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Campus dining debuts new setup
Communal seating in the caf, Fresh Xpress shop in the CLC highlight changes

By Hannah Paige Michels

Staff Writer

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.”

“Just admit you don’t have enough seats at the table, in more ways than one,” senior Lauren Denicker joked. First-year students didn’t seem too bothered by the change. “I didn’t really expect anything different,” first-year Trevor Russell said. “I kind of like it,” first-year Jordan Clarke said. “My high school was kind of the same way.”

A sign outside the caf describes the communal dining as a “return to tradition” and a way to interact with others in the heart of campus. The main reason for the change, however, is simply space. “During certain peak times, we are at capacity,” chef Tim Belting said. “In reality, this is what we have to do.”

Senior Director of Dining Edward Devoid added that while space is the main reason for the change, the resulting communal setting isn’t such a bad thing. “I kind of like it,” first-year Jordan Clarke said. “My high school was kind of the same way.”

According to Devoid, in past years when the incoming class was particularly large, students were forced to sit on the steps in the caf because there weren’t enough seats to accommodate everyone. Limited dining options in GSC and the size of the incoming first-year class mean the caf now has to accommodate more students than normal, resulting in the communal setup. It’s still undecided if the current arrangement is here to stay.

Besides the changes in the caf, returning students will also notice that in the Conaton Learning Commons (CLC), Faves is now Conaton Fresh Xpress. The space, originally known as X-Spot, has always been used for student-run businesses but had been empty for a few years before Faves opened. Conaton Fresh Xpress is managed by senior Ethan Schuld and is overseen by Chartwells. With this involvement and support, people like Dining Director Theresa Poulos are able to help hire employees faster, order food from vendors efficiently and extend operation hours.

When the space was X-Spot, some of the profits were used to fund a university scholarship. This program has not been restarted since, but with Conaton Fresh Xpress’ success in the start of the semester, doubling its sales every day, Devoid said, “there’s no reason why we can’t do something like that again.”

Belting said there’s a misconception that Chartwells approached Xavier about the dining changes. “Xavier University came to us and asked us if we’d be willing to do things,” Belting said. Devoid, Belting and Poulos all said that renovations in the 16-year-old GSC were inevitable. But these changes were spearheaded by Xavier, not Chartwells. Devoid added he found it unusual that Chartwells wasn’t controlling all dining and retail spaces on campus to begin with.

“This is the first school where the contractor, and I’ve worked for multiple, didn’t have their hands in every thing,” Devoid said. “By making everything under one umbrella...it gives better value to the students...This university, because it made sense, said we need to renovate Gallagher.”

Devoid is proud of Xavier’s mentality to make big investments to change and improve aspects of campus. Even though Hoff is only 7 years old, equipment is already being changed and updated to ensure everything continues to run smoothly for students. Devoid is aware that these changes are utilizing students’ tuition dollars, and his main concern is that students feel they are getting value out of their meal plans and dining choices.

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Philosophy department diversifies

By MADDY GOODMAN
Guest Writer

Xavier doubled the number of female professors in the philosophy department for the 2018-19 school year by hiring Dr. Bethany Henning and Dr. Charlie Gustafson-Barrett. Dr. Myron Jackson was also hired as the Besl Chair for Philosophy department diversities. The College of Arts and Sciences is growing so rapidly that Gustafson-Barrett, Jackson, Henning and the upcoming hires will continue the department’s goals to “maintain philosophy’s role at Xavier and the general education of all our students,” to find ways of enhancing our outreach to other departments on campus and participate 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 us diversify our curriculum. 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 the 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 an emphasis on bringing in more women. “(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.

Photo courtesy of website
Dr. Myron M. Jackson, one of three new philosophy professors, is the new Besl Family Chair of the Ethics, Religion and Society program.

Club Day Features
A collection of up-and-coming clubs to get involved with this year

By HEATHER GAST
Campus News Editor

Embrace Evanston
A club whose goal is to address educational inequality through an aggressive and intentionally designed youth development campaign in Xavier’s neighboring community of Evanston. Embrace Evanston houses the Xavier student-run programs Girls on the Run, Boys to Men, Ladies of Awesomeness, Improv Club and Spanish Club at Evanston Academy.

To get involved, come to the Evanston Academy Open House for Xavier Student Involvement at Alumni Hall (location pending) on Sept. 7 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Weekly meetings take place on school days and vary among programs.

Xavier LGBTQI Alliance
The Alliance seeks to provide a safe space on campus regardless of how you identify and works to provide a judgment-free atmosphere where everyone can feel free to be themselves. At no point in time during meetings will you be asked to disclose your identity, and all meetings are confidential. All are welcome.

