Mixed reviews for Awareness Week

Students expressed concerns with promotion, timing of last week’s activities

BY ALANNA BELMONT
Guest Writer

The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) activities on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Some of these included sunset yoga and succulent making, talking about Xavier’s mental health resources and bringing in guest speaker Aaron Moore from To Write Love on Her Arms. Reactions to MHAW were mixed, while organizers felt the event was a success, student expressed concerns with its promotion and timing.

According to Bri Ledsome, a Philosophy, Politics and the double major who organized the event, only 64 percent of people who participated in last year’s Healthy Minds survey said they knew where to find resources if they were struggling with mental health. According to the American Psychological Association, there has been a 94 percent increase in the number of incoming university students with severe mental health issues.

With that in mind, the goal of this year’s MHAW was to “bring awareness and create spaces for dialogue to happen,” according to Cole Stautberg, a junior special education major who also helped coordinate the event as SGA vice president. He declared it “a success.”

“Our goal was to spread the word about mental health and show that we support people who live with mental health conditions, and I think we reached it,” Stautberg said.

Yet, many students said they felt SGA fell flat this year with MHAW.

“I didn’t see anything going on outside,” first-year the- 

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et parents, Anna Wendling, Emilie Retton and Katelyn Wnek offered their own theories as to why there was a low turnout.

“Maybe spread more than just this one week, if they did a month thing, or a day each month,” Wendling said. “I feel like if they did something on the weekend, like if they included Saturday, or Saturday and Sunday, just because people are crazy busy during the week and they might not have time. But if they have it, on the weekends, I mean, I wasn’t doing anything Saturday, and I would have showed up to something.”

Despite the critiques, there may still be hope for future MHAWs. Ledsome said the event is to be a starting point to continue the conversation about mental health.

“The work surrounding mental health awareness on our campus is just beginning,” Ledsome said. “While we want to make the week annual of course, we also don’t want the conversation to be a week long. We want to continue to bring the conversation to new and innovative spaces to ensure the dialogue continues and our campus can be as healthy as can be.”

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Xavier Urban Farm aims to grow

The young student-run business is refocusing on students after relocation

BY JOSEPH COTTON

Guest Writer

With the construction of the Health United Building (HUB), Xavier’s new community health center, Xavier Urban Farm (XUF) was forced to move to a new location that is out of view for most of the student body. Although the volunteers of the fall Community Action Day, Xavier’s bi-yearly service experience, helped to physically move the hardware to the new location behind McGrath, the nuts and bolts of marketing and growing produce had to change to allow the business to thrive.

XUF is a student-run, Xavier-owned non-profit that provides students with an opportunity to get involved with a real-life business. It was designed by a group of 110 students, faculty and professors in February 2013. Today, the biggest expenses for XUF are seeds, dirt and compost. However, XUF doesn’t have to pay for water, which comes from the school or labor cost because of volunteers. All of the profit is reinvested back into the business.

The biggest investments for XUF this year are its partnership with People’s Garden and the Brick Gardens Initiative. The Brick Gardens Initiative will give XUF the infrastructure and knowledge necessary for indoor farming. In return, XUF will help the People’s Garden by teaching with them to form a better idea of what they want to do with their business. Since the new location has less traditional farming space, growing more plants indoors will help conserve space.

During the relocation, the Sedler Center for Experiential Learning advised XUF. The Sedler Center is a hands-on learning center that operates under the Williams College of Business that is dedicated to creating learning opportunities. According to senior economics and sustainability double major and XUF general manager Johnathan Duffy, the Sedler Center’s advice and its marketing and economics classes helped inform his decisions about tracking orders, deciding which crops to focus on and setting prices, especially during the transition time.

XUF team members used the move as an opportunity to adjust their plans for the future.

“Moving location has forced us to rebrand,” Dede Tetteh, a marketing major in his marketing and economics studies, said. “The goal is to get to the point where XUF doesn’t need an explanation.”

XUF recently created a new logo and is starting to shift its attention to social media to get its brand out to students.

“Local food is something we want to push,” Duffy said. “It doesn’t travel and is sustainable. Plus you can go see where it is grown.”

XUF is currently making changes to tailor its operation to students. It is working on adding more “snacking foods” for students who live on campus and therefore don’t worry about getting ingredients for cooking.

In addition, it is working on adding an online directory for ordering produce that allows students to use credit cards to make it more accessible for them.

XUF is also focusing on growing top-selling produce such as peppers, tomatoes and lettuce to keep prices down make the produce more affordable. XUF hopes that this approach will encourage students to eat healthier.

The team tries to make sure they leave a positive impact on the broader community surrounding Xavier by having a close relationship with the Nexus Gardens, a civic garden for the greater Cincinnati area that everyone has access to.

“We share growing tips with each other, and many of our customers on Sunday come right from the Nexus gardens,” Duffy said. “It’s great engaging the community through a little thing like gardening.”

To get involved, visit the farmstand by Bellarmine Chapel on Sunday mornings or sign up for fall Community Action Day on Sept. 28.
READ continues journey of racial reconciliation

By Brittany Wells
Staff Writer

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Lime, Birds banned from sidewalk

City of Cincinnati forces scooters to streets, plans to enforce $100 violations

BY EMILIE KRACIK

Guest Writer

The City of Cincinnati passed an ordinance on Sept. 19 that bans Lime and Bird scooters from sidewalks. This ordinance clarifies that riding the scooters on a city sidewalk is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a $100 fine.

However, this law will not be enforced on Xavier’s campus, according to Mark Hanlon, the director of Utilities and Energy at Physical Plant. Hanlon said that because sidewalks on campus are considered private property, they aren’t subject to the rule.

Hanlon did not rule out the possibility of enforcing the ordinance in the future, however.

“Right now it’s a wait and see period,” Hanlon said.

If major issues start to arise with scooter riders on campus, then we might do something.

Off-campus, the scooters are causing issues in the Norwood community. According to Marilyn Hanrahan, a member of the Norwood City Council, the scooters have become an issue in terms of being a “nuisance” and causing various safety issues in the city. She said that these issues have included obstructed sidewalks and scooters being placed on private property.

