Immersion opportunities increase

Four new immersive learning courses for the fall, more to come in the spring

By Ellen Siefke
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Criminal justice major James Waddell’s fall schedule was fairly typical for a college sophomore: Classes, extracurriculars and more filled his time. However, one class was anything but typical — the Inside-Out prison exchange program. Each week, Waddell attended class with 14 inmates at the Lebanon County jail, discussing topics like correctional officer training and injustices within the correctional system. Being immersed in a community that completely differed from his own left a lasting impact.

“I got to experience people from all walks of life who did not want to be in the system in the first place. I really understood, from their point of view, the inhumane-ness of being in the system,” Waddell said at a March 6 panel about immersive learning courses. “I had prejudices coming in about inmates — that they’re scary, the worst of society — and after leaving this past semester, I just see them as humans. I mean, that’s what we should all see them as, humans, but just simplifying it. They’re human beings, they have goals in life, they want to get out, they want to pursue careers like I want to pursue law enforcement.”

It’s experiences like Waddell’s that define immersive learning and encompass its goals. And thanks to the Eigel Center for Community-Engaged Learning’s work throughout the past year, more opportunities to have these experiences are being created for students. The fall semester will see four new immersive learning courses, from marketing to philosophy, with plans to continue their expansion into the spring.

According to Father Nathan Wendt, a member of the Eigel Center staff and the program coordinator for Road Through Xavier, immersive learning combines academic coursework with immersion experiences in which students learn about social justice issues facing communities.

“Immersive learning is a curricular experience tied to academic coursework that immerses students with different communities, either locally, domestically or internationally, with professors,” Wendt said. “The focus of the immersion is to start to build solidarity with other communities and explore issues of social justice within those communities.”

The new immersive learning classes for the fall include Marketing 300, Philosophy 333, Theology 345 and an Honors 300 interdiscipli- nary philosophy and biology course. All four include some type of immersion experience.

For example, Theology 345: The Challenge of Peace will involve a weekend immersion experience in Detroit at the Taproot Sanctuary, where students will learn about the history of peace advocacy in Detroit as well as intentional living and racial justice within the city.

Students can learn more about the fall 2019 courses either through Road Through Xavier or by searching via the immersive learning web page.

One of the distinguishing features of an immersive learning course is its focus on community engagement and building relationships. In contrast with service learning courses, students do not enter communities specifically to provide a service but rather to listen and gain new perspectives. They also have to meet specific learning outcomes, including analyzing systemic causes of injustices within a community and demonstrating intercultural competence. The Eigel Center’s immersive learning web page.

“There’s no task to be accomplished for anyone when you’re having the immersion experience, but rather being with others and learning from others and being welcomed by others to have an experience in their life and learning about systemic issues,” Wendt said. “It’s supposed to shape students’ world views and also build relationship with people.”

Waddell and senior occupational therapy major Rachel Zapf, a member of the Eigel Center staff, attended class with 14 inmates at the Lebanon County jail, discussing topics like correctional officer training and injustices within the correctional system. Being immersed in a community that completely differed from his own left a lasting impact.

“I came back with a lot of internal dialogue. It’s really hard to explain,” Zapf said. “I struggled with the fact that I saw things in Guatemala that you would never see in the United States, so that was the biggest takeaway.”

Spanish professor Dr. Diane Ces-DiFrancesco said even though these experiences can be challenging, they are important because they help students recognize a plurality of perspectives. Her Latino Voices in the Community class, another immersive learning course, emphasizes active listening and providing a voice to the voiceless as part of this process.

Even though there are only four new classes for the fall, Waddell, Ces-DiFrancesco and the rest of the Eigel Center staff are continuing to work with faculty to expand the offerings for the spring. They are currently exploring options within the history, English, and psychology departments as well as looking to add more theology and business courses. They’re also looking to expand internationally, with potential experiences in the Caribbean and Central and South America.

Ultimately, Wendt said, the goal is that immersive learning experiences will become the norm for Xavier students.

