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Director of Photography Greg Rust’s exhibit combines historic examples of discriminatory images with photos of activists who fought against them.

“[Artifacts] is here ... to let people be aware, look at things and question them.”

While he has seen progress in the way issues affecting the Native American community are being addressed, he believes that there is still a way to go.

“Healthcare, unemployment, housing, jobs and schools on the reservations and in Indian country are all huge problems,” Rust said. However, he added that he believes youth have the power to influence the quality of life in America and that they must make their voices known.

“When someone says something offensive, don’t let them get away with it,” Rust said. “That’s what [Artifacts] is about. It’s about speaking up.”

Artifacts: Focus on Race can be viewed Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the art gallery in the A.B. Cohen Center until Feb. 22.
Caf workers dish on life behind the (main) line

BY BRITTANY WELLS
Staff Writer

You don’t know their names, but you know their faces. They’re there to serve you (mashed potatoes) in your times of greatest need. I’m talking about the student cafeteria workers on Hoff Dining Commons (the caf) who work every day to help your meals run smoothly.

Student positions range from helping to prepare your food behind the scenes to serving you food in the main line. Given that the job is in the heart of campus, I was curious to find out from the students who serve me three meals a day what it’s like to be in the eye of the storm.

Two current student caf workers, sophomore Curt Berry and first-year Jacob Smith, had nothing but praise for the position.

Berry walked me through an average day, from changing into the classic blue shirt and black apron combo to interacting with the student body.

“It’s got its tough moments, it’s got its great moments,” Berry said of an average shift.

At the start of the shift, from about 4:30 to 6 (p.m.), it’s brutal, but then it starts to heat up.

Smith agreed with Berry that the shift goes by quickly and added that having close co-workers makes everything that much better.

“It goes by much faster when you’re busy,” Smith said.

“You’re grilling, but it’s an enjoyable grind, you’ve got your buds with you, and it’s a very close staff.”

Berry and Smith both agreed the best part of the job was the people they’ve met, especially the full-time adult workers. Smith described the kitchen staff as having a “warm, friendly vibe,” and

Berry said the best part of his shift is hearing stories and life lessons from the older folks.

Besides meeting people behind the counter, working at the caf is also an opportunity to meet students on the other side of the serving line.

As a transfer student, Berry said the job was “a really good way to get (him) introduced to the school and the community.” He recalls going to parties and getting greeted with “Hey, you’re the caf worker!”

While Berry loves his celebrity treatment after his shift, Smith said he feels more surprised by the treatment he receives during his shift.

“The students here are so appreciative,” Smith said. “They walk up, you give them some food and they look at you. They’re so extra, honestly. They don’t say thank you, they go, ‘I appreciate you. You are appreciated.’”

Berry assured that the hiring process was convenient and Chartwells recognizes students’ busy schedules.

After talking to Chartwells about a job, he set up an interview with his current boss Teresa.

“She was very open with me,” he said about the process. “She let me take my own hours, and she was very flexible.”

Take it from two real student caf workers. With a nice boss, fun shift and plenty of interesting people to meet, being a student worker at the cafeteria could be an ideal job for students looking for part-time work. Not to mention it’s conveniently located right in the middle of campus.

Both Berry and Smith would recommend the position to other students.

“You meet awesome people, and you get a lot of respect from people,” Berry said.

Smith agreed that seeing faces every day makes the job enjoyable.

“It’s a great way of meeting the student body,” Smith said. “You get to see their face every day, see their hungriest moment.”

Photo-op: GSC’s new restaurants

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The following are Xavier community member’s reactions to their meals from the new restaurants:

Father B
Blue Blob’s Diner Jan. 25

“Y’now, this is heavenly food. Eat here and you won’t go to hell.”

Kiara Ainsworth
Sophomore Nursing major

“Good food. Good service. Really great burger.”

Curt Berry
Sophomore Business major

“I absolutely loved the pan-cakes. I am pretty scared that I am going to lose all my dining dollars to this place now, but I absolutely loved them. I think they’re great, and it’s a good price.”

Lauren Lush
Sophomore Nursing major

“I got the Cincy club…. It’s so good. It’s a great addition to Xavier, I’m happy to eat it. My wait time was less than a minute.”

Ben Den Braven
Sophomore Exercise science major

“The thing I’m most excited for this place is after a nice long day at work and studying I hit this place at, like, midnight, get a nice chicken sandwich or a burger and fries.

Both All for Subs deli and Blue Blob’s Diner are open for business as of last Friday, Jan. 25. Each community member interviewed only had good things to say about the long-awaited restaurants in the student center.

BY AIDAN CALLAHAN
Staff Writer

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The Center for Mission and Identity aids faculty in maintaining Jesuit values

Students may never realize it, but every time they head to the caf’ they pass an office specifically designed to keep Xavier’s Jesuit mission alive.

Beyond the green wall adorned with flowing cursive, two doors and a monarch butterfly, behind the Pizza ATM lies the Center for Mission and Identity (CMI). The CMI aims to assist faculty and staff in incorporating the Jesuit values into their work.

Joe Shadle, the director of the CMI, summarizes the center’s work as engaging primarily with faculty, staff and administrators to reflect on how they can incorporate Ignatian spirituality and the principles of a Jesuit education into their work.

The CMI additionally works with faculty on utilizing the Jesuit pedagogical style and building their programs around its principles. This style of education focuses deeply on values such as reflection, discernment, service and solidarity, among others.