Hanrahan added that the Norwood City Council and Norwood Law Departments are reviewing current ordinances and preparing new ones concerning scooters and bikes.

“We’ve done a lot of research. Spikes in injuries from the scooters have been found all over the country,” Hanrahan said. “We are looking at what’s going on in other communities and what they are doing.”

Proponents of regulations and/or bans of scooters will be presented at the Norwood City Council Meeting in October.

“We aren’t against them, we just want them to be safe and not impede on our residents’ quality of life,” Hanrahan said. “We just want a safe neighborhood.”

Hanlon said the key to keeping scooters on campus is abiding by the rules, which includes giving pedestrians the right of way and parking the scooters properly.

Hanlon stressed that, in the presence of pedestrians, students on scooters must ride very slowly because the scooters are quiet and pedestrians can’t hear them.

Scooters also need to be parked responsibly, Hanlon added.

For example, scooters should be parked in bicycle racks or on grass rather than on sidewalks to avoid clogging walkways. Hanlon said as long as students abide by these rules, no issues will arise.

However, Hanlon explained, if these rules are regularly broken, Xavier will begin to look into consequences for improper use and parking.

For instance, Lime has the ability to see who rode and parked a scooter, so a suggested solution for improper parking is revoking the identified rider’s right to ride.

Hanlon expressed the hope they slowly build some more awareness and follow the scooter rules so that no punishment measures will have to be instituted.

POLICE NOTES

Sept. 19, 12:48 a.m. — Xavier Police responded to the wooded area near the outdoor basketball courts to a report of people smoking marijuana. Subjects were located and referred to the code of conduct.

Sept. 19, 12:51 a.m. — Xavier Police responded to a report of an accident on Dana Avenue near University Drive. A pedestrian was struck by a car. Xavier Police, Cincinnati Police and Cincinnati Fire responded. Cincinnati Police are handling the report.

Sept. 21, 5:42 a.m. — Xavier Police and Cincinnati Fire responded to a fire alarm in Brockman Hall. Physical Plant determined it to be a malfunctioning smoke alarm. No fire was present.

Week in Review

Interesting pizza, arachnophobia and no sitting allowed!

• U.S. Army soldiers can now add “pizza” to their menu. Meal ready to eat (M.R.E.) No. 23 will consist of a 3-inch by 3-inch slice of Sicilian-style pizza, topped with mozarella and pepperoni. It took the Army’s Combat Feeding Directorate almost 20 years to develop the pizza, which can remain stable in storage at 100 degrees Fahrenheit for six months (Sept. 20).

• Arachnophobic tourists beware: Spiders have covered the Greek island Aitoliko with their webs. The webs can span an area of about 300 square meters, creating a cocoon-like appearance. A local molecular biologist assured the public that despite the alarming appearance of their webs, these spiders are not harmful and will soon “have their party and die” (Sept. 21).

• Venice might not have a spider problem, but tourists may still need to watch where they sit. Mayor Luigi Brugnaro recently proposed a series of regulations that include designating certain seating areas as well as bans on standing or laying down on benches, riding bikes and stopping on bridges (Sept. 21).

• A Hong Kong airline learned the importance of proofreading when it had to send back a plane after its own name was spelled incorrectly. Cathay Pacific became “Cathay Pacifc” until the error was caught. The airline confessed to the mistake on Twitter, and responses included not only jokes but also conspiracy theories — some felt the error was too perfect to be a mistake and said it cast suspicion on the company (Sept. 22).

• Millennials have caused the U.S. divorce rate to drop 18 percent total, an analysis conducted by the University of Maryland concluded (Sept. 25).

NOTE OF THE WEEK

Not a lot happened this week, OK?

Sept. 19, 8:37 a.m. — Xavier Police responded to the south entrance of Cintas Center for a subject burglarizing the facility. Subject was advised about trespassing and disorderly conduct and sent on their way.

Sept. 21, 4:22 p.m. — A subject reported the theft of their bicycle from outside the Village Apartments. An investigation is pending.

Don’t leave valuables unattended.

Travel in groups.

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

Photo courtesy of The New York Times

Interesting pizza, arachnophobia and no sitting allowed!

Be careful not to get tangled up in a very large cocoon web like this one. Even though they are not harmful, they look pretty gross.

Photo courtesy of pixabay.com

Confederate statues debate rages

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U.S. & World News

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Kavanaugh nomination put on hold

Committee vote rescheduled for Friday, testimony expected from accusers

BY JABARI TURNER

Guest Writer

The vote to nominate Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court was rescheduled for Friday amid sexual assault allegations from Christine Blasey Ford. More recently, Deborah Ramirez also accused Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct.

Ford claimed that a 17-year-old Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her at a high school house party. Ford told the Washington Post Kavanaugh attempted to remove her clothing, pinned her to the bed and covered her mouth to prevent her from screaming. Ford said she felt as if Kavanaugh had almost instantly killed her.

Ford believes she only escaped because Kavanaugh’s friend, identified as Mark Judge, playfully jumped on both of them, causing them to tumble and allowing her to escape. Ford said Kavanaugh was "stumbling drunk."

Ford is now 51 and a clinical psychology professor at Palo Alto University in California. Kavanaugh denied the allegations, stating "I did not do this back in high school or at any time."

Judge stated he has "no memory" of the incident ever occurring. All three attended the high school Makeup Preparatory High School. Kavanaugh's classmates described it as an "alcohol-soaked party culture."

More than 200 of Ford's classmates from Holton-Arms School signed a letter to Congress supporting the allegations.

The letter stated that "Dr. Blasey Ford's experience is all too consistent with the stories we heard and lived while attending Holton" and that "many of us are survivors ourselves."

On Sunday, Ramirez accused Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct. Ramirez told The New York Times that Kavanaugh pulled his pants down and exposed himself to her.

Ramirez said the alleged incident occurred while they were both students at Yale University.

Both later graduated in 1987. Ramirez said though they were both drinking, she still remembers the incident and the way she raised and ashamed and humiliated." She also said she recalls Kavanaugh laughing and one student yelling out, "Brett Kavanaugh just put his penis in Debbie's face." Kavanaugh said in an interview with Fox News on Monday, "What I know is the truth, and the truth is I've never sexually assaulted anyone.

