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BY HEATHER GAST  

Campus News Editor  

After over a year of anticipation, Chartwells will open two new restaurants, a diner and a deli, on the ground floor of Gallagher Student Center (GSC) on Jan. 3.  

The two restaurants were first expected to open at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year but construction was pushed back. Students and administrators alike were frustrated by the delay.  

SGA Vice President Brianna Boyce is exasperated that first-year students do not know what they are missing out on.  

"It's kinda hard to convey to them that this is not how Xavier usually is… It's hard to convey to them that they're being gypped on things," she said.  

Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jude Kiah met with the Student Government Association (SGA) on Nov. 21 to discuss retail dining on campus and the new restaurants, among other projects Connex is working on. Senators were particularly disgruntled by the projected pricing of the new restaurants of $8-$12 per meal.  

Kiah maintains that the purpose of the on-campus retail dining options are to supplement the residential dining. Retail dining alleviates over-crowding in the caf and offers alternatives when students are tired of the caf’s menu. As such, the retail dining should be higher quality food than that of the caf, resulting in higher prices.  

Senators voiced their concern, asking Kiah about the pricing of the pop-up sub shop placed in the Fenwick atrium at the end of September. Kiah asserts that the meat and cheese at the sub shop are higher quality than the food in the caf, though Senator Julian Razo shared that he could not tell the difference.  

This is not the first bout of concerns SGA senators have had over the GSC ground floor restaurants.  

Word got around last October that, after a year-long student feedback initiative, Connex planned to renovate the GSC ground floor via a $2 million dollar investment with Chartwells, the foodservice Connex has contracted to manage Hoff Dining Commons (the caf), Victory Perk, Conaton Fresh Xpress and catering in Cintas. The renovations would extend from the lay-out of the floor to the back of house kitchen facilities formerly utilized by three restaurants: Ryan’s Pub, Subway and Blue Gibbon.  

Chartwells required a sizable expected revenue from the three basement restaurants not enough, so the two former branches of student favorite Coffee Emporium on the first floor of GSC and Smith Hall were included in the deal. ConneX hosted a Q&A session on Nov. 8 last year to answer the community’s questions. Student employees were concerned they would lose their jobs. However, all employees of the former restaurants were offered jobs by Connex following the closures.  

Others worried that Chartwells would dominate Xavier’s retail dining market as a near-monopoly. This sentiment remains today among SGA senators. Students collected 1,500 signatures to allow the GSC restaurants to maintain their leases to no avail, and voiced frustration over a lack of clear communication between ConneX and the student body at the Q&A.  

Connex Auxiliary Services offered the restaurants the option to pull out of their contracts before the end of the 2017-18 school year, an offer both Ryan’s Pub and Blue Gibbon took due to a lack of revenue. Both closed before winter break.  

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Alliance organizes encouragement for trans folk

BY BRITTANY WELLS
Staff Writer

The transgender community is an underrepresented sect of Xavier students. In the Ignatian spirit of Curia Personalis and standing for and with the marginalized, Xaverian LGBTQ+ Alliance hosted Trans+ Week of Awareness activities culminating in tabling for Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) on Nov. 20. The week included collaborations with the library and Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI).

The Trans+ Week of Awareness provided an opportunity for students and staff to support trans students on campus, as well as education on why that support is needed.

The International TDOR is observed annually to memorialize transphobia-motivated murders. Alliance’s Trans+ Week of Awareness is a way to spread education and awareness of the violence that affects the trans community.

As part of TDOR tabling students, faculty and even Father B wrote notes of encouragement for transgender students. Alliance’s tabling was complete with trans positive stickers, art work and forms in order to stay an ally for the trans community.

Oliver-Bose Baker, president of Alliance shared that “We (chose) to have people… write letters of support so that trans folk on campus could feel how to act as an ally for the trans community.”

Alliance hoped to bring light to the intersection of racism and transphobia that trans people of color face.

Several students, administrators and professors worked to create the TDOR display.

SGC: restaurants to open

Subway later followed suit, though the sandwich shop and each branch of Coffee Emporium remained open until the end of the school year.