Shadle said that overall, the main goal of the CMI is to guide and encourage all faculty and staff “to be people of reflection and discernment and to care for the individual student, kind of like cura personalis and then for the Greater Glory of God, which is Magis.”

The CMI accomplishes this goal in a variety of ways, one of which is offering professional development for faculty and staff. The center also offers professional development for student leadership groups on campus, including the 10 p.m. Mass Committee, resident assistants, health services administration graduate students and others.

“Usually the way I think about it is for students who serve other students,” Shadle said. “The CMI’s work is akin to the Center for Faith and Justice but focuses on faculty rather than on students. We can do it for all students, but that’s usually what the Dorothy Day Center is for or Interfaith Community Engagement… They primarily deal with students with some faculty/staff connections. We primarily support the work of faculty and staff and some students; in this case students who serve other students.”

The CMI also accomplishes this goal by hosting a Manresa-type orientation program for all new faculty and staff. Participants have two options. They can opt for an overnight experience, or they can attend three lunches on campus. Both versions feature a popular President’s Luncheon with Father Graham.

Whichever orientation they attend, incoming hires emerge equipped with an understanding of Xavier’s mission. “They’re pretty similar,” Shadle said, “it helps them to come to know who Xavier is, kind of like the Manresa’s we give to students, but in a faculty and staff perspective.”

All programs offered through the CMI are voluntary and open for all faculty and staff to participate in, regardless of their faith tradition and religious beliefs.

“Everyone is welcome to come take part of our programs because we believe that everybody can love the Xavier values in their own way,” Shadle said.

Even though these programs are optional, there is a relatively high turnout.

“Between the President’s Luncheon for new faculty and staff and one of the two Manresa’s, we get about 70 – 80 percent participation,” Shadle said.

One of the CMI’s largest programs is AFMIX, which stands for Assuring the Faith and Identity of Xavier. It is a two-year program in which faculty and staff meet for an hour and a half during lunch every Tuesday during their four semesters in the program. The program began 20 years ago and currently has 45 members, including two members of the president’s cabinet.

“(AFMIX) really steeps people in the Jesuit Ignatian tradition of the university,” Shadle said. “I think first, it gives (faculty and staff) a real deep grounding in the tradition. Second, it helps them integrate more of the tradition of Ignatian spirituality and reflection in their lives, and also the principles, of course, of Jesuit education.”

Shadle added that he believes programs like AFMIX also positively impact students.

“It benefits students because the students get a richer, deeper experience, whether it’s in the classroom through the principles of Jesuit education or outside the classroom in co-curricular activities like service work,” Shadle said.

Along with AFMIX, through the Ignatian Mentoring Program Shadle created specifically for faculty, new faculty can be mentored by senior or experienced faculty on how to engage with students in the Jesuit tradition.

“Usually they have some kind of final project,” Shadle said. “Sometimes they rewrite their syllabus to reflect the values of the Jesuit education through their course.”

Then the CMI will publish projects, with titles such as “Comparing the Social Good,” in a publication called Teachings of the Mission. The publication is available online so that anyone, including new faculty who don’t participate in the program, can read them. More than 100 projects have been published.

These are just a few of the programs the CMI offers.

Shadle said he believes these programs help new faculty and staff improve their overall experience at Xavier as well as the experiences of the students they interact with.

“People certainly are engaged and maybe reflective on the work they do at Xavier,” Shadle said, “but our work also helps them to deepen that and to deepen their engagement with students and with each other as faculty and staff.”
Xavier reacts to Covington Catholic

Protestors call for FBI and Justice Department investigation into death threats

By Brittany Wells

Staff Writer

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Week in Review

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FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Several Native-American protestors were at the Lincoln Memorial for the Indigenous Peoples March to demonstrate against the government shutdown and injustices towards indigenous people around the globe.

The group had pointed racial slurs at both the indigenous group and the students of Covington Catholic in the new footage. The Black Hebrew Israelites were protesting in the same spot.

Nathan Sandmann released a public statement on Jan. 20 that said, “It was clear to me that he (Phillips) had singled me out for confrontation, although I am not sure why.”

Phillips had been watching the tense interaction between the Black Hebrew Israelite group and the students at Covington Catholic.

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**Bike trail steps closer**

**Mayor Cranley announces additional funding**

By JABARI TURNER  
Staff Writer

Last week, Mayor John Cranley joined a crowd of supporters at Dana Gardens to announce that Phase 2 of the Wasson Way trail received $100,000 in funding from a local business, School Outfitter. This is in addition to the $2.2 million budget for the public works project.

Wasson Way is a 7.6-mile trail under way in Cincinnati. The trail will be a scenic bicycle and pedestrian trail that will run from Victory Parkway near Xavier connecting to the Little Miami Bike Trail.

Phase 1 is now open and goes from Tamarack Avenue to Madison Road. Phase 2 is currently under construction and will add 0.7 miles to the already existing 0.6 miles from Phase 1 of the trail. This addition to the trail will involve the bridge over Interstate 71 and will connect to Montgomery Road by Xavier's campus. Construction of Phase 2 is expected to finish prior to the end of the year.