Ramirez, who is now 53, is married and currently resides in Boulder, Colo. She works as a volunteer and is a board member of The Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence, a nonprofit that provides help and support for victims in incidents of domestic violence.

"It is hard to comment on the allegations of sexual assault/rape. If such allegations are true, he obviously should not be confirmed," criminal justice Professor Ronald Springman said.

Springman is also the Chief Assistant Prosecutor at Hamilton County.

"In order to afford some due process, there should be some type of an investigation prior to a vote of the full Senate on Judge Kavanaugh's nomination."

Springman provided perspective on what may be said in future hearings in light of the allegations.

"Many argue that these allegations were not raised when he was nominated and confirmed as a Federal Appellate Judge. Also, some question why they were not raised at the beginning of the Senate Judiciary hearings instead of at the end of the proceedings," Springman said.

Thus, many believe that delaying the disclosure of these allegations was a delay tactic to thwart his nomination. The FBI conducted a thorough background check prior to the Senate Judiciary hearings, and the sexual assault allegation, from what I can tell, was not uncovered."

However, Springman did reference his experience as a prosecutor and stated that "it is understandable that a victim may not come forward with these types of allegations until some time has passed."

Kavanaugh is not the first nominee to be accused of sexual misconduct.

And Justice for the Supreme Court of the United States Clarence Thomas was accused of sexual harassment by Anita Hill during his nomination hearings in 1991. Hill is now a law professor at Brandeis University and worked with Thomas for a few years at the Department of Education.

Hill recalled Thomas speaking vividly and inappropriately, talking about "women having sex with him and films showing group sex or rape scenes." Despite Hill’s testimony, Thomas was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 52-48.

Similarities have been drawn between both Hill and Ford. Both did not want to be recognized but eventually decided to reveal themselves after much conflict in deciding whether or not to do so.

President Donald Trump tweeted his response to the allegations, saying, "I have no doubt that if the attack on Dr. Ford was as bad as she says, charges would have been im­mediately filed."

The tweet sparked the viral hashtag #WhyIDidntReport in which victims of sexual assault tweeted and shared their stories explaining why they did not report instances when they were sexually assaulted. Ford is expected to testify Thursday to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The committee has also scheduled its vote on the nomination for Friday at 9:30 a.m. Republicans have selected Arizona prosecutor Rachel Mitchell to question both Kavanaugh and Ford.


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To politicize bravery and shame

Sexual assault is something all college students are familiar with. It’s not a disconnected statistic we can brush off but rather something that we’re intimately aware of — we pass by that “1 in 5” sign on our way to class every morning.

For Xavier students, we learn about sexual assault every time we step on campus through the Think About It program, during Manre- sa when XSSA hands out free fridge magnets and then again when one of our friends comes knocking on our door at 3 a.m. asking for our help.

To students, it’s hard to deny the historic nature of sexual assaul-t and even more difficult to accuse survivors of lying us about a traumatic issue. Yet in the case of allegations made against Judge Brett Kavanaugh by Dr. Christine Ford, it becomes impossible to avoid the violent balancing act of choosing between “him or her.”

To believe her is an affront to the current political institu-tions. Both President Donald Trump and the Republi-can Party are pushing for the Kavanaugh nomination while claiming that the Democratic Party is using false allegations as a political tool. To believe her is to consider that perhaps our government is blind, either through ignorance or disregard, to an underly-ing culture in which predatory behavior is tolerated and rewarded.

But to believe him is to deny the fundamental truth that survivors rely on. To deny them the opportunity to seek justice because we feel entitled to our opinions about the matter, especially because we likely know nothing of the situation, is immoral.

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As a senior who’s in a pretty public transition (as of this article, I’m five months and three weeks on testosterone, which is a pretty big deal for me), it is extremely difficult to act as if my trans and self-accep-tance are skills someone can learn overnight. Some days it’s a strug-gle dealing with the increasing amount of stares walking to class in the morn-ing.

Don’t even get me started with the creepy questions on what I plan on doing with my body from complete strangers and family alike. Some days, a part of me wishes I never came out as trans because “being a girl” to please someone else in my life will always be more than this. Even then, “this” is me being honest with my own feelings about my identity and what I need to do in order to fully become the person I know exists within me.

There’s an infinite amount of self-growth I need to do in order to fully come to terms with my identity. A key step for self-growth, in my person-al opinion, is self-accep-tance. Specifically, to trans in-dividuals, it is learning to accept our identities despite society and family screaming at us to hate ourselves, to change for their comfort and personal expecta-tions, every single day.

It is a journey I’m truly privileged to take because so many trans lives have been silenced or forced to hide simply out of blind hatred and ignorance aimed at trans lives that don’t need to continue existing in 2018.

Erasing decades of internalized transphobia isn’t simple. Trust me. I’m still in the beginning of it, and I’m already mentally exhausted. I like to look at who you are and give yourself a compliment instead of a cri-tique when it feels as if no one has gone through what you have (s o m e o n e 2007- emo, it’s the truth).

Loving who you are starts with acknowledging that you deserve respect and comfort by your fellow man and, most importantly, yourself.

Leaving the safety and secu-rity of “being a girl” in the eyes of the world is, and will most likely be the most difficult thing I’ve done. But it’s also the thing I’m most proud of doing. Despite hav-ing a family that is rarely un-derstanding of my FT(M (fe-male-to-male) transition, and despite the long pauses I get when strangers see my pa-thetic excuse for a mustache, I’m finally at a point where I’m fairly comfortable enough in my own skin. Not every day, but it’s still a big start on a rocky road I’m slowly but surely figuring out along the way.

Disclaimer: I am only writ-ting from my own experiences as a proudly out trans person on a fairly conservative college campus. This doesn’t reflect the feelings or experienc-es of every single trans person. If you have questions on trans gen-der identities, see Dr. Maria Merril in the Center for Diver-sity Inclusion on the second floor of Gallagher Student Center.