The largest dissent was over Coffee Emporium. The Cincinnati-founded coffee shop was not in direct way of renovations on the ground floor and was beloved by its student employees. Though Connex, a parent of the retail dining establishments had been notified that the renovations were being considered, Coffee Emporium’s Cafe Operations Manager Xabier Azipuru said that Coffee Emporium was not informed.

At the time, Kiah made it clear that it was up to Coffee Emporium whether their lease that would expire at the end of June 2018 would continue.

After stating that Ryan’s Pub, Blue Gill and Subway had left of their own volition at the Nov. 19 SGA meeting, Kiah shared that one unnamed restaurant, and all requested that Xavier terminate their contract instead of the vendor themselves because they foist their extra costs on their customers.

Kiah met with SGA as the Report of Administration on April 9 to update senators on various projects that Connex had in the works, including changing the meal plans.

Senator Ellen Rakowski was concerned that the new meal plans were too expensive. The affordability of all food on campus has plagued the Senate floor since.

Senator Jacob Jansen, among others, attributes the high prices to Chartwells near monopoly of Xavier’s retail dining. Besides Currito, convenience food available in the GSC bookstore and Starbucks at U-Station, all of the retail dining options on campus will be managed by Chartwells.

Students are worried that if there is not sufficient competition, Chartwells will raise their prices to their heart’s content and students will be unable to stop them.

Senator Ellen Rakowski has encouraged students to maintain boycotts against Chartwells for this reason on her Facebook.

Kiah does not buy into this reasoning. Each Chartwells restaurant will be in competition with each other. For there to be a healthy retail dining system, no one restaurant can dominate the others. If one restaurant is too popular, students will soon become tired of the menu and, eventually, tired of the restaurant as a whole.

Because the restaurants will be managed by one entity rather than operate as branches of specific chain restaurants, if sales show that students become tired of a restaurant, Chartwells will change the platform of the restaurant. Kiah asserts that this will ultimately be more beneficial to the campus.

Because of chain restaurants’ limited flexibility, "One could make the argument that it is irresponsible to have more than one provider," Kiah said.

As for pricing, Kiah insisted that the cheaper food options were not purchased by a person, personal safety. "Students will criticize them often. "It's a canard to think that if you reduce your prices they will come."

Kiah pledged that the Victory Perk locations would maintain their grab-and-go value options as long as there is demand.

Kiah shared at the Nov. 19 SGC meeting that Connex has already prevented Chartwells from raising their prices. As a result of the new meal plans, none of the approximately 1,800 students who live on campus would not be covered by Chartwells while the cafe is open.

The SGA ex-ecutives have been heading an initiative to provide food options on campus for students who stay over breaks when the café is closed that have yet to yield results.

Overall, Senators insist that, no matter their income or if they have a meal plan, food should be accessible to every student on campus. Senator Valiant Freeman emphasized Xavier’s obligation. "Being at a Jesuit university, every student needs to be taken care of," Freeman said. "Food is a big part of a person’s life. And people need to be fed."
New restrictions on flavored pods
FDA unveils new age based rules on flavored nicotine e-liquid and cartridges

BY JOSEPH COTTON  
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Popular electronic-nicotine company JULI announced a halt of sales for electronic cigarette (e-cigs) pods at retail locations in response to the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) announcement of new restrictions on the sales of flavored liquid, cartridges and pods. The new restrictions will affect sales at brick-and-mortar locations, and age-verification systems will need to be improved.

The move by the FDA came from its own survey, which found that the use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) by high school students was down by 78 percent from 2017-2018. Although these efforts are targeting the reduction of underage usage of nicotine products, many legal users are concerned about what the regulations will mean for them.

The FDA is specifically trying to target the “fruity, sweet or creamy” flavors instead of the less “kid-friendly” flavors such as mint, menthol and tobacco. “We cannot allow a whole new generation to be introduced to nicotine,” FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb said in a speech at the agency’s headquarters. “In the coming weeks, we’ll take additional action under our Youth Tobacco Prevention Plan (YTPP) to immediately address the youth access to, and the appeal of, these products.”