Before the announcement the trail received $80,000 in funding from the City’s Railroad Funding Credit Revenue. The funding came as a result of plans to consolidate unused railroad space for the trail. Additionally, the trail won a $500,000 Clean Ohio Trails Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Finally, the trail received $984,000 from the Federal Transit Administration. The first stage of the trail will span 4.1 miles going from Montgomery Road to Wooster Road with a cost of $4 million.

Andrew Geraghty, a Xavier first-year philosophy, politics and the public major and native of Cincinnati, expressed interest in the idea of the trail.

"Cincinnati is not known for its spacious bike lanes, and having a designated place for people to exercise will be beneficial to Xavier and the surrounding neighborhoods," Geraghty said.

Benefits of the trail will include increased mobility between neighborhoods, according to Cranley. The trail is expected to connect neighborhoods that were divided by the construction on Interstate 71.

Because of the increased mobility, the trail is designed to encourage biking to work, which could cause a reduction in traffic congestion while also reducing CO2 emissions. Additionally, the trail will pass areas such as the Norwood Plaza, Rockwood Common Pavilions, Hyde Park Plaza and Hyde Park Golf & Country Club.

"Hopefully, those working to build Wasson Way will get the funding they need to complete the project," said Geraghty.

By GILLEN FAENZA  
Staff Writer

A recent study from Washington State University (WSU) suggests that people who identify as conservative are more likely to support environmental spending under a Republican president rather than Democratic one.

Erik Johnson, a sociologist at WSU, was the co-author of the study. He argued that environmental issues and spending tend to receive bipartisan support. The reason the decline in support started under Democratic presidents is that partisan support becomes activated when party lines are tested, he said.

Since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1963, environmental support has generally fluctuated during Democratic administrations and sprung back during Republican ones.

"I think that there needs to be more research that promotes a healthy environment because a lot of people aren’t aware of just how much our actions are affecting the environment," sociology major Ellie Baumann said.

Richard Nixon put in place two key fundamental environmental policies while he was in office.

One was the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which established the president’s council on environmental quality. That same year, he created the Environmental Protection Agency.

Johnson hypothesized that Republican voters feel the need to “fight against environmental spending” under a Democrat, even if they support environmental spending, it is a way to take an active stance on something.

Gallup polls found that 61 percent of people say the quality of the environment is getting worse, 25 percent say the quality is better.

**Study finds environmental legislation more successful under GOP administrations**

**Venezuela in leadership crisis**

By SERRA ROSE  
Staff Writer

Venezuela is in an evolving political crisis that has driven millions out of the country. Two individuals are claiming the Venezuelan presidency. Juan Guaido is attempting to obtain the seat from recently reelected president Nicolás Maduro.

“I know that a lot of Venezuelans moved to Lima, Peru. They take low-paying jobs and squeeze into small apartments,” American-Peruvian student Jon Hopkins said. “It doesn’t affect me or my family, but it’s a tough situation.”

Maduro was elected president in April 2013 after the death of his predecessor Hugo Chávez. He was sworn into his second term in early January after much protest. His election was highly opposed, as it was marred by allegations of vote tampering.

Guaido, a 35-year-old man from coastal Venezuela, was elected as leader of the National Assembly three weeks ago. He declared himself interim president on Jan. 23.

Many opponents were jailed or barred from running. The National Assembly invoked the constitution of Venezuela and declared his reelection illegitimate, making the presidency vacant.

Since his presidency began, Venezuela's economic and political structures have flailed. The consistent downward spiral has created political unrest, hyperinflation, food and medicine shortages and power outages. Many citizens view Maduro as a dictator, not president.

Inflation has become a huge problem in the country. It is estimated that the average price of items was doubling every 19 days. The economy has completely collapsed.

Maduro is currently being supported by Russia, China and the Venezuelan military. Even though he was just recently elected as President of Parliament, he has garnered support from a majority of citizens and several international parties. Along with 20 other countries, the U.S. has announced support of Guaido.

Other European countries such as the United Kingdom have yet to officially side with either man.

But the U.K. recently announced that Maduro must hold an election within eight days or it will recognize Guaido’s claim of the presidency. Maduro stated that he planned to break off relations with the U.S and stated that American diplomats had 72 hours to leave the country. Admit the chao, U.S. officials have urged citizens to leave Venezuela.

The government has pulled out all non-emergency staff from the country but has not pulled out completely.

The United States has been accused of staging a coup against Maduro, by Venezuelan and Russian politicians.

In a U.N. meeting on Jan. 19 discussions about how to deal with the crisis were tense. Several fingers were pointed at the meeting. Some blamed Russia and China for supporting Maduro.

U.S. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo insisted that on “No more delays, no more games.”

He continued on to say, “Either you stand with the forces of freedom, or you’re in league with Maduro and his mayhem.”

The National Assembly of Venezuela has declared Nicolas Maduro’s re-election to the presidency as illegitimate.
Never in a million years would I have predicted I’d drop out of college. Here I am, though. I’m a dropout. I was a good student in high school, but the truth is, there’s no sense in pretending I was a perfect student in college. Here I am, though.

For one, 2018 was the year I came out as trans. Beginning my medical transition in March, I kept my family out of the loop for the fear of not being accepted. Long story short, my mom dug through my life and told my grandmother everything. In May, my mom tried to attack me for “bringing that trans sh*t in my house.” As of late, she had no contact with her or my grandmother and have completely moved away from my family.