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Learning to let go of ruminations

Each time that I return to campus from a reprieve of any sort, my internal social system receives a powerful jolt. My time at home for breaks or long weekends is calming. As an only child, social interactions when I am at home involve my parents, my significant other and my old friends. In contrast, my time on campus consists of abundant, often necessary, social interactions with many different people.

This difference provokes the anxiety that lurks behind necessary, social interactions. When I am at home, my time thinking about how they affect those around them and those who do not. On one side stands individuals like me who say three words to someone serving them food in the caf and spend the rest of their day thinking about what they said was awkward or rude or somehow incorrect. On the opposite side rest individuals who speak to servers in the café and peers in the hallways and, when they walk away, the conversation is over. What they said or did does not cross their mind again.

As part of the former group, it feels much more difficult to dwell on everything. I often envy people who seemingly go through life without a care in the world. However, I know that statement is incorrect. Just because people do not ruminate as I do does not mean that they never worry about a thing.

The true issue comes when I feel like I give and give and do not feel my friends or classmates of the latter group reciprocate in the slightest. I spend much of my time planning grocery trips, movie nights and dinners, and I begin to wonder, if I didn’t do those things, would anyone? Then, because of my ruminating nature, I criticize myself for being egotistical and bossy toward those I care about. Even still, I wonder.

If tomorrow I gave up and stopped asking when we were having dinner, stopped planning movie and game nights, would they stop happening? If I ceased to initiate the “how was your weekend?” conversation, would we ever talk about our lives outside of each other and school? What? I frequently have to remind myself that if someone does not dwell on topics as I do, it does not mean they do not care about me. It does not mean they do not enjoy the time we spend together.

The truth is, if I ceased to initiate, someone else would. Dinner would still happen, movie and game nights would still happen. Differences in the way my friends and I process information and think about our actions does not equate to a difference in how much we care about each other. It is a difference in personality and in world view. I have tried many times, to no avail, to ask these friends why they do not seem to care about me. I never get a straight answer because my question rests on faulty ground.

Most often, I recognize this difference as it relates to my own relationships. However, I also see it in the relationships of those closest to me, like in a friend’s attempts to connect with an estranged brother who never reciprocates his double date invitations or in my mother’s expressed concern for my father’s safety after flying a long distance for business.

This is not a thing that I experience alone. After all, if those are the two types of people, there has to be more than one person who worries constantly, right?

Steve Bannon, the New Yorker and free speech

When I saw that Steve Ban non was one of the headlining interviewees at the upcoming New Yorker Festival in New York City, I was met with a feeling of alarm.

Bannon has long been an outspoken advocate for the right-wing political agenda, to the point where he has been ridiculed as a fascist, neo-Nazi, racist and many more secondary classifications. The New Yorker Festival, put on by a widely known left-leaning publication, the New Yorker, seemed to be one of the last places where I was expecting Bannon’s name to circulate with semi-relevance.

What surprised me even more was that shortly after this discovery, I found that he had been uninvited after a wave of backlash from other event speakers. Many celebrities took to social media to express that they would be withdrawing from the event because of Bannon’s invitation — a list that included Jim Carrey, John Mulaney, Judd Apatow and Jimmy Fallon, among others. While these guest speakers had every right to refuse to share the stage with anyone, I believe that David Remnick, the New Yorker editor who was set to interview Bannon only to uninvite him, showed cowardice in his disregard for free speech.

Though I tend to lean left on political issues, free speech is a separate entity from party politics. Remnick was either purposefully attempting to cause an uproar for publicity or was too moronic to perceive the consequences of adding Bannon as one of the last guests to the lineup.

The former circumstance is one where Remnick would have knowingly violated Bannon’s free speech. As abhorrent as Bannon’s views may be, Remnick should have had the fortitude to stick with his invitation regardless of other celebrity withdrawals. The alternative would have been to not invite Bannon in the first place, which is partly why the initial invitation surprised me as much as it did. As disconcerting as Bannon’s sentiments seem to be, his positions cannot be disregarded.

The soaring popularity of Trumpism is no excuse to de-platform an individual. Free society is bound to be slowed by the process of argumentation and debate. Inevitably heated discussions will continue to take place, but this healthy process of debate is put into jeopardy when opposition is silenced.

Bannon will have no problem finding other platforms to express his agenda, but will likely silence a critic after extending an invitation just to save a lineup of popular guests (along with the revenue that a star-studded guest list brings), is a hypocritical application of liberal values.

How can Democrats expect to win over voters in future elections if they do not uphold basic principles that they claim to be the foundation of their party? George Orwell once wrote, “If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.” With free speech issues, more is at stake than mere argument. Free speech is arguably the core basis of all democratic societies, past and present. If free speech can become limited in some capacity, liberty itself will be vulnerable.

The free exchange of ideas is one of the great cornerstones of our society’s principles. This does not mean that all ideas must be treated as being equally moral and intellectually but allows for all ideas, virtuous or corrupt, to be openly debated and ultimately decided upon by the people.

The best ideas of how to advance the prosperity, peace and freedom of a society should ideally win out in the long run. Offense is not a crime in a free society, however, and ideas that seem detest able to some will always seem detectable to others. Bannon will undoubtedly remain a polarizing political figure in America, but his right to free speech is as innate as that of other Americans.

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**BY JOE CLARK**

**Guest Writer**

Following a freshman season that saw him pick up 12 wins in singles play and 14 wins in doubles play, Brett Winters is looking to build on that success in his sophomore year.

Winters, a sophomore from River Vale, N.J., was Xavier’s first signee of the 2017-18 recruiting class and was ranked as a four-star recruit by tennisrecruiting.net.

Last year, seven of Winters’ 12 wins came out of the second flight. This year, Winters made the move up to the number one flight in the team.

“The biggest adjustment so far has been to keep the same mindset, keep a positive attitude and have the confidence in myself that I’ll be able to play at whatever level I’m put at,” Winters said. “I worked a ton on fitness, not as much tennis practice but getting in shape to be able to play against every single person.”

Winters swept the first flight in Xavier’s season-opening tournament, the Greater Cincinnati Invitational, held at the Lindner Family Tennis Center, Anna Letto — a freshman from Shorewood, Minn., — was in the first flight for the Musketeers while playing at the Family Tennis Center, Anna Letto — a freshman from Shorewood, Minn., — was in the first flight for the Musketeers.

