder.

The Catholic Church has entered a critical period in its history. For those who choose to ignore or move past the scandals, their silence is as voluminous, their excuses for these crimes morally unacceptable.

This article is not meant to make you leave the Church. Rather, it’s simply a Roman Catholic struggling to balance with the continuing moral failures of his religion.
Steps one through seven: graduate high school; go to college and make lifelong friends; move out from your parents’ house and never go back; graduate from college in four years and get a career in your field; if you didn’t find your forever person in college, find them and get engaged, plan a spectacular wedding and get married within a year; have kids and inactively teach them the same steps. I’m 22 and a fifth-year senior. I’ve mastered these three and two listed above. I graduated high school, attended college and definitely made some (hopefully) lifelong friends. I’ve at least made friends I’ll remember for a lifetime. Steps three through seven are currently pipe dreams for me, and I’m starting to learn that’s completely OK.

Any time I end up in a conversation with someone about my current life path and my future goals, I always find myself justifying my journey. I constantly find myself saying, “Oh, I’m living at home because I blew through my savings for a once in a lifetime month-long trip to Europe” to throw them off the “failure” of living with my parents at 22 with the spectacular trip I took, which is a half-truth. The new one I’ve developed is “Oh, I’m living at home because I decided to save money to put a down payment on a house and own where I live,” which is also a half-truth.

When discussing my reason for still obtaining my undergraduate degree, I’m so quick to cite that I changed my major three times to three completely different subjects (history to athletic training to psychology) and I’m lucky I only have four credit hours left to complete. I never stop to realize that the four-year college plan only applies to a fraction of undergraduate students. Just because the majority of my friends graduate in the expected four years doesn’t mean I’m “falling behind” or “failing.”

Yes, I came back from a four-week stay in Europe with a minuscule amount of money to my name. Yes, I plan to buy my own home within the next two years if possible. Yes, I am still attending school because I chose to leave my summers free or had to drop a class for various reasons during my initial four years. But I throw out my excuses before a person even has time to react to me saying I live at home or am still attending Xavier for my undergraduate degree. I have these excuses so ready at the tip of my tongue and perfectly rehearsed to the point people automatically nod in approval, as if to say, “Wow, I’m so jealous of your trip and ability to save to purchase your own home. You definitely have your shit together.”

I am 22 years old and have never been in a serious, committed and (most importantly) healthy romantic relationship which makes steps five through seven absolutely impossible to accomplish.

Some days I think — no, I’m certain — I care more than other people. The only time I ever truly feel judged is when I talk to people from an older generation: the people who have seen me grow and mature and have created an expectation in their mind for how my life is supposed to play out. I’m not sure why I’m so caught up on fitting into this hypothetical life plan. A large percentage of my friends and acquaintances have not completed these steps in this exact order.

These “Seven Steps of Life” I’ve offered up are nearly impossible for the current generation of college graduates to complete. These steps made sense decades ago, but college has become a luxury instead of a next step for all. Out of high school, or even college for that matter, working people do not receive a livable wage that allows them to afford to buy their own home. It’s harder to find a job now than ever before with people retiring later in life compared to past generations. There is no longer such a heavy focus on marriage. Ideas of commitment and what a family looks like have changed drastically throughout the past decades.

There’s nothing wrong with the path I’ve decided to take/worked on. And I’m slowly starting to accept the fact that what I thought my life would look like is completely different from how it actually is now.

The steps of life (aren’t always steps)

The new one I’ve developed

Home is where you put your heart into

Compared to the first year of college, the second is less nerve-wracking and anxiety-provoking. Move-in goes smoother because you have items from last year. The first week of classes is easier because you know the locations of all the buildings. There are more familiar faces because of your connections from last year.

With lower anxiety levels, nothing feels as permanent or life-shattering as it did when you started as a first-year. For the most part, you know what to expect. However, leaving home for a second time to be someone senior year might not be as easy as it seems.