“Students’ experiences of having immersed experiences have helped their world view and what they’re thinking about for their careers in how to approach their careers (and) what they will be doing,” Wendt said. “Because of their potential impact, the university has a priority to make more of these experiences.”

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Student Worker Feature: RAs

BY ALEX BUDZYNSKI
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Student, community builder, role model, resource, advocate and friend. Such are the duties of the residence assistants (RAs) who keep students safe and help them manage living-quarter conflicts while living on Xavier’s campus.

In exchange for housing and a meal plan, being an RA comes with high expectations and a lengthy list of responsibilities — many of which are behind the scenes. Per the job description provided by the Office of Residence Life, RAs must open and close all doors of the Office of Residence Life, maintain both a professional and approachable persona.

Above all, RAs are responsible for the well-being of their floor.

With such hefty obligations, it is no wonder the application process to be an RA is an extensive one. This year’s application process recently finished, and next year’s RAs have begun the training process.

Zach Lippe, a first-year mathematics major, was one of the applicants hired and can attest to the intense selection process that lasted two months.

“There are a bunch of say questions on OrgSync for the general application to narrow down the pool. After that there is a group interview to see how you work in a team dynamic followed by two personal interviews where we are interviewed by a hall director or a current RA,” Lippe said.

RAs go through lengthy training to ensure they will be prepared to care for residents. “We have summer training, winter training and then a spring training as well as educational opportunities for professional development,” senior RA Anna DeHondt said.

DeHondt has been an RA in Brockman Hall for the last three years and applied because she has always been drawn to opportunities for leadership and the idea of working with incoming students. “I have a lot of passion for Xavier,” she said, “and I like helping first-years develop the same passion.”

Supporting fellow students was also an incentive for Lippe. “I really like being a role model in the community and being there to help others with whatever needs they have,” he said. “I am really looking forward to build a sense of community in my residence area.”

Being in these leadership roles also has a downside. “You’re in a fishbowl so everybody can and will be paying attention to what you are doing, so you have to be a role model in all aspects,” DeHondt said.

RAs also have to strike a balance between being approachable while enforcing rules, something Lippe thinks will be a challenge. Though DeHondt understands its necessity, she dreads the disciplinary process. “I wish people knew that RAs do not enjoy documentation and write-ups,” she said.

DeHondt says the role isn’t for everyone. Besides being emotionally taxing and time consuming, you do have to enforce rules against peers, and it has been difficult for her to watch friends move off campus. “I would recommend somebody who is willing to have an alternative college experience but who is also able to see the positives of such an experience,” DeHondt said.

Otherwise, both DeHondt and Lippe encourage people with all sorts of interests and personalities to apply. “You need to have a diverse set of RAs in order to relate to the diverse group of residents,” Lippe said.

DeHondt added, “Just going through the RA process is a great opportunity to learn and grow as a person. You can develop skills that will apply for a future career.”

DeHondt sees RAs as vital to dorm living and the college experience: “I can’t imagine a building without RAs. I think we do a lot more with safety than people recognize.” Besides safety, Lippe noted the emotional impact of RAs. “It is important, especially for newer students, that there is someone who can easily be approached to answer questions or talk to,” he said.

Tobacco and nicotine ban approved, Pulse Survey and D’Artagnan’s Den update.

- The President’s Cabinet approved the tobacco and nicotine ban. The policy will take effect this July.
- The new Police Chief, Robert Warfel, officially started his position this Monday.
- Undergraduate participation in this year’s Pulse Survey, 25 percent, increased significantly from last year’s 11 percent participation. Due to the high level of participation, this year’s results can be generalized to the entire campus community.
- D’Artagnan’s Den in the Gallagher Atrium is currently being updated with new gaming consoles.

Fresh events for the changing seasons
Spring ahead with SAC events, galas and awareness weeks

March 18 Student Government Association Meeting Recap

Sex Week - daily events including tabling and discussions. Check schedule on Instagram @sexweekxu

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Admissions scandal rocks the U.S.

