Robert Warfel joins XUPD after working as a trial attorney and an FBI agent

BY ALEX BUZYNSKI Staff Writer

This past week, Xavier welcomed its newest member to campus: Robert Warfel, who officially assumed his position as the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police.

Although Warfel was named the new head of the Xavier University Police Department (XUPD) in early February, the government shutdown meant that he was unable to leave his previous job with the FBI until last week. He replaces Daniel Hect, who left the university at the beginning of the academic year.

Warfel comes to campus after working as an attorney and FBI agent, holding a B.A. from Butler University and a law degree from Ohio Northern University College of Law. He passed the Ohio bar exam upon graduating, and law degree from Ohio Northern University College of Law. He passed the Ohio bar exam upon graduating, and

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In this new phase of his life, Warfel knew that he was interested in working in a school setting. He described the opportunity to work on college campuses as exciting, with "a dynamic community" and "constant changeover as new classes come in."

"You never stop learning, and for me, each opportunity or endeavor I have undertaken has allowed that opportunity," he said. "(It's) a perfect fit."

As the new Chief of Police unpacks boxes and settles into his new role, he said that he is spending a lot of time "working directly with patrol officers, the sergeants and the lieutenants that have been here operating the department." He is listening to what these veteran staff members have to say to "learn their perspectives on some of the things that are going well."

"My goal is to figure out how we can meet the needs of the community we serve as well as give our department the best resources to make that happen," Warfel said. He is currently working with the Safety Committee on campus as well as the university board to determine his first steps in getting to know the community that he will serve. As such, he expects his agenda to be very hectic in the coming weeks.

One particular reason he is getting to know the community, especially the other XUPD officers, is so that he can have a better sense for the direction of the anticipated Assistant Chief of Police position. This new role on campus will focus on operations involving community outreach and personnel matters such as officer training, and it will be one of Warfel’s first major actions as Chief of Police.

According to Warfel, the position was posted and will close on March 27. Right now, they are conducting an internal search for candidates before opening the position up to applicants outside of current members of XUPD.

Beyond these preliminary actions, Warfel said he anticipates being at Xavier long-term and added his overall goal is "being able to provide a safe environment for our Xavier students, faculty and staff in order to impact the community and give the students who are graduating the opportunity to take their Xavier experience and put it out into the world."

Additionally, Warfel said he expects the job to be "a learning curve for me that will take some time" but is nonetheless enthusiastic to begin.

"This is a position that I sought, and I am excited to be a part of the Xavier community," he said. Warfel concluded by comparing his work with XUPD to being a parent. A father himself, he sees the Xavier community as part of his family.

"Like any parent, we want our kids to succeed and do well, so when I look at the environment that is at Xavier, I think that is what we as officers in this department also see. This is an extension of family," he said.
Father Michael Graham, president, presented at the Student Government Association meeting on Monday. Graham told all in SGA meeting about whether he meant Fahrenheit or Celsius, he said, a pseudoscience that claims to determine a long-term housing strategy. The new dorm could be completed by 2021, though dates are not final.

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Housing
A new residence hall is still in the works. Graham confirmed that the building would be built between Buenger Hall and Kuhlman Hall, across from Brockman Hall.

The university is scouring working with a construction company from Boston. The university is the process of gathering feedback from students and staff to try to determine a long-term housing strategy.

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Father Michael Graham, president, addressed the Student Government Association meeting on Monday. Senators asked him questions pertaining to the HUB, housing, safety and the owner of Carabello Coffee.

By Devon Baird
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After a three week delay, Father Michael Graham, president, delivered his Report of the Administration during Monday's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting.

Graham was asked questions centering on four topics: the Health United Building (HUB), student housing, Carabello Coffee and campus safety.

The HUB

Although there have been setbacks in constructing the new recreation and education center, Graham reported that some of the lost time has been made up. As of now, the HUB will be opened in two separate "stages."

The recreational portion of the building is scheduled to open in November 2019. However, classes won't be held there until the spring semester of 2020. In good faith, the $3 million contingency budget has remained intact and will be used for an additional multipurpose basketball court.

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Carabello Coffee

A major concern in the current Senate is the owner of Carabello Coffee, Justin Carabello, and his alleged association with conversion therapy, a pseudoscience that claims to "cure" homosexuality.

Carabello worked with an organization that focused on providing counseling for men who struggled with porn overload up until 2008 when he began Carabello Coffee. The organization also offered counseling to "cure" homosexuality.

His current relationship with the treatment center is unclear and is being investigated by the university and the Newswire.

Presently, there have been conversations between Proud XU, the Center of Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of Student Affairs. The next step is for Jude Kiah and Phil Chick of Auxiliary Services to meet with Justin Carabello.

Depending on Carabello’s response and stance on the issue, the university will determine the best course of action. Senators emphasized their concerns about partnering with someone who could be homophobic since this does not reflect the beliefs and values of Xavier.