“I didn’t know I was first flight,” Letto said, “until I looked at the draws and I was like ‘oh’.”

Letto didn’t let the pressure get to her, however, picking up a two-set win over Wofford’s Cassidy Hicks and a three-set win over Laura Bernardo from Western Kentucky.

“Going into it, if I did know (I was first flight) maybe there’s a little extra pressure, but it’s also kind of exciting, being a freshman and having your coach be like ‘oh, you’re in first flight your tournament’, so that’s fun,” Letto said.

Xavier finished the Greater Cincinnati Open with 11 singles wins as a team in addition to three doubles wins.

Letto, who said her backhand was “definitely the strongest part of her game,” was a four-star recruit in high school while playing at the Van Der Meer Tennis Academy in Hilton Head, S.C.

“Her competitiveness is different,” Letto said about the transition from high school to college tennis. “I mean, it’s fun being able to have the team support you and the team screaming and you’re able to yell, and the girls are more intense. Just all around it’s more competitive.”

“We are so happy with the start Anna has had. Her first match, she played Wofford’s No. 1, who is a senior, and she won 6-0, 6-1,” head coach Doug Matthews said about Letto’s start to the season.

“That is really impressive. I’m excited to see her and the rest of the team compete this weekend at Purdue.”

Xavier women’s tennis continues its season this weekend at the Purdue Invitational, which will be held at the Schwart Tennis Center in West Lafayette, Ind.

Following that tournament, the team will head to the ITA Ohio Valley Regionals hosted by the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga from Oct. 11-15.

Letto looks to continue the success she had in her first tournament.

(“It) definitely gave me some confidence, confidence going in like ‘oh, even though you are a freshman you could still go forward and do well this year,” she said.

At the Dayton Hidden Duals last weekend, Winters picked up a singles win — one of 13 singles wins for the team — against Dayton’s Langford Hills.

Winters and his doubles partner, junior Jack Dykema, also won a match against Wright State’s Fernando Nardelli and Javier de la Villa, securing one of five doubles wins for the team. Xavier picked up 18 total wins against the likes of Dayton, Wright State and Northern Kentucky.

“Brett worked extremely hard over the summer,” head coach Doug Matthews said. “He deserves to play well because he works so hard and cares so much. He has shown he can beat anyone, he just needs to work on being consistent every match.”

Next up for the Musketeers is the ITA Ohio Valley Regionals Championships, which are set to take place from Oct. 11-15 in Knoxville, Tenn. The event will be hosted by the University of Tennessee at the Goodfriend Tennis Center.

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**Winters wants to build on strong freshman season**

**BY JOE CLARK**

**Guest Writer**

Sophomore Brett Winters wants to keep the same mindset and hold a positive attitude in his second season at Xavier. During the offseason, Winters improved his fitness level to stay in shape for competition.

His biggest test of the day came against Dayton’s Benjamin Jordan who came into the match ranked No. 77 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s 2018-19 season rankings.

Winters dropped the first set but rallied to take the second set and the superset to win the match. “It was a big accomplishment for me,” Winters said about his performance. “It felt really good especially after some struggles last year winning matches, so it kind of felt like a little bit of a relief, but I also expected to have some really good results, and I was just glad to have it done in Cincinnati.”

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**Xavier Scores**

**Men’s Soccer**

Xavier received its first ranking of the season on No. 22 and fell to No. 26 ranked Notre Dame, 1-0, on Tuesday.

Graduate student defenseman Matt Nance netted the team’s lone goal. The Musketeers will begin Big East conference play on Saturday, taking on the Providence Friars on the road.

**Volleyball**

The Musketeers collected their first Big East win of the season on the road against Seton Hall in four sets last Saturday. Junior middle blocker Audrey Adams led the team with 13 kills.

**Swimming**

The Xavier swim team opens its season Sunday. The first meet will take place at the Butler Quad in Fishers, Ind.

**Women’s Golf**

Xavier women’s golf tied for fifth at the Nittany Lion Invitational last Sunday. Junior Mikayla Fitzpatrick was a top performer for the Musketeers, finishing tied for 12th overall, shooting a 219 (75-74-70).
Dewey brings leadership to women's soccer team

Redshirt junior aims to provide offense for Xavier and mentor underclassmen

**By PAUL FRITSCHNER**

Staff Writer

When the women's soccer team is in need of a clutch performer, the Musketeers often have to look no further than redshirt junior forward Samantha Dewey. Through 11 matches this year, Dewey has three game-winning goals, two of which have come in the span of her last four matches.

"My coaches and teammates have done a lot to make me look better than I am," Dewey said. "My coaches have taken the time to sit and evaluate what I can do better to put myself in good positions to score. The rest really comes down to how great my teammates are at putting me in spots that allow me to be successful."

With these years of collegiate experience already under her belt, Dewey is able to provide a unique perspective to this year's squad. For a second straight season, she was named to the preseason All-Big East Team.

She was a unanimous selection to the Big East All-Freshman Team after her first season and was named to the Big-12 First Team after her sophomore campaign.

However, after only five matches in 2017, Dewey suffered a season-ending injury and was forced to use a medical redshirt.

Those two-plus seasons of experience are paying off as she guides her teammates through this season.

"Being an upperclassman actually makes things easier for me," she said. "I feel I am able to focus more on helping the underclassmen become accustomed to the pressures of being a student-athlete rather than putting so much weight on specific games or plays within games. Experience has played a tremendous part in maturing within my sport."

Bengals start strong, draw tough slate

Cincinnati can contend with the return of sidelined players

**By ANDREW ZERMAN**

Guest Writer

For the last few years, the Bengals have gained a notoriously bad reputation for making consistent first-round exits in the playoffs.

In fact, the Bengals have the second-longest postseason losing streak in NFL history with eight losses in a row, only trailing the Detroit Lions who have an active streak of nine losses. Seven of these eight losses came under current head coach Marvin Lewis.

He was viewed as being the hot seat at the end of last year. Adam Schefter of ESPN reported in December 2017 that "The Bengals are likely to undergo a major haul to their coaching staff. Some assistants could wind up staying, but many are expected to leave along with Lewis."