Colleges take action against students who may be associated with the scheme

By Jack Dunn and Ryan Kambrich

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The University of Southern California (USC) said in a statement on Monday that it has placed holds on the accounts of students who may have been associated with an admissions scheme.

They will not be able to register for classes or acquire transcripts while the university investigates the matter. Other universities have made similar investigatory moves.

The college admissions scandal has rocked the nation’s elite universities and placed current college coaching practices and admissions procedures under scrutiny.

Last week, the U.S. Attorney in Massachusetts charged 50 affluent individuals with fraud and bribery of admissions personnel at elite universities including Yale, Stanford and the USC.

Among the most famous indicted are TV stars Felicity Huffman of Desperate Housewives and Lori Loughlin of Full House and Fuller House. Loughlin and her fashion designer husband allegedly paid bribes of $500,000 to have their two daughters designated as recruits to the USC crew team, despite having never participated in crew.

Their 19-year-old daughter, famously known as Olivia Jade, gained notoriety after the scandal broke. Jade is a YouTuber with almost 2 million subscribers and 1.4 million followers on Instagram. In late September, she was paid by Amazon to post about her decorating her USC dorm on her Instagram with gear from the company.

William Singer is the college coach at the center of the alleged organized bribery and fraud scheme. Prior to the charges, he operated a for-profit admissions business known as The Edge College & Career Network as well as a nonprofit, the Key World Foundation.

Singer worked with nearly 700 clients through these two college coaching organizations. However there is no indication that all of these clients participated in the alleged schemes.

Students were allegedly granted admission to universities through multiple bribes of $200,000 and $6.5 million for him to arrange a third party to help their children get into elite universities.

Singer pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy, money laundering, tax conspiracy and obstruction of justice and faces up to 65 years in prison and a $1.25 million fine if convicted.

Prior to the announcement of the wider charges, Singer cooperated with the Department of Justice (DOJ) in a deal that included wearing a wire and implicating others involved in the scheme.

Students were allegedly granted admission to universities through multiple fraudulent methods. Parents would allegedly pay between $200,000 and $6.5 million to Singer. He would then use the money to arrange for a third party to take admissions tests such as the ACT or SAT or for coaches at various universities to recruit the individuals as student-athletes.

In a number of cases, students recruited as athletes were not actively involved in the sport at their respective high schools.

Direct university applications were also allegedly falsified.

The scheme had allegedly been going on since 2011 and was discovered through an unrelated case.

The FBI and DOJ have been investigating for more than a year.

Week in Review

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• In the wake of Dog May-dor Duke’s death, a town in Vermont has elected its own mammalian mayor: a 3-year-old Nubian goat named Lincoln. Lincoln will serve a one-year term (March 8).

• The Alma Otter will, unfortunately, not be UIUC’s next cute mascot. Or: a 3-year-old Nubian goat named Lincoln. Lincoln will serve a one-year term (March 8).

• An Australian cell phone sacrificed itself to save owner by taking an ar-row straight to the circuit board. The owner had held up the phone to take a picture of his armed assailant (March 14).

• Two St. Louis men moved scooters for a two-hour trip (March 14).

Photo courtesy of Facebook

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Time for states to address priest abuse

I saw a cat get hit by a car the other morning. It was an orange tabby, crossing the road when a white SUV drove by and a wheel smashed it in the side of the head. It fell in the middle of the street, as the lower half of the body squirmed around for 10 seconds or so before lolling limp. The only sound was the thump from the contact.