On top of this, I was hospitalized the entire summer for a lupus flare-up that attacked my liver. My transition was constantly invalidated, not only by my family (my mother laughed and said I’m just another “he-she tr*nny”) but also by the medical staff for being too early in my transition to “be taken seriously.”

My doctors told me I’d be back on a steroid that would turn my face back into a circle if I ever wanted to return to life outside Good Samaritan Hospital. Two weeks later, I was back in school with no hair and no voice, not even a voice that my friends and family could recognize. It was a weird day to be in love that I love Groundhog’s Day.

It’s a weird day to be in love that I believe to be a Groundhog’s Day, a day that I believe to be the only holiday that addresses struggles we’ve endured. The tradition, it looks towards the past, helping us to remember where we came from and the struggles we’ve endured. The anxiety of ignorance and things that may seem absurd, that can be all right. That, in general, is apparently able to predict the next day will bring, much less the next six weeks. There is utter incomprehensibility when it comes to the future. A person will never know the moment they are going to die, the moment a loved one will pass or even the next time they might trip right in front of their crush. And this indiscriminately chosen groundhog supposedly immortal, is apparently able to predict the weather for the next six weeks?

This day is about that uncertainty brought about by our own ignorance. On Feb. 2, we seek sense in the meaninglessness that stems from the anxiety of ignorance and put our faith in Phil. That’s incredible, in my opinion. Most holidays are meaningful in reference to the past, helping us to remember where we came from and the struggles we’ve endured. The struggle for labor rights, the struggle for racial equality, or even the struggle to find love. And I don’t think anyone’s Day is coming soon.

Groundhog’s Day is the only holiday that addresses the uncertainty of the future. It’s about putting faith in things that may not make any sense at all, and trusting that things will be all right. That, in general, the future and world may be unknowable. But that doesn’t matter.

As my far more eloquent friend Ryan, the editor of this page, said to me while discussing the holiday, “Depending on how you look at it, we can either cynically dismiss Groundhog’s Day as a silly superstition that the advance of modernity will soon displace, or we can celebrate it as something fundamentally human, a reaction to and a reminder of our helplessness in this vast universe. But, we persist.”

Personally, I choose to persist, with the help of this beautiful university. I’ll place my trust in Phil, an immortal rodent that can see the future.

Kevin Thomas is the Managing Editor for the Newswire. He is an English and philosophy double major from St. Louis.

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Trans in college: It’s not them, it’s me

Never in a million years would I have predicted I’d drop out of college. Here I am, though. I’m a dropout. I was a good student in high school, but the truth is, there’s no sense in pretending I was a perfect student in college. Here I am, though.

For one, 2018 was the year I came out as trans. Beginning my medical transition in March, I kept my family out of the loop for the fear of not being accepted. Long story short, my mom dug through my life and told my grandmother everything. In May, my mom tried to attack me for “bringing that trans sh*t in my house.” As of late, she had no contact with her or my grandmother and have completely moved away from my family.

On top of this, I was hospitalized the entire summer for a lupus flare-up that attacked my liver. My transition was constantly invalidated, not only by my family (my mother laughed and said I’m just another “he-she tr*nny”) but also by the medical staff for being too early in my transition to “be taken seriously.”

My doctors told me I’d be back on a steroid that would turn my face back into a circle if I ever wanted to return to life outside Good Samaritan Hospital. Two weeks later, I was back in school with no hair and no voice, not even a voice that my friends and family could recognize. It was a weird day to be in love that I love Groundhog’s Day.

It’s a weird day to be in love that I believe to be a Groundhog’s Day, a day that I believe to be the only holiday that addresses struggles we’ve endured. The tradition, it looks towards the past, helping us to remember where we came from and the struggles we’ve endured. The anxiety of ignorance and things that may seem absurd, that can be all right. That, in general, is apparently able to predict the next day will bring, much less the next six weeks. There is utter incomprehensibility when it comes to the future. A person will never know the moment they are going to die, the moment a loved one will pass or even the next time they might trip right in front of their crush. And this indiscriminately chosen groundhog supposedly immortal, is apparently able to predict the weather for the next six weeks?

This day is about that uncertainty brought about by our own ignorance. On Feb. 2, we seek sense in the meaninglessness that stems from the anxiety of ignorance and put our faith in Phil. That’s incredible, in my opinion. Most holidays are meaningful in reference to the past, helping us to remember where we came from and the struggles we’ve endured. The struggle for labor rights, the struggle for racial equality, or even the struggle to find love. And I don’t think anyone’s Day is coming soon.

Groundhog’s Day is the only holiday that addresses the uncertainty of the future. It’s about putting faith in things that may not make any sense at all, and trusting that things will be all right. That, in general, the future and world may be unknowable. But that doesn’t matter.

As my far more eloquent friend Ryan, the editor of this page, said to me while discussing the holiday, “Depending on how you look at it, we can either cynically dismiss Groundhog’s Day as a silly superstition that the advance of modernity will soon displace, or we can celebrate it as something fundamentally human, a reaction to and a reminder of our helplessness in this vast universe. But, we persist.”

Personally, I choose to persist, with the help of this beautiful university. I’ll place my trust in Phil, an immortal rodent that can see the future.
I love the Jesuits. I love everything that they stand for: cura personalis, magis and being women and men for and with others. Jesuits stand with the voiceless, they advocate for the marginalized and fight oppression. They are educators and reformers. I am in my seventh year of Jesuit education and I could never repay them for all they have given me. I have grown significantly under their tutelage and for that I will always be grateful to the Jesuits.