"For this season Lewis has a similar core group of players from the previous years. The Bengals have retained wide receiver A.J. Green and quarterback Andy Dalton. They have formed one of the top WR duos in the league, with Green eclipsing the 1,000 receiving yard mark in six of his seven complete seasons he has played."

The Bengals were able to retain eight-time pro bowler and defensive end Geno Atkins on a four-year contract.

Though the Bengals have a similar group of players from the previous years, the offense has gotten better, and the defense has improved.

The Bengals certainly have their bright spots, and that includes Joe Mixon, a 22-year-old starting running back who has eclipsed 179 rushing yards in just two games this season.

"With Tyler Boyd and Mixon getting better, the team could make a playoff run, especially after Vontaze Burfict returns from suspension."

Unfortunately, the Bengals have also many notable players who are either injured or suspended.

Vontaze Burfict is a longtime Bengal linebacker who has accumulated more than $4 million in fines throughout his career and has served three separate suspensions.

"For a good amount of the season, he has been more of a name on the roster than he is a player on the field. Burfict is suspended for the first four games of this year after testing positive for the use of performance-enhancing drugs."

Green, a star wide receiver, endured a groin injury in the second week game against the Carolina Panthers.

"After this injury, the Bengals failed to score again, and they ended up losing their first game of the season by a score of 34-21. That was a forgettable game in which Dalton had four interceptions against two touchdowns and the defense allowed 31 points as well as 184 rushing yards to running back Christian McCaffrey."

"The start in the NFL holds a historically favorable outcome for the playoffs. Since 1990, teams that started the regular season 2-0 made the playoffs 62 percent of the time."

"I’ve been quite surprised on how the Bengals have been playing so far," junior Zach Potschmidt said. "Luckily, they are in first place in the AFC North, which is a good sign for now."

"This promotes a common question. Did the Bengals start strong because they were good, or were the teams that they played bad? The argument can go either way."

"One thing for sure, however, is that Cincinnati’s schedule gets much tougher."

The Bengals have 13 games remaining, and 10 of those are against teams that currently have a .500 record or better. That unpromising statistic will put the ultimate test on an injury-ridden Bengals team.

Prior to Sunday’s loss against Creighton in their conference opener, the Musketeers had shut out five straight opponents en route to five straight wins, their longest streak since 2003.

Entering the match, Dewey was sixth in the league with four goals and was the focal point of why this team has gotten off to such a hot start.

"I am extremely excited about the potential this team has," Dewey said. "We are young and have a ton of talent. Everyone is hoping to continue to get better the more we play together and (the more) confidence they gain."

This group is undefeated at home so far this season, and they’re hoping that trend can continue as conference play begins to take shape.

Dewey knows they can’t let up and take their foot off the gas because they want to keep the ball rolling in the same direction.

"I feel that my responsibility is to bring an intensity to training and games that allows us to play with an edge," Dewey said, "also just to remind people that we play because we love it."
I Tried It: Dating Apps in College

After listening to my new favorite podcast, We Met at Acme, and finishing all six seasons of Sex and the City, I decided to channel my inner Carrie Bradshaw and download some dating apps. For this article, I downloaded Tinder, Bumble, OkCupid and Hinge. I have been actively using them for about a month and going on them a few times a week each. All four apps are free but have additional features you can purchase if you are so inclined. All of the apps let you set your preference for age, distance and what gender you are interested in, but for this article I will be writing from my own straight, female perspective.

BY MARYN MC MARTY
Guest Writer

I’ll start with my least favorite of the apps, OkCupid. I heard about this app from the podcast I mentioned earlier and was honestly looking forward to it, only to be let down. If I’m going to be blunt, the guys on OkCupid were not the cutest. I realize this is subjective, so maybe they just weren’t my type. I also got a lot of creepier messages than usual on this app. One man told me he wanted to marry me, worship me and save my life (which I also thought that the layout of this app was really strange and not very user friendly. The app requires you to make a bio, unlike others, so if you are bad at bios (like myself) this might not be the app for you. I will say that you can add a multitude of features about yourself from your zodiac sign to height. One thing that was unique about OkCupid was that you have to specify what you are looking for on the app: short-term dating, long-term dating or just hook-ups. I actually really liked this feature. I think more dating apps should have this so everything is out in the open before you start talking to someone.

OVERALL: 

Next is good old Tinder. I feel like Tinder gets a bad rap for being known as the “hook-up-app,” but in all honesty there are endless numbers of people on there, so you’re bound to find someone. As far as the logistics of the app, it really just focuses on pictures of the person and many people don’t even put bios (guilty). So, if you are looking for someone purely based on physical attraction (which is very important in my opinion), then Tinder might be the best for you. Now you can connect your Spotify account to Tinder so you can see a person’s taste in music, which is kind of cool, especially if you value taste in music like myself. I’m really just impartial to its vegan burgers and milk-shakes. We don’t have to be too far away (I’m talking like Louisville) even though I set my distance far away (I’m talking like Louisville) even though I set my distance.

OVERALL: 

Lastly, we will move onto my favorite of the apps, Hinge. First of all, Hinge has a cool layout with pictures and words alternating, so I was immediately drawn to that. Hinge requires you to answer three prompts. They give you a lot to choose from. For example: “I got detention for…” or “My ideal Sunday is….” I really like that the app lets you put in political views, religion, your job, if you drink or smoke and if you do or do not want kids (not yet please). I also will say that the guys on Hinge were the cutest out of the apps (next to Bumble). One thing that I didn’t like about Hinge was that it gave me a lot of guys that were guy first if you match, which I didn’t really like. I didn’t check these apps every day so if I had matched with someone cute and hadn’t messaged them within the window, they disappeared. Bumble also has an option to just find friends if you are interested in that, which I thought was a good option for someone who had just moved to a new city or something along those lines. You can also do BumbleBizz to find business connections, which, let’s be honest, just make a LinkedIn account.