Meetings: Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. in the Center for Diversity and Inclusion

Watch out for Xavier’s second annual Halloween Drag Show on Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

Xavier Habitat for Humanity
Want to build a safe and healthy community? Want to become a better neighbor? Want to actually build a house? Join Habitat for Humanity, a welcoming and engaging club that will allow you to do community service, spend time outdoors and help those in need.

Come enjoy pizza at the first meeting.

First meeting: Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in Alter 101

4 Paws for Ability at XU
This club helps socialize Service Dogs in Training to become Service Dogs for veterans and children in need.

First meeting: Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. in Alter 309

Life After Sunday
Life After Sunday provides students with practical means for integrating their Catholic faith into everyday life. The club offers the Rosary Monday through Thursday evenings, as well as weekly confession, adoration and Mass.

Meetings: every other Monday at 9:30 p.m. in Bellermaine Activity Room

Event: Look for the first Holy Power Hour of the semester mid-September. There will be a student talk, followed by worship and adoration.

Xavier Colleges Against Cancer
Although cancer has touched and taken too many lives, Colleges Against Cancer wants to make a difference. By raising awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society, the club aims to make campus a place where everyone can relate and life can be a celebration. Expect pizza the first week, bonding meetings, fundraisers, a visit to the Cincinnati HOPE lodge and Xavier’s own Relay for Life. Come meet the team and your new set of friends.

First meeting: Sept. 5 at 9 p.m. in Alter 101

Xavier Women in Business
This club seeks to educate students of any major on the role of women in business and how current and former employees have been educated on career paths for women, salary negotiation, networking, and the Western canon be as a resource for students to understand more about business and the role women play in providing for the future of the business world.

First meeting: Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in Alter 303

Events: The club is brainstorming a career panel, a club breakfast and a company visit for this semester.
**Pope faces backlash**

**Vatican reacts to grand jury report, Vigano**

By Jack Dunn

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the former Vatican ambassador to the United States, stated in a letter on Sunday that he informed Pope Francis about the allegations of sex abuse against former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick in 2013. McCarrick resigned from his role as cardinal 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."

Vigano’s letter also came out at the same time the Pope was visiting Ireland for the weekend to address the abuse scandal there that goes back to the 1990s. The scandals have resulted in low church attendance dropping from 79 percent in 1979 to 35 percent in today. During that same time span, Irish voters have legalized same-sex marriage and abortion, both against church doctrine.

The failure of ecclesiastical authorities — bishops, religious superiors, priests and others — to adequately address these repugnant crimes has rightly given rise to outrage and remains a source of pain and shame for the Catholic community," the Pope told the Irish. "I myself share these sentiments."

Pope Francis refused to directly respond to Vigano’s letter when asked by reporters as he was leaving Ireland.

"Read the document carefully and judge it for yourselves," the Pope said.

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**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 a prize like walnut pieces. The parrots consistently chose the tokens to invest in the prize.
- A Sharpea named Hoshi underwent life-saving surgery to remove an eight-inch skewer that became stuck after she ate a chicken kebab. The irony that their dog’s plights were caused by eating meat was not lost on the vegetarian owners.
- President Donald Trump’s fingers have earned him criticism once again — only this time, it’s not for Tweeting but for coloring. 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 but note the resemblance to the Russian flag, whose three stripes are white, blue and red.
- Authorities have banned swimming off the west coast of France after a bottlenose dolphin reportedly became stuck after it became too friendly with tourists and locals. The dolphin, named Zafar, is known for swimming close to boats and allowing children to pet him. However, he then began to rub himself against a number of boats in what appeared to be attempts to become intimate with them.

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**Pope visits Ireland this weekend, the first Pope to visit since John Paul II in 1979. There he responded to scandals around the Church. Francis has also been accused of covering up abuse allegations since 2013.**

Photo courtesy of Wilf Cornwall

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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, Fla. 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 Jack- sonville, Fla. on Sunday. Katz allegedly lost in the tournament earlier in the same weekend. Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams said Katz “clearly targeted” other members of the tournament, walking past patrons in other parts of the club 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.

Katz had won other Madden tournaments, including the Madden 17 Bills Championship in February 2017. Announcers at the event described him earlier saying “You are not going to see much emotion from our guy” (his username) David Katz keeps to himself. He’s a man of business. He’s not here for the experience. He’s not here to make friends.”

Court records state that Katz had a difficult and abusive life. Police records detail 26 calls to 911 between 1993 and 2000 for issues ranging from “mental illness” to domestic disputes. Katz had been treated as early as 12, being prescribed anti-depressants.