But I also hate the Jesuits. The Jesuits have been complicit in and covered up decades of sexual abuse by priests. Recently, Jesuit provinces around the country began to release the names of priests who had been accused of sexual assault.

You may have read the Newswire coverage last week about the release and the names of priests who had been associated with Xaverian. There were members of Xavier University, St. Xavier High School, St. Francis Xavier Church and the Milford Jesuit Center, all within the Cincinnati Jesuit community.

These men were members of our communities. They were counselors, educators and advisors. They have been accused of abusing their power to not only groom, but also silence survivors. The number of men on this list is appalling, but, if I'm being honest, I was expecting it to be worse, and I’m surprised that by looking at some of the names — which was first — while it wouldn’t fix the issue — would help repair some of the horrendous damage they’ve caused.

I believe that we should all call on other orders of priests and the hundreds of dioceses around the country to release the names of the priests when they have covered up. We cannot move forward just until we recognize the injustices of our past.

This is why I love the Jesuits. They have taught me one of the greatest lessons I have ever learned. When you love something like an institution, a group or even an idea, you have to critique it. The Jesuits were able to openly critique their past by exposing their rhetoric and being defined as “the man of the future.” I am a boy/man that are more often associated with feminine nature.”

That’s not even to mention the undeniable implications of the usage of the term in the context of what the article discussed, which associated negative traits with effeminacy.

What’s especially fantastic about the argument is that the author implies through his criticism of the portrayal of a male employee — taking credit for his female colleague’s idea (in the instigating Gillette ad) is that the Jesuits are doing the exact same thing. The author agrees with what toxic masculinity is and the traits it encompasses, but then going on to say that the term — which was first advanced by female feminists to take credit for “disproving toxic masculinity.”

Here’s the thing. It doesn’t matter how you define the behavior because it’s still the same behavior — the rest is semantics.

In my baffled as how people can agree with exactly what the Gillette ad was saying and yet act as though they’re disagreeing. Unless you don’t view traits like exclusion, aggression and violent tendencies as negative, you have nothing to disagree with in this ad. The only issue the author raised was that the ad was attacking regular masculinity, which simply isn’t true. Fundamentally, what argument there is simply reduces to a complaint about an issue that just isn’t happening.

If you, dear reader, don’t exhibit traits of toxic masculinity, then you have no reason to feel attacked by this ad. If you do feel attacked, then maybe you should re-evaluate your personality or your understanding of toxic masculinity — maybe even both. You can sneer at ads like Gillette’s and ironically call them “woke” all you want, but you should probably wait until you’ve taken actual productive steps to address the traits toxic masculinity entails before doing so.
Marquette’s three-point barrage sinks Xavier

By Luke Feliciano
Sports Editor

The men’s basketball team dropped both of its home games last week in Big East play against Providence and Marquette.

However, the close contests revealed the competitive drive of the team and could be a harbinger for what has become a tightly contested conference. Xavier was locked into a close battle with Providence and suffered its first loss to the Friars at Cintas Center since joining the Big East. The Musketeers had multiple chances to tie or take the lead near the game’s end, but the comeback attempt proved unsuccessful.

Xavier once again opted to turn to the tandem of junior Tyrique Jones and transfer Zach Hankins on the court at the same time. Prov- en to be a scoring matchup, the three-point line opened up vulnerabilities in the paint that Xavier capitalized on. It’s a combination that has been fruitful the last few games, especially for Jones, who was fresh off his career high 21 points against Villanova last week. Overall, Xavier scored 36 points in the paint against Jones and Hankins, matching each other with 12 points apiece.

Xavier’s 10-0 run helped propel an early seven-point lead. Afterward, it struggled to find consistent offense in a seven-minute scoring rut.

The Musketeers utilized a 2-3 zone, which was effective against the Friars.

“We had to stay in a little bit more zone than we traditionally like to do, but it was necessary just because of the foul trouble,” head coach Travis Steele said.

Providence’s eight-minute, 16-2 run put the Musketeers in a seven-point hole, and they trailed by as many points at the half despite mirroring the Friars’ first-half field goal percentage (47 percent). Xavier closed out the half converting just three of its final 13 shots.

The Musketeers turned things around as their sluggish start essentially evaporated — upping their final field goal percentage to 47 percent. However, 18 turnovers prevented a consistent offense from developing.

“We got to be better, we got to be better. It’s unacceptable,” Steele said. “That’s got to change for us to be good. When we’ve taken care of the ball, we’ve given ourselves opportunities to get good wins in this league.”

Xavier had two separate opportunities to tie the game, but two turnovers and a missed shot on the final possession sealed its fate falling just short of a win in 64-62.

Xavier, donning the newly minted blue running man uniforms — jostled with No. 12 Marquette all the way to the finish but was unable to notch a win in a game that featured five ties and eight lead changes.

The Musketeers, energized by the sellout crowd, got off to a fast shooting start (8 for 11) and took a 22-18 lead halfway through the first half.

Scruggs was a major factor in helping fuel Xavier’s first-half run, with 12 points while shooting 3 of 4 from the floor and 2 for 3 from distance.

He pitched in just about every category and capped a masterful performance with 19 points accompanied by four rebounds, five assists, a block and three steals.