I was sitting on my porch with a friend as the scene unfurled. After a few moments of dealing with the immediate shock of observing such a thing, we walked up the street to check if the cat was all right, but it had stopped moving and breathing. Its left eye was popped out onto the asphalt, and the smell of death permeated the air. It didn’t have a collar. It was likely a stray that wouldn’t be missed by anyone because it wasn’t lucky enough to have a home — an insignificant death. It is insignificant to me, as my friend said, things die every day. People die all the time, so do animals and plants. The world moves in isolation and inebriated with death and dying. So, death is insignificant because it’s commonplace. It only sticks with us when we are witness to it, whether through time and place or reflection. It is because I am crossing into that world of nonbeing or otherbeing, depending on what a person believes. However, there is no escape from this end to life, and it’s ridiculous to try and conjure up meaning for the death of a stray cat in the middle of the street at nine in the morning on a Sunday, while I sit on my front porch smoking cigarettes with a friend an hour after we’d eaten pancakes in my kitchen.

It’s the context of events that give them meaning. When something is out of place, it comes as a shock — or for reasons that which is crossing into that world of nonbeing or otherbeing, depending on what a person believes. However, there is no escape from this end to life, and it’s ridiculous to try and conjure up meaning for the death of a stray cat in the middle of the street at nine in the morning on a Sunday.

But nonetheless, I haven’t been able to stop thinking about that cat. I’m known to do ridiculous things all the time, and so here I am, trying to conjure up meaning for the death of a stray cat in the middle of the street at nine in the morning on a Sunday, while I sit on my front porch smoking cigarettes with a friend an hour after we’d eaten pancakes in my kitchen.

So, what’s the context of this cat’s death? I’ve only provided my own context for the event that happened because I can’t know the context of this death for the person who was driven by and didn’t stop, or the context for anyone or anything else that saw. I’m thinking and applying my own context stuck in my own reality with only imagination to attempt to overcome the limitations of myself.

How many deaths have I not seen, simply because I’ve been lucky enough to be dis- tanced from them? Even then, how many deaths have been insignificant just because I haven’t thought to put the weight of giving meaning on a death when I’m the one who am I to decide what has meaning outside of myself? Time will tell. For now, I’m trapped in a sense of uncertainty about this innocent death at nine in the morning on a Sunday, while I was smoking a cigarette with a friend an hour after we’d eaten pancakes in my kitchen.

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Pulling weeds at Gorman Heritage Farm. Immersing and educating myself on the issue of homelessness. Building home garden beds for Evanston residents. Leading a group on the topic of urban education in Cincinnati. Staying on a farm. Growing relationships with men experiencing addiction. These are just a few of the service opportunities that Xavier has provided me.

Whether it be Alternative Breaks, X-Change or Community Action Day, I have been blessed with countless opportunities to serve. All of these service opportunities have been programs that challenged me to examine what service means to me.

The gifts of our Ignatian heritage tell us two things about service. First, our service must be rooted in justice and love. Second, we also must aim for solidarity and kinship. How can we achieve these goals? What does \textit{just} service really mean? Just service means that the service we engage with must truly seek to resolve a social problem. Just service puts the needs of others above our own. Just service builds long-lasting relationships that are based in solidarity and kinship.

Service that has its goal in solidarity is not short-term. Solidarity is not something we can achieve during a spring break trip or for a week in a semester. True solidarity influences every aspect of our lives, it is not part of a vocation, it \textit{is} vocation.

This is a very daunting task for so many of us. We want to be nurses, politicians, businesswomen, advertisers, mothers, fathers and countless other things. Can we do all of this and truly live a life fully toward solidarity and kinship? What can we do to still make a difference in the lives of others while living the lives we want to live? This is a large question, and I recognize that I do not have the only answer, nor a complete one and maybe not even the correct one.

For me, service is found in relationships. Just service is building relationships and simultaneously empowering others. This can mean a lot of different things, such as seeking to educate others or perhaps using person-first language.

What does this kind of service look like though? Does this mean going weekly to a soup kitchen and forming relationships with the people there? Does this mean joining the Big Brother/Big Sister program?

All of these are great steps, but one question we need to reflect on is what happens when you stop going? What happens when you graduate, your schedule changes and you can no longer do that service? This can be so detri- mental to those you have been helping. I want to challenge people to fully toward solidarity and kinship. What can we do to make it worthwhile for me.