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On to Bumble. Bumble’s whole tag line is that the girls have to message the guys first on the app, so this can either be a pro or a con depending on the person. If you’re a girl and you’re bold, then this is the app for you. It’s essentially the same concept as Tinder with the swiping, but you have a 24-hour window to message the guy first if you match, which I didn’t really like. I didn’t check these apps every day so if I had matched with someone cute and hadn’t messaged them within the window, they disappeared. Bumble also has an option to just find friends if you are interested in that, which I thought was a good option for someone who had just moved to a new city or something along those lines. You can also do BumbleBizz to find business connections, which, let’s be honest, just make a LinkedIn account.

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I would highly recommend Bumble to anyone looking to find a significant other. The app is user friendly. The app requires you to make a bio, unlike others, so if you are bad at bios (like myself) this might not be the app for you. If you value taste in music like myself, I’m really just impartial to its vegan burgers and milk-shakes. We don’t have to be too far away (I’m talking like Louisville) even though I set my distance far away (I’m talking like Louisville) even though I set my distance.

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Video games: the new sequel?

By Jack Dunn
Campus News Editor

Have video games finally run into the same rut of re-releasing and remastering the same classics that movies have? With Sony’s upcoming release of the new PlayStation Classic (PS Classic), the answer has now become more apparent than ever.

The PlayStation Classic is a new smaller version of the original PlayStation (now known as the PSOne) and comes loaded with 20 games. It comes on the heels of Nintendo’s Nintendo Entertainment Classic (NES Classic) and Super Nintendo Entertainment Classic (SNES Classic) that came with 30 games between the two. Now, every game (except for one on the SNES Classic) has been option for more than 20 years. This leads me to wonder how these systems can continue to sell with games that have been available for two decades.

Sony is hoping to recapitulate this magic in time for the Christmas season with the release of PS Classic on Dec. 4. However, several of the games are already available on other consoles or will be remastered. Final Fantasy VII is available in a remastered version now, with no need to wait until December to play. The Spyro games that are going to be on the classic are being released months earlier.

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It’s amazing how many times people are willing to continue to buy the same games despite their hatred for the same thing in movies. Ever since George L of Star Wars in 1997, Hollywood has received criticism regarding remasters and reboots of franchises. So many go very well, like Jumanji or even the JJ Abrams’ Star Trek. Others don’t receive such love, such as Ghostbusters or The Fantastic Four. Hollywood’s love of reboots is exactly how we ended up with three different Spiderman movies. Hopefully these systems can continue to put out better “sequels.”

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By Luke Feliciano

Hear the sound of the crickets chirping? It’s the un-mistakable ringtone of Marty Byrde cell phone — the main character of the Netflix original show Ozark that recently returned for a second season. It’s safe to say that the show continued on its dark and twisted path and it’s definitely not for the faint of heart. Get ready for a lot of death and destruction, which is very fitting against the eerie and ominous backdrop of the Lake of the Ozarks.

The new season was even more ruthless than the first, which was unfathomable and disturbing at the same time. However, in my estimation, this helped capture the essence of the show and aided in the advancement of the plot.

In season two, we start to see characters become more dynamic. Evidently, the events that transpire throughout the season begin to take both a mental and emotional toll on the characters, most notably Marty, who is typically quite stoic and uninterested in sharing his feelings. He becomes overwhelmed with fear and anxiety as one false move could land him six feet under.

The pressure seems to reach a boiling point. The Byrde family is put into even graver danger as Marty struggles to keep his shell companies (and illigit business transactions) all that without detection from federal agencies. He simultaneously has to confront the unrelenting demands made by the menacing Navarro cartel.

By the time I finished the second season, I felt like the best way to encapsulate what occurred in the 10-episode saga was to expect the unexpected. While there were some predictable moments because of the brutal nature of the show, there were some shocking instances as well.

As twisted as the show could be, I enjoyed the suspense. I definitely concur that season two outperformed the first, but the ending of the season is what really made me second-guess myself.

The end sequence of the final episodes resulted from a sort of snowball effect of the prior events. I felt it not only went way too fast but also the last scene before the screen rolled into the closing credits made it seem like the show could be done for good. Or could it?

Either way, I didn’t feel like the ending set up a bridge into a possible new season all that well. In other words, I felt like there was a bit of closure with the way things ended in that some characters will likely take on new roles. While this may signal the show’s end, it could also blossom into a whole new beginning that could, in turn, spark a completely unique plotline.

For instance, the saga was to expect the unexpected. While there were some predictable moments because of the brutal nature of the show, there were some shocking instances as well.

The wide success of Ozark’s first two seasons leaves speculation of a third season to be officially announced soon. While season two may have had a more abrupt ending than anticipated, there is definitely room for an intriguing continuation that will have you constantly on the edge of your seat. Perhaps consider yourself lucky that you aren’t overcome with fear and anxiety as one false move could land him six feet under.

The Best Damn Thing x Avril Lavigne

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Music Modernization Act passes

The MMA aids the payment of royalties to all involved in music production

By Gillen Faenza

Guest Writer

On Sept. 18, the Music Modernization Act (MMA) was passed unanimously through the Senate. A week later, the House of Representatives unanimously approved the Senate’s version of the bill, and it now awaits President Donald Trump’s signature of approval.

The passages show the bill has bipartisan support in both Congress. Several members of the music industry have also endorsed the bill.

The bill’s goal is to have bipartisan support while including and fairly representing all aspects of the music industry. Essentially, this bill changes the way that mechanical royalties are paid to copyright owners and will overhaul how the courts regulate creative licensing.

Mechanical royalties give a certain amount of money to the songwriter. Songwriters typically have publishers to get them in the door initially, but publishers end up taking a substantial cut of the royalties that are paid out to the songwriter.

Before the publishers get paid, however, record labels receive payments. Afterward, money is distributed down to songwriters and, lastly, songwriters receive their payments.

The bill was renamed the Orrin G. Hatch Music Modernization Act in the last moments. Hatch is a retiring senator who worked as a recording artist and plays the piano, violin and organ.

Staff Spotify: What we’re listening to

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

Bridges x Cavo

I saw them five years ago when they opened for Daughtry, and until my last road trip, I didn’t even realize they had released new music. The rock and roll vibes of the band give a modern twist to the genre that I enjoy. It is the perfect album to jam out to in the car.