“I feel like for the whole 40 minutes we played our butts off,” Scruggs said. “That’s all I can ask of from my team … I just think we were more focused.”

Jones recorded a team-high 21 points and completed a double-double with 11 rebounds. He had two steals and a block for the game. It was not enough, however, as Xavier lost to Marquette 90-44 for the first time in their history.

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Sophomore guard Ariana Gray scored six points while grabbing a team high 11 rebounds. After Marquette, Xavi-er faced DePaul, looking to bounce back from the loss. Xavier fell behind 9-2 early and trailed 21-13 at the end of the first quarter. This was largely because of turnovers as DePaul scored 15 points off Xavier turnovers.

The Musketeers cut the deficit to just one point, 26-25, after starting the second quarter on a 12-2 run. DePaul responded well to push its lead back to eight points, with the score 39-31 heading into halftime.

Another run to open the third quarter brought the score back level, as Xavier outscored DePaul 17-9 to start the second half and tie the game at 49-49. DePaul then finished the quarter outscoring Xavier 6-4 to take the lead back heading into the final period. Xavier was able to pull ahead in the fourth quarter, 57-55, with just under six minutes remaining in the game. It got up 65-61 with just under two minutes left in the game but DePaul brought the Blue Demons back even with Xavier, and the score was tied 65-65 heading into overtime.

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Musketeers’ top scorers flourish despite defeats

By Donnie Menke
Staff Writer

The women’s basketball team dropped a pair of conference games last week. No. 10 Marquette, 90-44, and DePaul, 75-71, in overtime.

Against Marquette, the Musketeers got down early, trailing by 22 with 2:26 remaining in the first quarter. They held their own with DePaul, known to be a rough team to play against. Xavier came out strong in the second quarter, trimming the deficit to just one point, 26-25, after starting the second quarter on a 12-2 run. Xavier responded well to push its lead back to eight points, with the score 39-31 heading into halftime.

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2019 MLB Hall of Fame class reaches perfection

Closur Mariano Rivera becomes first player to receive 100 percent of votes

BY JACK DUNN
Campus News Editor

Baseball has its first-ever unanimous Hall of Famer as the legendary Mariano Rivera becomes the first player to receive 100 percent of votes in the 2022 Baseball Hall of Fame class.

Rivera, the retired New York Yankees closer, was a dominating closer for the Yankees from 1995 to 2013, compiling a career ERA of 2.21 and a lifetime save percentage of 95.6. His 652 career saves rank third all-time and his 1,335 strikeouts are the most by any closer in franchise history.

Rivera was an all-star 13 times, a Cy Young Award winner three times and a World Series champion five times, including the 1996 World Series.

Rivera was also the first player to be voted into the Hall of Fame by 100 percent of the voters, an unprecedented achievement in baseball history.

Both the Rivera family and the New York Yankees were overjoyed by the news.

Rivera's induction ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, July 22, in Cooperstown, N.Y.

By Michael Rauher
Staff Writer

The search for missing Argentine soccer player Emiliano Sala and pilot David Ibbotson was called off by authorities last week.

On Jan. 19, Sala, 28, was transferred from French side FC Nantes to Cardiff City FC, the only Welsh club in the English Premier League, on a three-and-a-half year deal and a £15 million fee, a record signing for the Welsh side.

Sala returned to Nantes, France, after a successful medical and signing in Cardiff, Wales.

Days later, Sala tweeted “La ultima ciao,” Spanish for “the last goodbye,” along with a picture of him and his teammates from FC Nantes.

Sala and Ibbotson were transferred from Nantes Atlantique Airport to Cardiff Airport on the night of Jan. 21.

It was reported that the aircraft had departed from Nantes at 8:15 a.m. local time, but the Argentine striker and his pilot had lost contact with air traffic controllers at roughly 7:30 a.m. local time, when they were supposed to be Sala’s debut.

BBC News, Sala’s name was listed in the game program.

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Bill Murray encounters captured

Ted Bundy Netflix docu-series is eerie & thrilling Conversations with a Killer is a fascinating glimpse into a murderer’s mind

BY MICHAEL RAUBER

Gripping. Creepy. Intense. Eerie. These are some of the words that critics have used to describe Conversations With a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes, which was released to Netflix on Jan. 24, 30 years after the execution of Ted Bundy.

The streaming service warns viewers not to watch the four-part docu-series alone. So naturally, I watched all four episodes by myself in a span of 24 hours.

The docu-series takes viewers into the deviant yet clever mind of serial killer Ted Bundy and includes parts of more than 100 hours of interviews while Bundy was in custody at the Florida State Prison.

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Hours before his death sentence was to be carried out, Bundy confessed to more than 30 of the murders that he was suspected of and described in graphic detail how he would lure his subjects before kidnap-ping them.

Polly Nelson, a lawyer from his last defense team, said, “Ted was the very definition of heartless evil.”

Bundy once called himself “the most cold-hearted son of a bitch you’ll ever meet.”
Opinion: R. Kelly outrage justified

By Jabari Turner
Staff Writer

Songwriter, record producer and R&B singer Robert Kelly, known as ‘R. Kelly’ has been in the forefront of news throughout the course of the month. Sparking this social media outrage was the release of the documentary, Surviving R. Kelly, premiering on Lifetime.

In the documentary, women tell stories of the horrific, emotional and graphic nature of R. Kelly in which he manipulated, abused and sexually assaulted them and others as minors. Some of these minors were as young as 12 years old.