After spending roughly three and a half months at home for the summer, it may seem like more of a jolt to the system than leaving for the first year. The first few months of that year of college is a whirlwind full of introductory social events like Maurea, exploring campus and the city and an inundation of new clubs and activities. If you miss home, you barely have time to think about it.

Then, after spending an entire school year away from your family and your hometown friends, coming home for the summer feels like a breath of normal, comfortable air. Leaving in August to come back to campus feels like ripping that away once again.

Sophomore year you are not required to attend any type of orientation, you already know most of campus and the surrounding city and you know people from the clubs and activities you did last year. If you miss home, you find out about it much sooner. You are also more likely to miss home because what has been dubbed the “sophomore slump” is not nearly as exciting as the first year.

The one thing I encourage you to hold onto is that feeling of homesick. Held onto the feeling you get when your dog runs up to you, when you cuddle up under your favorite blanket or when you watch your favorite childhood movie.

As I stated in the first part of an article that I wrote last January entitled ‘‘No matter where you go, you can take home with you,’’ just because you have left your physical house and the neighborhood that you grew up in does not mean you will never truly be home again.

Home, especially when you have gone to school, moved cross-country for a job or made a family of your own, is a feeling. It is something that not only exists in your parents’ house or the park next to your old school, it exists in everything you put your heart into.

If you are feeling that ‘‘sophomore slump’’ you now realize that there is no perfect college experience.”

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Men's soccer aims to achieve 'final two percent'

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The Xavier men’s soccer team is poised for another season and hopes to parlay its momentum from the end of last season into 2018.

The bar remains high this season with the team returning a majority of its starters from a year ago.

Xavier men’s soccer has flourished under head coach Andy Fleming, who is entering his ninth season in the position.

Throughout the last five seasons, the Musketeers have had a winning record in all but one of those years. The team has also notched 10 wins against top-10 ranked teams since 2010.

In 2017, the Musketeers saw success in the season that culminated with a trip to the Big East Championship. Ultimately, Xavier fell short, losing to Georgetown 2-1 in double overtime.

"For as confident and as excited as we are, we're quick to look over our shoulder," Fleming said. "We know what can go wrong... They checked a lot of boxes off. We call it the 'final two percent' as far as what we need to finish it off."

Fleming and the Musketeers have their sights set even further into postseason play — to qualify for the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2012.

Last season, the Musketeers were not selected to be a part of the tournament. "I think the ultimate compliment is to get an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament," Fleming commented. "Obviously our goal is to win the Big East Championship."

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Women’s soccer begins quest for title

By DONNIE MENKE
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Last year, women’s soccer head coach Nate Lie wasn’t sure what to expect heading into the season.

“My first official day at Xavier wasn’t until June, so my first day meeting the entire team was the first day of preseason,” Lie said.

“And soccer has one of the shortest preseasons. We met on Aug. 1, and were playing meaningful games on Aug. 17. It was very much learning on the fly.”

The result was an up and down non-conference stretch in which the team went 4-3-2 in conference play and managed to earn a spot in the Big East tournament after going 4-3-2 in conference play.

It marked the first postseason tournament for women’s soccer since 2000.

"We really turned a corner as we headed into Big East play. I think the team in the second half of the season didn’t even look like the team in the first half of the season, in a good way," Lie said.

"A lot of us, we were together, got on the same page, were unified in how we played, and were able to do some things that the program has never done.”

Women’s soccer achieved one of the best seasons in program history, and it was built on a strong defense. This was the team’s biggest strength last year, allowing a goal less than in 16 of the 20 matches played.

However, the three main center backs from last season were all seniors. This year, the team has already had multiple games where it was an all-freshman back line.

"There are going to be growing pains," Lie said. "... My hope is that by the end of the season, those players won’t feel like freshmen. Hopefully they’ll feel more assertive and more like leaders."

As a result of a young defense, the team won’t be able to push as many people forward as last year.