“It’s stupid,” first-year Ben Edgar said. “It’s not going to do anything about kids JULI-ing because people just start with whatever’s in the starter pack.”

A 2013 FDA survey found that 81 percent of current youth e-cig users claimed that the flavors were their main reason for use. The FDA claims that the packaging of these dessert-flavored ENDS is deliberately marketed towards children with the bright colors and exciting flavors.

The FDA and Gottlieb cite flavors named after candy and soda-pop products, as well as cartoon characters, that are popular with underage children as further evidence for this claim.

The main change that will affect all e-cig users over the age of 18 is that e-nicotine, flavored cigars and menthol cigarette products will no longer be sold in stores without age-restricted entry. This new rule means that places like gas stations and supermarkets will need to be improved.

The FDAs move by the FDA was the first in line at one Massachusetts became the first state on the East Coast to allow sales of the drug. Narkewicz said that he is “Probably going to preserve it and display it because it is historically significant” (Nov. 20).

A German teenager had his driver’s license revoked after passing the exam only 49 minutes. The 53-year-old was sentenced to 10 years of schooling instead of six, which was a requirement for her to be hired as a cleaner (Nov. 23).

A Greek cleaning woman was the first in line at one store that sell their products. Consumers should also expect to see more careful age-verification while shopping online.

JULI is not only complying with these regulations but also taking the initiative further. They are removing their flavored products, which include cucumber, mango, creme and fruit from all retail locations. They are also requiring customers to be at least 21 years old to purchase their products.

“I don’t really care because mint is my main one,” first-year A.J. Boggess said. “I’m just resettting to using that only.”

Many people believe that the stricter rules implemented by JULI will push people to use other e-nicotine products like Sourin, which is a direct competitor.

According to an official statement on their website, the company will work with retailers to try to improve accountability and reduce bulk purchasing, which will help keep their products out of the hands of minors.

The company is also looking to standardize age-verifi- cation practices amongst all retail locations that sell their products.

The company will also ramp up their “secret shopper program,” which is designed to verify that their standards are being followed by retailers.

The plan is to increase from 500 visits per month to 2,000. The statements say that they will “permanently cut off all sales to retail stores with multiple violations.”

Week in review:
Silence! the Disco, rookie driver and Madonna the koi

• Mayor of Northampton, Mass., David Narkewicz was the first in line at one of two recreational mar- ijuana stores opened on the East Coast. Massachusetts became the first state in the East Coast to allow sales of the drug. Narkewicz said that he is “Probably going to pre- serve it and display it because it is historically significant” (Nov. 20).

• A German teenager had his driver’s license re- voked after passing the exam only 49 minutes earlier. The 18-year-old was clocked by a cop with a speed gun going almost twice the speed limit, speeding at 90km/h (56mph) in a 50km/h (30mph) zone. “Some things last forever — others not for an hour” the German police said in their report on the speed- ing incident (Nov. 21).

• A Greek cleaning woman was sentenced to 10 years in jail for lying about her elementary school record. The 53-year-old woman had embellished her elementary school certification. She had only finished five years of schooling instead of six, which was a requirement for her to be hired as a cleaner (Nov. 23).

• Researchers in Australia and the United Kingdom have been swallowing Legos in an attempt to reassure concerned par- ents. The researchers developed their own met- ric to measure the Stool Hardness and Transit (Shat) score as well as the Found and Ret- ried Time (Fart) score as found and retrieved Time (Shat) score as well as the Found and Ret- ried Time (Fart) score (Nov. 27).

• Four koi fish have been ordered to be removed from a Vancouver Chinatown garden after an ot- ter had eaten 10 of them. So far, only one of the fish has been safely evacuated, as the other three and the otter have evaded capture. It is unclear if a 50-year-old koi named Madonna is among the survivors (Nov. 27).
A message of political hope

Elissa Slotkin will represent the 8th congressional district of Michigan in the 116th United States Congress. She is a moderate Democrat from my home district who just defeated incumbent Mike Bishop in a closely contested race. They ran in a district that has consistently voted Republican for the last 18 years.