Safety

Robert Warfel, the new chief of the Xavier University Police Department, has begun working part-time around campus.

Since he is currently finishing up at the FBI, he's been working odd hours on campus, which has allowed him to observe both the campus’ day and night atmosphere. He will start his full-time position in a couple of weeks.

There has also been talk of the university partnering with POM, a security device that fits in the palm of your hand.

POM allows students to request a fake call to get out of an uncomfortable situation, request help from XUPD and much more. This discussion is still premature.

Xavier is looking to Creighton University as an example. Creighton has used this device to enhance safety on their campus.

Xaviers will be adding at least one more emergency phone in the Village and more lighting in the parking lot in the near future.

Photo-op: When does shorts weather begin?

By Aidan Callahan
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As warmer weather nears, the campus community needs to know: when is it OK to wear shorts?

Students’ answers ranged from the physical to the philosophical. We hope all temperature-related answers were referring to the Fahrenheit scale.

"As a native Californian it’s like 55 and up... I feel like it all depends on your usual climate. However some people like to wear shorts when it’s 20 degrees. I’m gonna think you’re crazy, but hey, go for it. It’s all a personal choice." Clara Igou
First-year exploratory major

"I feel like shorts weather is a state of mind. Any weather can be shorts weather if you want it to be." Mitchell Nee
First-year business undecided major

"I'm from Boston... and I went to school in Vermont last year... Shorts weather to me is gonna be a few degrees below someone from, say, LA... I'm gonna give it an exact temperature here: 55 degrees and sunny." Curt Berry
Sophomore finance major

"I think around the end of March, beginning of April when it's not snowing anymore and it starts to get warmer, but it's not too warm." Lily Walsh
Sophomore Digital Innovation, Film and Television major

"For me, the weather better be above 60 degrees. That's all you need to know." Owen Faust
Junior business analytics major

"High school me would say any weather, but now it's two days in a row when it's 60. When pressed on whether he meant Fahrenheit or Celsius, he said, "Fahrenheit for sure." Miles Tiemeyer
Junior Philosophy, Politics and the Public major

"That's a hard question, but I'd say it's when you'd be like shorts and a long-sleeve t-shirt maybe." Pam Dickman
Junior international business major

"My mom always said 50 degrees and up I could wear shorts out of the house, and I haven't ventured away from that belief." Joe Thielman
Senior marketing major
By Emilie Kracki
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Senior Arrupe Leader Gabby Lisi launched the Instagram campaign Queer Faith XU in hopes of promoting awareness and community for queer folk on campus who are also people of faith on March 18.

As an Arrupe Leader, Lisi has met with other notably involved senior student leaders to reflect on their leadership and what they want their legacy to be at Xavier.

Lisi was inspired to start Queer Faith XU as her capstone legacy project during one of the Arrupe Leader meetings. “We were asked things like, ‘what would you have liked to see during your time here?’ And what was missing from your experience?” she explained.

She elaborated that when she arrived at Xavier she was afraid to enter the Center for Faith and Justice (CFJ) because she didn’t know how they responded to the queer community and wondered if she would be accepted or embraced there.

After gaining courage and walking in the door, she now considers the CFJ one of her homes on campus.

Lisi determined she wanted to see representation and community for queer folk on campus, and she chose to use social media.

“The Instagram campaign can be found @queerfaithxu and was originally a weeklong initiative featuring five posts a day, spread throughout the duration of each day. Each post features a testimony of a Xavier student or staff who identifies as queer or is an ally and talks about their experience with faith.”

About half of the individuals chose to remain anonymous in their testimony and the other participants chose to identify themselves.

Sophomore Annie Tobler was invited to participate by Lisi and sees the campaign as a way to start important discussions on campus about people identifying as queer.

“Having that conversation happen at Xavier is important because people don’t realize there are a lot of queer people on campus and sometimes we don’t feel the most accepted,” Tobler said.

Something important to Junior Hannah Freg, who also contributed, was that it could connect people who do not have supportive friends to find a safe space to discuss their sexuality.

“Creating a space where people can talk about that is a single morning of service only. CAD President Miles Tiemeyer said some have expressed the view that a single morning of service only scratches the surface of deeper issues or needs.

“I think that one critique CAD often gets is that it is band aid service, which doesn’t actually address social justice needs, but to me that’s not what CAD is about,” Tiemeyer said.

There are countless people around Cincinnati working for countless organizations trying to make the world a more just place. CAD is about making the lives of those people easier.

“If we can do some of the manual labor so that the staff can address some of the real social justice issues, then I am happy to pull weeds for three hours,” Tiemeyer said. “I think it is important to have short service opportunities on campus so that students who are too busy throughout their week to do other service have the opportunity to do service (at least) twice a year.”

Eros agreed with Tiemeyer and added that these short-term service opportunities can lead to long-term relationships.

“Short service also allows people the opportunity to learn about organizations throughout Cincinnati and hopefully form long-lasting relationships with the sites,” she said.

According to Spolar, the connections made at CAD last longer than a Saturday morning.