"So far, the two formations we’re playing are different from last year, and I wouldn’t be surprised if we tried another one,” Lie said.

The turnover is not just limited to the defense either. According to Lie, there are 10 new faces on this year’s team, including 15 freshman and four transfers. There’s also another four players who were growing pains," Lie said. “…"}

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Xavier Scores

Men’s Soccer

Xavier won its opening match against Cincinnati Christian, 6-0, last Friday and tied with Northwestern last Sunday. Its next contest is Friday on the road against Oregon State.

Women’s Soccer

The Musketeers won their opening match against Toledo, 2-1, but fell in two close games against Louisville and Northern Kentucky. The team heads to West Virginia to take on the Mountaineers Thursday.

Volleyball

Xavier will take a trip to the island of Puerto Rico to compete in the Puerto Rico Classic, a tournament that will begin on Thursday and conclude on Tuesday. The Musketeers are scheduled to play Minnesota, Arizona State and Towson.

Cross Country

The cross country team is slated to run in its first meet at the Queen City Invitational in Highland Heights, Ky., hosted by Northern Kentucky University on Saturday.
Netflix releases to keep an eye on: To All the Boys I’ve loved before

BY KATIE NICHOLS  Staff Writer

Netflix has struck again with its newest original mov- ie, To All the Boys I’ve loved before. Based on the novel by Jenny Han, the film follows the story of Lara Jean Covey, a high-schooler with a prob- lematic love life. Lara Jean is a romantic who falls in love at the drop of a hat. Finding it too difficult to express her feelings openly, Lara Jean in- stead writes secret love letters to the boys she likes. There are five letters total, stored in a teal box in Lara Jean’s clos- et. When Lara Jean’s young- er sister Kitty sends the let- ters to each respective boy, Lara Jean’s world flips up- side-down.

The most rewarding part of the film is Lara Jean her- self. The perfect combination of quirky and assertive, Lara Jean captures what it is to be an awkward teenager trying to fake her way through life’s pitfalls. Lara Jean thinks she knows what she wants but hasn’t yet figured out who she is. Watching Lara Jean nav- igate her life feels more au- thentic than other high school movies, even if the circum- stances of the film are far- fetched. Lara Jean grounds the feature, making every- thing else feel not only believ- able, but honest.

While Lara Jean’s charac- ter is strong and well-devel- oped, others fall short, par- ticularly Lara Jean’s neighbor Josh. Lara Jean has an intense crush on Josh, despite him dating her older sister Margot. When Josh receives his

Disenchantment

BY JACK DUNN  Campus News Editor

Disenchantment, Matt Groe- ning’s most recent animated series on Netflix, is pretty good despite feeling like just another Groening animated series.

The story starts out in a fairly standard fantasy tale way: Princess Tiabeanie (Bean for short) does not want to get married to a prince for politi- cal reasons. Things get worse when she is cursed with her own personal demon, Luci, and accidentally befriends a banished elf named Elfo who was tired of being happy all the time.

Luci and Elfo effectively act as an angel and demon on Bean’s shoulders, and almost each episodes plot hinges on whether or not she acts on their suggestions. To give you an idea of what kind of choices Bean likes to make, a good description of her character is a drunk who would rather cause mischief than attend to her royal duties. It’s from these choices that most of the plot and hilarity happens.

But despite this difference in the main characters, Disenchantment feels a lot like Futur- ama but fantasy instead of sci- ence fiction. Bean is basically Fry, and Luci and Elfo are any mix of characters who have given advice over the years. And while the three main characters voice actors are

not Groening’s go-to ones, they are the charm of the show. It’s very hard not to hear John DiMaggio’s Bender in King Zog or Billy West’s Profes- sor Farnsworth in Socrerio. It doesn’t help that all of the characters have that Simp- son’s look to them.

What Disenchantment does to separate itself from Futur- ama is give more of a sense of overall plot. While Futurama did have somewhat of a story arc, it also had episodes that made light of topical issues when it came out. Groe- ning is able to go a different direction with Disenchantment, because it all comes out at once on Netflix. The series’s plot benefits from not being constrained from this weekly schedule.