On June 13, 2008, R. Kelly was acquitted of all charges of misconduct and child pornography. Every episode of the series repeated a disclaimer that he denies all allegations. Many of the women in the series similarly pointed to R. Kelly taking advantage of their emotions to be beggers by asking for sexual favors. The women alleged R. Kelly would prey on minors in common areas such as high schools and malls.

Coupled with his music, charm and the belief that their singing career could be catapulted with his help, the women went to R. Kelly so the would succeed in the music industry. Consequently, R. Kelly easily manipulated their naivete and extorted them for sexual acts.

R. Kelly’s former associates, such as his bodyguard Gem Pratts, described how they apologistically encouraged or were blind to his monstrosities.

R. Kelly would have his bodyguard book flights and carry out a lot of the logistics regarding the minors. Money is most likely the common denominator in understanding why R. Kelly’s bodyguards, producers and management were willfully ignorant of his actions.

In one episode, Lizette Martinez describes her relationship with the singer which began when he was 28 and she was 17. Martinez described a point in which she was simply being waiting in hotel rooms for him. R. Kelly would come and go, demanding sexual favors, leaving and then returning for them again.

She became pregnant by his alleged rape and had a miscarriage in a hotel while waiting for R. Kelly. Later Martinez was hospitalized after contracting mononucleosis from her alleged rapist. R. Kelly gave her $1,000 to cover the scandal. After recovering she finally split up with him.

This newly disclosed information about R. Kelly prompted outrage, which dominated social media following the release of the episodes. People called for companies or anyone associated with R. Kelly to drop and denounce him, leading to both BCA Records and Sony Music to part ways with him on Jan. 18. Lady Gaga apologized for working with Kelly as well.

‘Age Ain’t Nothing but a Number’ produced by R. Kelly and sang by Aaliyah, who at the time was a minor, should have been a huge red flag. However, money and willful ignorance once again blinded the fact that Aaliyah needed help. She, like many other girls who accused R. Kelly, suffered at the hands of her alleged rapist. In the documentary, one of the women recalls walking in on 15-year-old Aaliyah having sex with R. Kelly.

As a Xavier community, it is only right that we bring to light the sheer darkness of sexual assault. However, it is more morally virtuous and just that we remember everyone machine has moving parts.

One of Xavier’s values, Cura Personalis, calls on us “To care for others recognizing the uniqueness and wholeness of each person.” A willful ignorance for mone tary or any other gain is what allowed R. Kelly to prey. His willful ignorance and management knew, yet they did nothing.

R. Kelly is an example of what happens when we become tolerant and blinded by our own vultures. The consequence of turning a blind eye on benefits people like R. Kelly and hurts victims like Lizette Martinez.

Oscar nominees dazzle the Hollywood scene

By Joe Clark
Staff Writer

The Academy unveiled the list of nominations for the 91st Academy Awards, which will be held on Feb. 24 at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

Both Roma and The Favourite came out as frontrunner nominees, as both films received nominations for 10 awards apiece, just ahead of eight nominations for A Star is Born and Vice.

All four films were nominated for Best Picture, along with Black Panther, BlackKkKlansman, Bohemian Rhapsody and Green Book. While A Star is Born was the early favorite, Roma and The Favourite gained momentum with their releases closer to awards season.

Bohemian Rhapsody somewhat shockingly took home Best Music – Original Song for ‘The Show Must Go On’ at the Golden Globes, but with allegations of sexual assault against director Bryan Singer, the most likely biopic will take home Best Picture at the Oscars.

Rami Malek’s Bohemian Rhapsody movie nominated for Best Picture, won at the Critics’ Choice Awards and is the favorite in this category. Alfonso Cuaron, who directed Roma, is the favorite to take home Best Director in a category that also features Rami Malek, Adam McKay (Vice), Yorgos Lanthimos (The Favourite) and Pawel Pawlikowski (Cold War) as prominent candidates in the drama category.

One notable Best Director snub was Bradley Cooper (A Star is Born), thought to be one of the favorites in the category following his directorial debut. The battle for Lead Actress will be between veteran Glenn Close (The Wife) and newcomer Lady Gaga (A Star is Born). While Close won the award at the Golden Globes, she and Gaga tied at the Critics’ Choice Awards.

Though Cooper was snubbed for Best Director, he did get a nomination for Best Actor, but it’s looking like Christian Bale’s category, as Sharon Rivers in Barry Jenkins’s If Beale Street Could Talk.

While Sam Elliott was absolutely incredible as Bobby Maine in A Star is Born, the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor is likely to go to Mahershala Ali, equally impressive as Don Shirley in Green Book.

Adam Driver took off the Kylo Ren mask and offered an impressive performance in BlackKkKlansman, while Sam Rockwell, who won the category last year for his role in Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri, is back again after his portrayal of George W. Bush in Vice.

While there was a late push by critics for fellow Englishman Hugh Grant to get a nomination for his performance in Paddington 2, the Academy ultimately did not give him a nomination.

Other notable snubs included Won’t You Be My Neighbor and Three Identical Strangers for Best Documentary Feature, as both were considered favorites prior to the announcement of the nominations. In addition, First Man was snubbed for Original Score, baffling many critics.

Regardless of who did and didn’t get a nomination, the 91st Academy Awards will certainly be interesting, it will be the first year without a host since 1989.