Both of Katz’s parents work for the federal government, with his father Richard as a NASA engineer and his mother as employee for the Food and Drug Adminis-tration. They were both working with investigators. They went through a divorce in 2006 in which both parents filed to have full ad litei repre-sent Katz.

Photo courtesy of EA Sports

EA has canceled the remaining Madden NFL 19 tournaments.

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**Police notes**

**NOTE OF THE WEEK**

Bob can’t build it

Aug. 21, 5:32 p.m. — Xavier Police responded to the Musketeer Mezzanine in Fenwick Place for an intoxicated subject. The subject was cited and sent on their way.

Aug. 21, 9:15 p.m. — Xavier police assisted Residen-cy Life with the recovery of drug paraphernalia in Brockman Hall.

Aug. 21, 11:55 p.m. — Xavier Police stopped a student in McGrath Health Center parking lot. The student was referred to the code of conduct for underage drinking.

Aug. 22, 12:32 a.m. — Xavier Police and Norwood Police responded to reports of a robbery at Houston and Wayland avenues. The subject reported their wallet and cell phone were taken. The suspect fled north on Wayland Avenue. Norwood Police is investigating.

Aug. 22, 1:14 a.m. — Xavier Police responded to Husman Hall for a report of an intoxicated student. The student was referred to the code of conduct.

Aug. 23, 7:34 p.m. — Xavier Police assisted Residenc-ies Life with the recovery of drugs and drug paraphernalia in Fenwick Place.

Aug. 25, 11:00 p.m. — Xavier Police and Cincinnati Police responded to the 900 block of Dana Avenue for a robbery report. The victim reported their cell phone was taken.

Aug. 26, 12:36 a.m. — Xavier Police stopped several students for drinking and a drug investigation at Victory Family Park. The students were referred to the code of conduct.

Police notes are published weekly. Here are some quick tips so you don’t end up in them.

- Don’t leave valuables unattended
- Travel in groups

If you don’t feel safe call the escort service at 513-745-2000

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**Photo courtesy of Alex Azor on Twitter**

President Donald Trump colors in his own personal take on the US flag.
The sad state of sexual health on our campus

So, we’re on a Catholic, Jesuit university campus, and we don’t have access to contraceptives. While I love Xavier for all it is, this is clearly an area that irks me. But I am wise enough to know that taking on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Board of Trustees, or Father Grahm for a bowl of condoms at McGrath is quite frankly, not worth the bowl of condoms at McGrath that irks me. But I am suit campus. As students, we can make changes. We can be a sexually healthy population, and reforming. It is time for action. To be a sexually healthy person, we need to do a better job protecting each other. If the Church chooses 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 speaks to their inability to reform itself and enact new ethics from a pulpit that has participation in these acts—or simply stood by as they happened?

Am I painting too broad a brush? This abuse and its enablement was systemic, and each new grand jury or investigation exposes just how far the fraud and morally repugnant they are.

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The steps of life (aren’t always steps)

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 sen- nior. I have mastered none and two listed above. I graduated high school, at- tended college and definitely made some (hopefully) life- long friends. I’ve at least made friends I’ll remember for a life- time. 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 con- versation with someone about my current life path and my future goals, I always find myself justifying my journey. I constantly find myself say- ing, “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 be- cause 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 rea- soning 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 ma- jority of my friends gradu- ate in the expected four years doesn’t mean I’m “falling be- hind” or “failing.”

Yes, I came back from a four-week stay in Europe with a miniscule 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 per- son even has time to react to me saying I live at home or am still attending Xavier for my undergraduate degree. I have those excuses so ready at the tip of my tongue and per- fectly 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, com- mitted and (most important- ly) healthy romantic relation- ship which makes steps five through seven absolutely im- possible 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 com- pleted these steps in this exact order.

These “Seven Steps of Life!” I’ve offered up are near- ly impossible for the current generation of college gradu- ates 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, work- ing people do not receive a liv- able 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 com- mitment and what a family looks like have changed dra- matically throughout the past decades.

There’s nothing wrong with the path I’ve decided to take/was forced 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.

Home is where you put your heart into

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

With lower anxiety levels, nothing feels as permanent or life-shattering as it did when you started as a first-year.

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 peo- ple from the clubs and activ- ities 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 homes. 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 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 par- ents’ house or the park next to your old school, it exists in everything you put your heart into.

If you are feeling that “soph- omore slump” is not nearly as exciting as the first year, this semes- ter, or any kind of slump, know that the encouragement, support and love you get at home is still available here. So yes, the sec- ond year of college can be less exciting and a hit less stress- ful, but let that feeling of home invigorate you.