I will say, like most animat- ed series, the early episodes do take some getting used to. It is partly because of the world building that every TV show must set up. But I feel that they spend a little too much time in Dreamland, Bean’s home. Some of the best ep- isodes take place when they are outside the castle walls, learning about what can and cannot happen in this fantasy world. The last three episodes of the 10-episode “Part 1” are definitely its strongest.

Total score:

Staff Spotify: What we’re listening to

Get to know the Newswire editorial staff with our current favorite albums

High As Hope
x Florence + the Machine

I’ve been listening to this album all summer! High As Hope has the robust vocals, dynamic musicality and power- ful figurative language we’ve all come to expect from Florence Welch and the band without falling into a rut stylisti- cally. Without abandoning her fan- ciful side this album celebrates au- thenticity and gives an intimate look at Welch’s joys and pains. -Heather Gast

Kill Your Darlings
x Elsa and Emilie

I really love the artist’s haunting melody in this album. It’s not over-whelming in cases where I want to listen to it while studying and a beau- tiful source of inspiration when I ac- tually want to focus on it for creative projects.

-Soundos Mulla-Ossman

The Serenity of Suffering
x Korn

This album encapsulates the rea- sons I love Korn: It’s heavy, it’s in- cense and it’s one hell of a musical ride. There’s a constant ebb and flow that’s unsettling, yet comforting. This album will always hold a special space in my heart because I attended the concert where the single “Rotting in Vain” was premiered.

-Elleen Steifie

Sweetener
x Ariana Grande

I stan Ari to the moon and back, so I was so excited for this album. The tracks deviate from her pop diva style toward a relaxed, chill vibe. “break- in” and “God is a woman” are the best tracks, hands down.

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10 ways you can save the planet

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It is clear that saving the planet is extremely important, but as a busy college student, it may seem very difficult to do your part. Below is a list of easy and inexpensive methods that any college student can do to help the planet.

1. Reduce your meat consumption.
Choosing not to eat meat one day a week saves the same amount of resources as not driving a car for five weeks.

2. When you leave for class, unplug, turn off and adjust.
Simply turning off lights and unplugging small appliances can save resources. Lowering your thermostat in the cold weather or raising it during warm weather not only saves resources but can lower your utility bills!

3. Buy a reusable bag.
Instead of using plastic bags when shopping, simply bring your own reusable bags! Landfills are filling up with plastic bags that take more than 400 years to break down.

4. Take notes on your computer.
Not only does this make writing papers easier, it reduces the amount of paper waste.

5. Wash your clothes in cold water.
96 percent of energy used by washing machines goes toward heating water. Now, most laundry detergents have been reformulated to clean clothes in cold water, so there is no need to use hot water!

Cincinnati is full of farmer’s markets. Taking a trip to Findlay Market and other community farmer’s markets is both fun and a perfect way to help the Earth! Plus, you know that all the items you buy are fresh because they are locally grown.

7. No more straws.
Americans use 500 million straws every single day and many of them end up in our waterways and oceans. Just tell your server to skip the straw.

8. Shop at thrift or second-hand stores.
Instead of going to the mall for new clothes, buy used! Norwood has two fantastic thrift stores and buying used clothes helps reduce waste. Plus, you will have a collection of "one of a kind" clothing!

9. Walk, bike or skate.
If you live off-campus, avoid the temptation to drive to it. Instead, walk, ride a bike or skate to campus. These are great ways to save resources while also getting some exercise.

10. Switch to reusable water bottles.
80 percent of plastic water bottles end up in the ocean, which affects sea life and coral reefs.

Not sure if you can follow these suggestions? Go to myfootprint.org and take a quiz that will reveal how your lifestyle impacts the planet. You may find that by making a few minor adjustments, you can really make a difference in saving our planet.