The relationships that Xavier has been able to build in Cincinnati through Community Action Day and its associated empowerment of important service organizations that make it worthwhile for me.

On that day, while we are painting, pulling weeds, sorting through donations or whatever else the community needs from us, we become part of a large relationship that serves the deeper relationships at play, a tradition larger than ourselves. If you want to be a part of this amazing program, please join us March 30 at 9 a.m. in the Xavier Yard.

Throughout the last few months, I've sent nearly a hundred emails that state my name and that I am putting on a week of programming called \textit{Sex Week}. Some responses are jovial, others concerned, but overall our community received Sex Week better than I initially expected. Before next week officially begins, I want to clarify exactly what \textit{Sex Week is} and, more importantly, \textit{what it is not}.

Before clarifying, I must explain where this project comes from and how the programs and initiatives in the Xavier community. Each year, a group of seniors are nominated to be Arapee Leaders, a group of graduating leaders from across campus. As a part of this group, individuals create legacy projects about their leadership. Some examples are this week's #Queer-FaithXU, Muskie Tiger's Home Is Where the Heart Is program and last spring's She Can, She Will project.

\textbf{Miles Tiemeyer is a junior history and Philosophy, Politics and the Public double major. He is the co-chair of the upcoming Community Action Day.}

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\textbf{What Sex Week is and what Sex Week is not}
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\textbf{Sex Week} takes on an aggressive agenda to help push the conversations about sexual health, relationships and consent forward on what people consider to be a conservative Catholic campus. The programming will cover what we might have missed in sex-ed class: consent culture, sexual health rights and resources, sex expectations in the LGBTQIA+ community and more. Education remains at the center of this project. I want to answer questions about these topics with care, consideration and truth.

In our own community, I have partnered with LGBTQIA+ Alliance, XU College Democrats, Xavier Students Against Sexual Assault (XSSA), BRAVE Peer Educators, Delta Sigma Phi Executive Board, Student Wellbeing Team and Student Government Association (SGA). Beyond the Xavier bubble, I've partnered with Planned Parenthood, Pregnancy Center East, TriHealth, Crossroad Medical Center and Crossroad for information and direction with this project.

I am not conducting this project on my own, and the answers, advice and information are not my opinion. Sexual health questions are answered with resources from medical professionals. Consent culture questions are answered with help from Xavier's Title IX Program Director, XSSA and BRAVE. Sex Week continues to be my passion, but I am not the expert on any of the topics, and I am only able to put on Sex Week with the help and expertise of others.

Now that we've covered what Sex Week \textit{is}, below is what it \textit{is not}.

\textit{Sex Week does not aim to attack the university for not providing condoms and den- tals dams or other contracep- tives to students, nor does Sex Week intend to promote sexual relations, but if that happens, it's totally normal and not weird to discuss. Sex Week is apologetic. The week aims to educate, not indoctrinate with any sort of political philosophy.}

\textit{Sex Week comes as a challenge. I want to challenge Xavier to open its mind to conversations it has long been ignoring. I want to challenge our community and friends to have conversations we usually have behind closed doors out in the open — in Gallagher, in the classroom and beyond.}

Many of the topics discussed during Sex Week have or will impact you or someone you know, so why not have these conversations here on campus? Why not have these conversations while we have access to dozens of resources and community support?

Sex Week is a challenge to our community and ourselves to take our conversations out of the box. If we are not comfortable with the conversations about sexual health, consent or our sexual experi- ences and expectations now, we'll never be comfortable. That only inhibits ourselves and others going forward.

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Ellen Rakowski is a first-year Private Inter- est and the Public Good master's student. She is the principal organizer of Sex Week.
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The men’s basketball team lost to Villanova 51-67 in overtime of the Big East Tournament semifinals after defeating Creighton 63-61 in the quarterfinals. Creighton got out to a fast start against Xavier, with Ty-Shon Alexander propelling the Blue Jays to an early 22-13 lead. Xavier responded well, ending the half on a 25-7 run to take a 39-34 lead into halftime.