With help from the Xavier University campaign internship program, I had the opportunity to be an office and field intern with the campaign over the summer. I also went back just before Election Day to help with the final Get Out the Vote (GOTV) week turnout effort. Both were amazing learning experiences that taught me a lot about what local politics is really like.

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High levels of voter turnout, as well as a shift in who we are sending to Washington, have led me to believe that it is the start of a shift in American politics. I am praying for a future where politicians rise above all the noise and dark money to fight for the issues their constituents care about. I believe that Elissa Slotkin won because the 2016 election was a wake-up call to our country to be active participants in our democracy. Her victory is a sign that a practical message, a goal and enough passion can win the hearts of Americans regardless of political affiliation.
A Thanksgiving surprise

It is incredibly difficult to listen to the voice of a loved one years after they’ve passed. However, it can be one of the most fulfilling things a person can discover over the holiday. I know this because I did exactly that over Thanksgiving break. Just before everyone went home for the holiday, my brother Patrick made an interesting discovery. My grandfather, Dr. Paul Joseph Dunn (whom I affectionately called ‘Papa’ when I was young), had recorded a reading of his memoir for a local radio station that detailed his experiences as a medic in the Navy and the Marine Corps leading up to and during the battle of Iwo Jima and the subsequent occupation of Japan.

I found it incredibly difficult to get started listening to each of the four episode podcasts. I decided that I needed to be in the proper space to experience them, so I put it off for a week. It only felt right to describe the emotions that I felt in writing this, as these tapes offered a unique experience. It is impossible to break down his story into one small piece in a way that will do it true justice, but I will attempt to provide the highlights.

Papa began his story describing his time at the Covington Latin School in Newport, Ky., in the heart of the Great Depression. After graduating in 1935, while working several jobs, Papa began taking classes here at Xavier. It was during that time that his family moved across the street from St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, and his sister Mary forced him to take a tour with her. “It suddenly hit me like a lighting bolt,” Papa said. “This is really what I want to do. I want to study medicine and become a practicing physician.”

Papa was at the dedication ceremony of the new Covington Latin School on December 7, 1941. He decided he was going to study first aid and become an instructor to join the navy as a medic, calling his feeling of “none of this foxhole infantry stuff for me.”

After studying for several months, he was sent to a Naval Base in Mayport, Florida. Despite spending the least amount of time there, he was the first to receive his orders to be transferred to the Marine Corps. Papa decided to make the best of it, and went to a sort of modified Marine basic training camp with medical field training.

After receiving Physical Training (which he described as commando training), Papa was soon shipped off to Iwo Jima as a part of the Fifth Marine Division. This is where he would normally shy away from talking to us...

But voting for senators, that’s for everyone.

Next fall, when the executive candidates stop using their Instagrams and campus is devoid of colorful shirts, remember the senate elections and vote at xavier.edu/elections.

This piece was written by Ellen Rakowski, Chair of the Student Organizations Committee for Student Government Association (SGA). It was co-signed by SGA Senators Emily Armstead, Haley Dickerson, Jacob Jansen, Kendall King, Brennan Kizer-Ball, Maryn McCarty, Sam Peters, Julian Razo, Katie Schuller and Ryan Spolar.

Your voice, your vote: the SGA Senate elections

November 28, 2018

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Maui trip culminates with victory against Illinois

Analysis: There are a lot of positives to glean from the early-season tourney

By Colin Cooper
Staff Writer

For the first ever time in program history, the Xavier Musketeers’ basketball team had the opportunity to compete in the Maui Jim Maui Invitational in Hawaii.

The three-day tournament, which was held over Thanksgiving break, gave Xavier a chance to test itself against some of the top programs in the country.

Notable teams in the tournament included top-ranked Duke, No. 3 Gonzaga, No. 9 Auburn, and Arizona.

While Xavier only came away with a single win against Illinois on the final day of play, they showed that they can compete with anyone in the country.

Taking Auburn to overtime and San Diego State down to the wire aren’t just fluke performances — it shows that this team can be a contender in the Big East Conference that is wide open this year. Here is what we learned about the men from the Aloha State.