Channel that happy ener- gy you get from wearing your comfiest pajamas or eating one of your mom’s recipes into sophomore year, into that difficult class, into that awesome group of friends, and the drag you are feeling will fade into a quiet contentment. Then, when you have put your heart into all these things, you will feel at home.

During your first year here, Xavier probably never really felt like home to most stu- dents. A lot of us, including myself, experienced loneli- ness and anxi- ety. We never really had a feeling of home, this is where I live, this is where I go to school.

This year, you have the chance to change that. Hope- fully, if you insert the feeling of home and your whole heart into all that you do here, you will soon catch yourself at the store or out with friends won- dering when you can come home to Xavier’s campus.

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By Luke Feliciano

Sports Editor

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 themselves in a season that culminated with a trip to the Big East Championship. Ultimately, Xavier fell short of their goal to take down 2-1 in double overtime.

However, the experience may have galvanized a spark for this season — to finish the season that culminated with a trip to the Big East Championship.

The turnover is not just defensive… be well led, have depth and have a strong culture.

However, the great Xavier teams we’ve had been amongst the nation’s leader defensively.

“There’s six pieces that have been replaced or moved on (within the last two years), and we have a new group in tact. So far, so good with the results.”

The 2018 schedule presents a formidable challenge for the Musketeers.

Not only are there two preseason ranked opponents in the Big East — Butler and Georgetown — two other matches, against preseason No. 2 North Carolina and No. 14 Notre Dame will also be highly competitive contests.

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While the competition remains fierce, Xavier has the tools and the personnel to make a run into postseason play and accomplish what it wants to in 2018.

By Donnie Menke

Staff Writer

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 4-5-2 but 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.

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However, the men’s side had not been able to achieve the same level of success, but was able to do so in the women’s program.

Women’s soccer achieved one of the best seasons in program history and was built on a strong defense.

This was the team’s biggest strength last year, allowing a goal less than 1.5 in 16 of the 20 matches played.

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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 Tennessee 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 Miami, University of Arizona 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
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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 problematic 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 instead writes secret love letters to the boys she likes. There are five letters total, stored in a teal box in Lara Jean’s closet. When Lara Jean’s younger sister Kitty sends the letters to each respective boy, Lara Jean’s world flips upside-down.

The most rewarding part of the film is Lara Jean herself. 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 navigate her life feels more authentic than other high school movies, even if the circumstances of the film are far-fetched. Lara Jean grounds the feature, making everything else feel not only believable, but honest.

While Lara Jean’s character is strong and well-developed, others fall short, particularly Lara Jean’s neighbor Josh. Lara Jean has an intense crush on Josh, despite him dating her older sister Margot. When Josh receives his Vain” was premiered. -Ellen Siefke

There are no stand-out songs to each respective boy, Lara Jean’s counselor. Aside from the characters, voice actors are given advice over the years. Bean is basically a lady and a quality soundtrack, other shortcomings can easily be forgiven. The film does a good job at what it sets out to do. If you’re looking for a decent high school rom-com, this might be the movie for you. And keep an eye out for more Lara Jean adventures, as there are already rumors of a sequel.

Total score:

N/A

BY JACK DUNN
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Disenchantment, Matt Groening’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 Beanbean (Bean for short) does not want to get married to a prince for political 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.

Laci and Elfo effectively act as an angel and demon on Bean’s shoulders, and almost every episode plods hing 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 Futurama but fantasy instead of science 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, the cast is the star of the show. It’s very hard not to hear John DiMaggio’s Bender in King Zog or Billy West’s Professor Farnsworth in Scoeccio. It doesn’t help that all of the characters have that Simpson’s look to them.

What Disenchantment does to separate itself from Futurama 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 of 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’ 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.

Staff Spotify: What we’re listening to

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

I’ve been listening to this album all summer! High As Hope has the robust vocals, dynamic musicality and powerful figurative language we’ve all come to expect from Florence Welch and the band without falling into a rut stylistically. Without abandoning her fanciful imagery, this album exhibits authenticity and gives an intimate look at Welch’s joys and pains. -Heather Gast

This album encapsulates the rea- sons I love Korn: It’s heavy, it’s in- tense 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 place in my heart because I attended the concert where the single “Rotting in Vain” was premiered. -Ellen Siefke

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. “breaks- in” and “God is a woman” are the best tracks, hands down. -Trever McKenzie
10 ways you can save the planet

By Haley Hayes
Guest Writer

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 quickly 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.

90 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.