Xavier continued to build a lead at the start of the second, getting 12 points ahead after fewer than four minutes gone in the second half. Creighton fought back, eventually taking a 53-52 lead with 5:42 left in the game. Graduate forward Zach Hankins made a tip-in with less than 30 seconds to seal Xavier’s 63-61 win.

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Hozer sings hope into darkness

BY HEATHER GAST
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After nearly five years since his first album, Irish singer-songwriter Hozier released the much-anticipated Wasteland, Baby! earlier this month. This sophomore album is an easy continuation of his self-titled EP and holds onto his signature sound. While it is 100 percent an enjoyable album, Wasteland, Baby! is a step down from Hozier’s debut LP. Though it was a beautiful album, I did have some qualms with it.

In an interview with NPR shortly before the album was released, Hozier, aka Andrew Hozier-Byrne, shared that the album was influenced by the current European and American political climates.

Amidst songs of desolation and apocalypse, Hozier said he hoped the appropriation and apocalypse, Hozier's debut LP. Though it was a beautiful album, I did have some qualms with it.

“Nina Cried Power” is an opening “the kindness, the warmth and the capability of people, even in the imagined apocalypse, Hozier named album would portray "the justice, she failed to make it her own like Umoh. She made me feel devastated yet empowered during "Burn," but she didn’t own the character herself. She had a lot of potential to be wonderful in the role, but I feel she wasn’t at her best.

As for the "modern ma-jor general," I was original-l’y understood the story in a way you just can’t get with the original performance. When I was looking through the playbook, I didn’t get that from Paul Oakley Stovall’s photo and felt that the actor who played Aaron Burr, Josh Tow-er, may have been a better fit.

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Despite the exclamation point, the title track closes out the album on an apoca-lyptic yet mellow note filled with guitar picking. I could’ve done without the watery ef-fect on Hozier’s voice in this sweet love song, and most ev-ery track on the album could benefit from the grittiness of the sound of the first album.

I’m harsh on this album out of love and respect for his ear-lier work, but Wasteland, Baby! is a great album. The be-autiful performance that I got to hear comes next — pref-erably with a shorter hiatus — and anyone is free to get me a ticket for his show at the Taft Theatre on June 7.

Total score:

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Icarus tribute “Sunlight.” The blues-y “Talk” already shows promise of the show. She was sassy at times, but I was not impressed by her own. She had a lot of range and knew how to He commanded the power of sin and heaven’s gates. With a, I was not impressed by her own. She had a lot of range and knew how to He commanded the power of sin and heaven’s gates. With a, I was not impressed by her own. She had a lot of range and knew how to

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Unless you live under a rock or have been “off in Paris for so long,” you’re aware of the current Broadway musical Hamilton. It was recently in town from Feb. 19 to March 10, and I had the honor of seeing it on its final Wednesday show.

I’ve been in love with Hamilton since the soundtrack released in 2016. My entire first year consisted of having various lyrics stuck in my head, so I had high expectations when I walked into the Aronoff Center.

I set aside my bias of adoring the Original Broadway Cast as the show started with "Alexander Hamilton." Each cast member was introduced, including the man himself, played by Edred Utomi. Initially, I was not impressed by Utomi. He had big shoes to fill, and I felt he was over-acting. He was small and rather unimpressive. While Angelica Schlyer is for so long, you’re aware of the current Broadway musical Hamilton. It was recently in town from Feb. 19 to March 10, and I had the honor of seeing it on its final Wednesday show.

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When Angelica Schlyer, played by Hannah Cruz, was also an accept-able Burr. "Wait For It" is my favorite song on the album, and it’s a song that requires a pick-up artist drops his poetic parallel to Orpheus and Eurydice in the chorus to admit he just wants sex.