The veterans are for real

After losing multiple players that had 3+ years of experience, it was known from the start that new leaders would have to emerge on this team. In Maui, we saw these new leaders emerge in junior forward Naji Marshall and graduate transfer Kyle Castlin. Each player had their moment in Maui. Goodin gave you a basket when you needed one, Marshall supplied a consistent effort on both offense and defense, and Castlin provided a controlling floor presence.

Sophomore guard Paul Scruggs also had a productive tournament, scoring in double digits in each of the three games. If these players keep this up these small mistakes, this team can and will do damage.

Both players had excellent three-pointers.

Graduate transfer guard Kyle Castlin commands a consistent presence in the Xavier rotation. He has been part of the starting lineup every game this season and put together three strong outings in Maui last week.

Senior forward and center Tyrique Jones and graduate Zach Hankins continue to become deadlier and deadlier with each passing game.

Both players had excellent showings in Maui, as each player averaged over eight points per game throughout the tournament.

If Xavier can continue to get these two the ball when they are on the court, Xavier will win the points in the paint battle nearly every game.

Eliminate the miscues, and this team can and will do damage

Two of the biggest problems the Musketeers ran into while in Maui were turnovers and rebounding.

These aren’t normally issues with a Xavier basketball team, but with a new coach and inexperienced players, some growing pains will happen. The key to eliminating these issues is to trust your veterans with the ball and give maximum effort on the glass.

If and when Xavier cleans up these small mistakes, this team will be a top-3 program in the Big East this season.

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Newswire photo by Diamond Fletcher
Graduate transfer guard Kyle Castlin commands a consistent presence in the Xavier rotation. He has been part of the starting lineup every game this season and put together three strong outings in Maui last week.

Junior guard Tee Owens turned in a quality performance against Fairfield in the annual Lauren Hill Tipoff Classic at Cintas Center on Nov. 17. She scored in double digits with 11 points while distributing five assists.

The Musketeers got off to a slow start, scoring only nine points in the first quarter. Wake Forest managed to win the first quarter as a result, 14-9. Xavier picked things up in the second quarter, scoring 17 points while holding Wake Forest to only 12. The score was deadlock at 26 points apiece heading into halftime.

The Musketeers kept the momentum going into the third quarter, seizing control and outscoring Wake Forest 25-15 to carry a 40-41 winning advantage into the fourth quarter.

Xavier closed the game strong. It gave Xavier a 17-point advantage into the final quarter to seal a 12-point, 62-49 road win.

Gray once again led the team in scoring and rebounding, getting 17 points and six rebounds, in addition to three steals.

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Fantastic Beasts 2 does pretty OK
The latest installment to take place in the Wizarding World isn’t too dazzling

**BY KATIE NICHOLS**
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The epic Wizarding World has made a return with its newest installment, *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*. The film builds on the world established in *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, and serves as a prequel to the Harry Potter series. *The Crimes of Grindelwald* follows Newt Scamander as he races against dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald to find the orphans of his parents.

The most outstanding aspect of the film is the portrayal of Newt Scamander, played by Eddie Redmayne. Scamander is characterized by awkwardness, eccentricity and his strong desire to be around humans. Redmayne has cracked the code on how to perfectly embody Scamander. His subtle personality quirks help the audience get to know Scamander as more than just a character in a movie. It is impossible to ignore the way Scamander speaks as though he is hiding behind his hair or how he constantly purses his lips. Redmayne also incorporates a small stutter when Scamander gets nervous, especially when interacting with his love interest, Tina Goldstein (Katherine Waterston). Redmayne's portrayal is the most fulfilled and most part of his role. It feels like he belongs in the world, and transports the audience with him.

The visuals also improve upon the groundwork laid in the first film. It is astounding to see how far visual effects have progressed even from *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, which was released in 2016. The depictions of the beasts are incredible. Every beast is so detailed that they fit right in beside the human actors. There is no feeling of the beasts being out of place, which further captures the audience and gives the film a level of magic that they are actually experiencing this extraordinary world of magic.