The 91st Annual Academy Awards will air at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24 on ABC.

Social media outrage against R. Kelly for allegations of rape unearthed in the documentary Surviving R. Kelly accompany the #MeToo movement, as well as mainstream efforts to condemn many sexual predators.

Photo courtesy of Essence.com

The Oscar nominees, including A Star is Born, Roma, Bohemian Rhapsody and many others, were unveiled with much speculation and praise. Roma and The Favourite were named as frontrunner for this year’s awards.

Photo courtesy of Wamps.org
The culture of class skipping

For some, skipping class feels like a nice, lazy cup of tea: warm, comforting and consumed in bed. For others, we’d rather have a heart attack and get it over with than skip class and spend the rest of the afternoon stress typing an apology note longer than the essay that was due that day. Take a look at how students and professors feel about the controversial topic.

Tyler Gilkey, sophomore psychology major

"Skipping class is kind of like eating at Skyline. At first it seems like a great idea, but soon enough you start to regret it."

Dr. Carol Winkellmann, professor, English Department

"I try not to do it too often. (Just kidding!)"

Professor Margaret Martin, Intensive English, Classics and Modern Languages Department

"The past is history and the future is a mystery, but your presence is a gift. Are you gonna come to this party empty-handed?"

Sierra Ross, first-year computer science and physics engineering double major

"Are you in this class?" My professor said this after I missed so much class (due to an injury) that my professor didn’t recognize me. As nice as it is to be in bed while everyone else in class, I wouldn’t recommend it.

Ariana Lucero, sophomore criminal justice major

"I skip my class in Elet just because I don’t want to climb those torturous steps."

Professor Elijah Prewitt-Davis, Professor, Theology Department

"Skipping class is like going through a drive through, placing an order, paying and then driving off before you receive your food."

Sam Haas, sophomore psychology major

"I’m still deciding if I’m gonna go to class today because I have a hang nail. Will I miss anything today?"

Evana Dias, sophomore business major

"I skipped class to study for another class. What is college?"

Dr. David Gerberry, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics

"Hi Professor! I can’t come to class today because I have a hang nail. Will I miss anything today?"

Dr. Leslie Rasmussen, Assistant Professor, Communication Department

"Students skipping...Awesome, it’s one less thing to grade. Just give ‘em an F. Is that mean? I say that all the time, but I’m totally joking. Students will look at me like, whaaat? Serious?"

Brittany Wells, sophomore Staff Writer

"I’ve skipped class twice in my life. The first week of class freshman year I skipped all of my Tuesday classes thinking ‘TIF’ just stood for Thursday. The second time was to study for a Latin exam. And I felt so guilty afterwards that I wrote the professor an apology that included the sentence: ‘I’ve felt bad all weekend about skipping your class on Thursday because I genuinely love that class and respect you and the content so much. Probably would have been less painful to just take the L in my Latin class.”

Professor Lesley Roth, Montessori Teacher Education Program Director

"I was teaching an early morning class a few years ago, and due to a set of morning misfortunes, ran late for class and past the dreaded 10-minute time when most students begin to empty the classroom assuming a professor is a ‘no show.’ Running into the bowels of Hallstones with a cart full of books and papers, I noticed one student in attendance, the others having cleared only minutes earlier. I remember asking the student, ‘Why didn’t you leave with the others?’ Her reply, ‘You’ve always showed up for us, and I wanted to show up for you.’ That morning made my year!"

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Aries: It’s hard to hold your tongue sometimes, especially if your earbud cords catch on a door handle. As nasty as it is, it isn’t an excuse to rage at all the kids with Airpods.

Taurus: It’s an all-or-nothing type of week. Either you’ll get all you need to do done and feel victorious, or you’ll procrastinate until the very last second and nearly die of stress.

Gemini: You know that meme about having to explain things to people like they’re 5? Be prepared to do that this week, whether you’re a student, a professor or other faculty.

Cancer: Expect the unexpected. It may feel like you’ve just been slammed into by a Xavier golf cart, but keep your cool and search for silver linings — like, hey, your tuition’s covered.

Leo: You’re a pretty generous soul, but even you can get worn out if you give with no returns. You always feed your betta fish — the least he could do is learn to do a barrel roll on command.

Virgo: Your emotions have two moods this week and two moods only: A or F. Hopefully your grades will be a bit…calmer than that.

Libra: Getting a bunch of different news all at once might overwhelm you, so it helps to imagine yourself as the Sand Guardian, guardian of the sand, to keep cool.

Scorpio: You may notice that you’re not angry this week. You’re angry. Whether you choose to try containing it or unleashing it upon everything in its sight is up to you.

Sagittarius: You don’t always get what you want when you want it, unfortunately, and that may come to a head this week — you want curly fries in the caf, but they only have straight ones.

Capricorn: If you’re like the guy named Ron who sneezed in that one Vine and scared deer away and someone got upset, assert yourself. You sneezed, you’re not allowed to sneeze.

Aquarius: It might be tricky to keep your words in check this week. The stars recommend smuggling a pet parrot (African greys are best) into your dorm for practicing conversations.

Pisces: Take close note this week, of who’s making you a better you and who isn’t. Don’t be afraid to make like a hair stylist and pull out them scissors if it comes down to it.

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Look for the answer key in next week’s (Feb. 6) edition!