The rest of Wasteland, Baby! flows well and could fit right into the album’s theme of desolation is a sister track to the title track.

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Aries: Be patient with your special someone. You think they’re going to be there, but they’re not there, so you have to try again another day. To whom am I referring? Your favorite caf’ cookie.

Taurus: Spring break may be to blame for losing touch with time management skills. There’s only one thing to do now: set 12,093,810,297,319,287 alarms.

Gemini: If you miss spring break, you could skip a whole week of school. That won’t be enough to fail you if you haven’t been skipping other classes, right?

Cancer: Be forgiving this week. If your professor still hasn’t graded something they said they’d do over break, remember that you probably didn’t want to do work then either.

Leo: You might be so fast-paced your peers can’t keep up with you. Take a breather and remember that extensions, excused absences, office hours and dropping out of school exist.

Virgo: Value things in life that don’t have price tags…except that’s kind of hard to do when you’re at risk of starving without some kind of school-provided food menu.

Libra: The weather’s finally getting warmer! Maybe? Probably? Don’t place any weighty bets. For all we know, this could be another false spring.

Scorpio: Um, where did spring break go? Why hasn’t college taught us how to make time machines? That’d be pretty useful right now.

Sagittarius: Check up on your plans and make sure they’re still in alignment with your interests. Like, for example, don’t go (or do go) into the areas that had an email spam of tornado warnings.

Capricorn: Who needs warm weather when Xavier has you? You could light up a room and heat up a stage, so make sure your confidence isn’t wavering this week.

Aquarius: Are you being expected to conform? Being made to wear closed-toe shoes when you only have super cute open-toe ones? Wear shoes so cute they’ll change the rules for you.

Pisces: If you’ve got that buddy who keeps taking your snacks and “forgets” to give anything back in return, disguise a gross alternative (like toothpaste in Oreos) and watch the madness.

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**Sonnet to Prague**

**By Sofie Simonet**

*Guest Writer*

The Mother, Prague, has given me her veils,
And I, her daughter, shift my hair beneath
My eyes, with clawèd sighs solemnly weep
And inebriate my eyes with teary ales.

Yet I break from her black iniquity
With silent castigations’ memory
My Mother’s venom suffocates my vein
The passageways of sky, the deathless sieve.

Yet I, the simple seamstress, wish to wreathe
And make it shiny the Mother’s Prague with veils,
She has created a four-leaf clover emoji that simply needs to be eliminated

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**Emoji Review**

**By Trever McKenzie**

**Online Editor**

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**Apple** – 10/10

The detail. The drama. The confiama. Apple served us Versace shamrock realness.

**Google** – 2/10

Okay Google, show me the picture definition of “low effort.”

**Microsoft** – 0/10

(gif of Oprah doing the “well duh” shrug)

**Samsung** – 3/10

I mean... OK. Whatever.

**WhatsApp** – 1/10

The only redeeming quality about this microscopico emoji is that there’s at least some effort on the leaf.

**Twitter** – 0/10

I’m sorry my dear, you are up for elimination.

**EmojiOne** – 5/10

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**EmojiDex** – 6/10

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**HTC** – 2/10

This emoji looks like what finding a pot of roaches at the end of the rainbow feels like.

**Mozilla** – 7/10

She’s got some interesting angles on the leaf, but that bland color choice? Mm. Sis.

**SoftBank** – 9/10

Whoever designs the SoftBank emojis deserves a raise. This shamrock is serving body ody ody.

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**Crossword**

*Look for the answer key in next week’s (March 27) edition!*

**By Trever McKenzie**

**Online Editor**

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**Across:**

2. Something put onto a leaf to make it shiny
3. The celebrity who appears in a referenced gif
4. The narrator of a poem on this page below
5. A sign wants to turn back
6. The Sonnet written on this page is to

**Down:**

1. Put ___ in Oreos
2. The social media platforms that has created a four-leaf clover emoji that simply needs to be eliminated
3. The sign that should be patient this week