While the visuals are stunning, the action sequences are a bit lacking. Most of the film feels like it is building up to some great confrontation between the characters, but the desire is never actually fulfilled. The characters do face-off, but the action is dissatisfying. It seems like there is less magic used in battles on screen, opting instead for threatening dialogue. A stronger use of magic is expected from a movie based around wizards.

Another disappointing element of the film is the treatment of Albus Dumbledore. Trailers leading up to the release of the film teased a strong presence from the legendary wizard. It was a letdown when, in actuality, Dumbledore occupies a background role. He pulls the strings behind the scenes but does not get as much screen time as trailers promised.

Even when Dumbledore is on screen, nothing is added to the character that was not already apparent in the original Harry Potter series. He is a noble, powerful wizard, but all else is left open to interpretation. This is undoubtedly a bummer for fans of other Wizarding World films. Hopes were high that *The Crimes of Grindelwald* would finally confirm unanswered questions about Dumbledore, but this was not the case.

The *Crimes of Grindelwald* is an enjoyable casual watch, but does not delve much deeper than that. The visual effects add to the fun of the film, as does a brilliant performance by Redmayne. Still, with inadequate action sequences and a very deficient development of Dumbledore, it is hard for *The Crimes of Grindelwald* to compete with earlier Wizarding World installments.

![Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald is good, according to Katie Nichols, but it just can't seem to compete with earlier Wizarding World installments — even with a standout performance from Eddie Redmayne.](image)

**Total score:**

![Stan Lee's top 5 movie cameos](image)

**By Jack Dunn**
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In the second *Avengers* film, Lee portrays a World War Two veteran who received an invite to an *Avengers* party. As Thor brags about the strength of Asgardian liquor, saying it wasn’t meant for “mortal men,” Lee responds, “Neither was Omaha Beach, blondie. Stop trying to scare us.” He is then seen being escorted home, muttering his catchphrase drunkenly, “Excelsior.”


Not only does Stan Lee deliver something crucially important to the plot of *Infinity War*, he also delivers my personal favorite line from a movie: “Are you Tony? Stark?”


This movie contains one of the best action sequences involving Stan Lee in this cameo; he portrays a clueless librarian listening to classical music on his headphones as Spiderman fights the lizard in the background.


This cameo is the explanation for every other Stan Lee cameo in the history of the Marvel Universe. This cameo suggests he’s a part of the alien race the Watchers, whose goal is to observe everything that occurs in the universe. Here, Lee is explaining his cameo in *Captain America: Civil War*. He also gets a post-credits scene where the other aliens leave him behind saying, “How will I get out of here? Aw gee, I’ve got so many more stories to tell!”


While not the greatest movie he’s appeared in, this cameo serves to give a nod to other Marvel cameos, such as Peter Parker but also to his millions of fans. “You know,” he says to Peter Parker, “I guess one person can make a difference. Enough said.”

![Mumford & Sons lose their collective sense of fun](image)

**By Ryan Kamrich**
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At what point does talking become singing? For much of *Delta*, the fourth studio release by former folk band Mumford & Sons, lead singer Marcus Mumford holds just shy of that juncture, torturously choosing to talk-sing rather than select a single mode of delivery and stick to it. The result is an album that feels painfully and sometimes hilariously, disjointed — many things less forgettable.

Despite some bright spots, Mumford & Sons has relinquished their former selves. Longtime fans and new listeners alike ought to look to one of their previous records for something less forgettable.

Total score:

![Mumford & Sons lose their collective sense of fun](image)

**Fans can’t help but sigh once more as the band’s new album, Delta, is a fantastic failure at rebranding**

Mumford & Sons, pictured here performing at Austin City Limits.

![Mumford & Sons lost their collective sense of fun](image)
STARLIT DINNER

By Soondos Mull-Ossman

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"Oh my god! Did you see that?!" With just one telescope, the inventor mused, they were already capable of witnessing once-in-a-lifetime events, weren’t they?

What? What? The astrophysicist all but shoved the inventor out of the way to peer through the telescope himself. "I just saw... a flash of plumes! One of the stars consumed... and exploded some foreign particle! I think... as the yellow dwarf!"