- Luke Feliciano

Crywolf x Cataclasm

I don’t usually fall in love with every single song on an album, nor do I find myself coming back once I’ve listened to them over and over and gotten bored, but this is one of those rare gems. The tracks are larger than life and powerful but also subdued and soft in what can only loosely be classified as melodic dubstep.

- Soondos Muhammad-Ossman

Rivals of the Peacemaker x Rivals of the Peacemaker

It’s right about now in the semester when homesickness really starts to kick in. This album by a folkly Americana band of Deerfield captures some of the eclectic beauty of the Midwest and reminds me that the prairies of Illinois aren’t so far away.

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Users of music streaming platforms shouldn’t notice a change in app subscription prices, as this bill has no bearing on prices in the mass market. Individual song and album prices should not be affected, either.

Supporters say the bill will have positive effects for right-shallers, people who have exclusive protected rights to a product, in this case a song. They also say the bill will benefit streaming companies such as Apple Music, Spotify and Pandora as well as the overall music industry.

With the bill now officially approved by both houses and on its way to the president’s desk, the goal going forward is to improve the music industry by providing a simple, accountable and transparent way to take care of mechanical licenses of musical works. Most important is recognizing the talent and challenging work of studio professionals and songwriters alike by guaranteeing them rights and royalties for the music they create.

As the music industry continues to evolve through the technological age, this bill attempts to protect all involved in the creative process.

It was renamed the Orrin G. Hatch Music Modernization Act in the last moments. Hatch is a retiring senator who worked as a recording artist and plays the piano, violin and organ.

Staff Spotify: What we’re listening to

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

Bridges x Cavo

I saw them five years ago when they opened for Daughtry, and until my last road trip, I didn’t even realize they had released new music. The rock and roll vibes of the band give a modern twist to the genre that I enjoy. It is the perfect album to jam out to in the car.

- Luke Feliciano

Crywolf x Cataclasm

I don’t usually fall in love with every single song on an album, nor do I find myself coming back once I’ve listened to them over and over and gotten bored, but this is one of those rare gems. The tracks are larger than life and powerful but also subdued and soft in what can only loosely be classified as melodic dubstep.

- Soondos Muhammad-Ossman

Rivals of the Peacemaker x Rivals of the Peacemaker

It’s right about now in the semester when homesickness really starts to kick in. This album by a folkly Americana band of Deerfield captures some of the eclectic beauty of the Midwest and reminds me that the prairies of Illinois aren’t so far away.

- Ryan Kambich

The Best Damn Thing x Avril Lavigne

I blasted to the past to relive one of my all-time favorite albums. Conspiracy theories be damned, Avril Lavigne makes some absolute bangers, like “Girlfriend” and “Everything Back But You.” She’s the perfect pop-punk self-indulgent princess rocker that we all need to sing along with in the shower on a stressful day.

- Trevor McKenzie
A villanelle to summer’s passing

By Sofie Simonet
Staff Writer

Breathing in the dying fragrances of summer made
My lungs understand the language of suffering, beauty, and despair
That writes our literatures: we yearn for autumn’s unspoiled shade.

The dull gold air of linden masquerades
Unbraids my lips in gasps, in the sweltering air
Of heatstroke gardens and scintillating memory parades

where I watch time-blossoms pass, the choruses of handmaidens,
I am full of asphyxiating flowers, garlanding the fragrant stair,
While gnats buzz, smothered by the throngs of feverish, floral colonnades.

Yet I walk in dappled sunlight still, wreathed and softly laid
In the paths of linden-blossom, aware
That I am lost in summer’s iridescent shade,
In the paths of linden-blossom, aware
Yet I walk in dappled sunlight still, wreathed and softly laid
While gnats buzz, smothered by the throngs of feverish, floral colonnades.

Aries: How in the stars did you finish your homework before the night it’s due? That’s what everyone’s wondering, and it’s a good feeling. Keep it up!

Taurus: It’s hard to accept sometimes that you just gotta be like Elsa and “let it go...” like that huge homework assignment you thought about starting an hour before it’s due.

Gemini: You know that satisfaction you feel when you’re complimented? That’s you, except the compliment is the “girl, you’re thicker than a bowl of oatmeal” Vine.

Cancer: You’ve got the spirit of the Career Fair that was this past Monday, and it still hasn’t left you. Don’t let the envy of your success from others bog you down!

Leo: If you’re going to skip class, make sure you don’t strut around campus to the point where the professor you didn’t show up for sees you and things get really awkward.

Virgo: Want to put candles in your dorm or apartment to make it look romantic despite the rules against flames? Well, a standing home is more romantic than a burned-down one.

Pumpkin emoji review

By Trever McKenzie
Online Editor

Apple - 9/10
Great amount of detail and color, but the smile remains playful and fun. Looks like she’d invite you over for Thanksgiving and give you a hug you really need.

Google - 4/10
Very basic and normal. Lacks a strong personality compared to the Apple version.

Microsoft - 0/10
Who on God’s green Earth approved this?! Looks like it was put together with Microsoft Word’s shape feature. Tries to be unique with a brown stem but the look is not flattering, sis.

Samsung - 2/10
Low resolution and uninspired design. Not even it’s a good feeling. Keep it up!

LG - 1/10
Very basic and normal. Lacks a strong personality compared to the Apple version.

Facebook - 7/10
Great amount of detail but looks too happy and inviting. Spook factor is too low.

Emojione - 9/10
Looks like an excited puppy, and I love puppies, so it’s Gucci.

Emojidex - 1/10
Too spooky. Next.

Twitter - 3/10
Doesn’t even have ridges. Smile looks uncomfortable. Like she just found Aunt Linda stealing from the candy dish but doesn’t want to make a scene in front of the whole family.

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Messenger - 4/10
No ridges, oval eyes, awkward smile. It just ain’t realistic.

LG - 1/10
That mug is busted. Contour so strong that her eyes look like her ears. Fix it.

HTC - 12/10

Mozilla - 7/10
Manages to pull off a stem and leaf without using brown. Yeah, I’m talking to you, Microsoft.

SoftBank - 5/10
Making your pumpkin gold won’t make me love it.