Sabrina! You do not throw your food at your father!" The way Veronica-Ossman veered popped, she may as well have become a supernova and then exploded into a black hole right then and there.

Ugh! You don’t — I’m tired! I’m tired! You get tired and soon get ’controlled by this family!" Sabrina’s diameter had never been so unstable, as a star that fluctuated in size.

"Still... everything we witnessed just now isn’t that one, huh?"

A family dinner. "Let your stardust, sweetie." Beings from Earth had latched assigned her some elegant name, but the red dwarf star was known to her children as Veronica.

But I don’t like star dust," Veronica expected no better response from her eldest daughter, Sabrina. Cepheid Variables went through this dramatic emo phase, and Sabrina was not spared from it.

"I’m not asking whether or not you like it. I’m telling you to eat it!"

"But I don’t want!"

The flickering stars were not the only ones at the galactic table. The father, a yellow dwarf star, and a freshly born son — still drawing heat and nutrients from the parents via orbit. The awkward silence hung over both — that is, until Sabrina spun to face him.

"Don’t touch him?"

"Don’t you dare touch him!" Sabrina snapped.

"... That I’m dating a blue giant."

Silence. Veronica was stunned into speechlessness. So, after a glance, it was the father who spoke first.

"... Sabrina. This is a joke, right? You know we don’t affiliate with blue giants —"

"I know! I know! You wouldn’t understand, okay? He’s the best thing that happened to me. His name is William, and he’s so nice, and charming, and handsome —"

Veronica was seething. "I’m going to turn him into a pathetic white dwarf!"

"Now hear this: the anxiety seemed to be eating up the mother’s husband, “just take deep breath —"

"Don’t you dare touch him!” Sabrina snapped.

"Don’t touch him! Don’t touch him! Blue giants are horrible people! They’re hot and big! Stars should be one or the other — that’s so dangerous! What’s going to happen to you when he hits his next stage, hm?"

Those kinds of stars become black holes, and ruin everything away from receiving a beating, Veronica decided.

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"That’s why I haven’t told you guys that..."

"... That I’m dating a blue giant.

Silence. Then, a sniffle. Sabrina was crying.

"... H — honey..." her father started for...

"I just... need time to be alone... ’The young star pivoted and tore off.

"Sabrina Sabrina, get back here! It was Veronica who barbed her name.

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Look for the answer key in next week’s (December 5th) edition!

Features

Aries: As you slowly rise from your Thanksgiving food coma, you probably realize you did absolutely none of the things you wanted to do over the break.

Taurus: You might be the kid from that one Vine going, “Oh my God, I love Chipotle,” but your wallet is wheezing because it’s starving and dying.

Gemini: Remember when you said you were going to spend any money on Black Friday shopping, and then you spent your money and end-of-semester — you’re money?

Cancer: You may have nibbered over the break, only to be interrupted from it in order to be dragged back to school. That did not make you happy.

Leo: Did you buy three days’ worth of ramen or pig out on discounted Thanksgiving food so you can get a nice holiday gift for your betta fish? Both will wreck your body, but what can you do?

Virgo: Look both ways before you walk into the crumbling, noisy, chaotic street that is your life right now.

Libra: Just when you think you’ve got four final projects to worry about, whoops, you actually have five — and they’re all due really soon.

Scorpio: Focus on a thing that nuances you this week. You might see yourself escaping socialization in order to get things done in quiet places... only to get lost in YouTube.

Sagittarius: Double-check everything. Double-check that your socks are off before you turn on the shower. Double-check that you printed off your homework. Double-check, or suffer.

Capricorn: Be wary of roommate/suitmate tensions this week. Expect someone to quote that one Vine: “I ain’t get no sleep cause o’ y’all, all night long.”

Aquarius: Just like almost all the other signs here, you’ll probably feel a little stressed out at some point this week, but don’t worry! The floor always welcomes your tears.

Pisces: Picturing the light at the end of the tunnel is great and all, but don’t forget about your immediate surroundings — otherwise you’ll bump dinner-rooms and get a bloody nose.