“CAD can help serve as a gateway for new students to dip their toes in the water,” Spolar said. “Often times they are serving alongside site leaders and students with plenty of other CFJ-related experience that can be a connector. For example, maybe they enjoyed their time at CAD and want to join X-Change and the other [Dorothy Day Immersion programs].”

As a whole, Tiemeyer said, this morning of service is just that — a single morning, but it can help exponentially.

“Our goal isn’t to create social justice issues, it’s to create a single morning, but it can help exponentially. If we can make the lives of those who do work day in and day out for justice a little bit easier, then we are doing what I think CAD is designed for.”

Campus Action Day still serves up smiles

By Brittany Wells
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Twice a year, over 300 students storm the Gallagher Student Center at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning, awaiting the opportunity to paint walls, dig in dirt and package miscellaneous goods into cardboard boxes.

If you attempted to host this event at any other school, the results may differ, as CAD board member Ryan Tobler said. “Often times they dip their toes in the water,” Tobler said. “Often times they are too busy throughout their day, but it can help exponentially.”

“Seeing the outpour[ing] of love and support for this community through the amount of followers, likes, comments and people coming up to me and those who gave testimonies throughout the day was amazing,” Lisi said.

When the campaign was supposed to end, people were still contacting Lisi to ask if they could share their story on the account. Lisi was ecstatic to continue the campaign, posting additional testimonies. The campaign will continue for as long as people keep reaching out, according to Lisi.

Lisi sees her project as a success. Beyond attributing the positive response to the campaign to word of mouth and social media, Lisi credits people’s willingness to listen.

Religion and queer identity collide
Second Boeing 737 MAX 8 crashes
Campus expresses concerns about flying while the FAA grounds the aircraft

The most recent occurred earlier this month, when an Ethiopian Airlines Flight crashed six minutes after takeoff, killing all 157 people on board.

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The week in review: no police notes edition

- No fewer than 45 rattlesnakes were removed from underneath a home in Texas. The snakes hide under houses during the winter and start to emerge as temperatures rise (March 20).
- Thanks to night camera footage, a man finally discovered the culprit behind his mysteriously organized garden shed: a hard-working mouse. The footage showed the mouse spent approximately 90 minutes each night tiling up the shed, placing screws into a bucket and even trying to lift objects twice its size (March 20).
- A California man set up a series of naked mannequins to deter a nosy neighbor. The man said the stunt was in response to the neighbor’s alleged complaint to the city about plans to build a fence around his yard (March 21).
- A man in Texas decided to test Petco’s “all leashed pets are welcome” policy by bringing in his 1,000-pound steer. Store employees were surprised but did indeed welcome the leashed animal (March 21).
- A 104-year-old woman checked off one more item on her bucket list when she was arrested by the police. Per her request, police handcuffed her and transported her back to the station (March 21).
- Two men discovered a fridge full of beer while cleaning up after flooding in Minneso-ta. The fridge contained Bud Light and Busch Light (March 22).
- A Florida distillery is sending a giant mixing truck on a cocktail tour. The truck features a 2,400-gallon mixer that resembles a cross between a concrete mixer and a martini shaker (March 22).
- A Texas man decided to test Petco’s leash policy with a huge steer.
- An artist announced his plans to construct a quarter-mile-long cheese wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. The wall will require 9,000 blocks of Cotija, a hard Mexican cheese (March 25).
- Seagull imitators from across Europe gathered in Belgium to squawk it out at the Euro-pean Guild Squeaking Championships. Competitors attempted their best gull calls in hopes of winning a basket of Belgian beers (March 26).
- A Hawaiian man will not be allowed to consume Pepsi, his favorite soft drink, for the next four years as part of his probation for a car theft conviction. He had stolen the car to purchase soda (March 26).

The Lion to nose-dive 26 times. Pilots attempted to pull the nose up for 10 minutes before the crash.

A similar problem was identified in the March crash. An anti-stall system was believed to have led to the fatal crash. “To the best of our knowledge, the maneuvering characteristics augmentation system was engaged,” Frank Trowbridge Gerberian, Group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, said.

Ethiopian Airlines also dismissed rumors that pilots involved with the crash were inadequately trained. “They had trained all appropriate simulators,” the airline said in a statement.

After the release of new information, it has been found that both planes lacked two crucial pieces of safety upgrades that could have warned the pilots of issues contributing to the crashes. Neither, however, were mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Boeing is likely to face heavy costs following the events. It will need to update flight control software on the MAX’s and compensate airlines who can no longer use them.

The 737 MAX 8’s have been grounded international-ly, and many orders for that specific type of jet have already been cancelled.
Students share their reactions to the college admissions scandal

By Alex Budzynski
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During spring break, 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 University of Southern California. The students involved were allegedly granted admission to universities through multiple fraudulent methods.

Parents allegedly paid between $200,000 and up to $6.5 million to a college coach, who then arranged 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.

A few weeks removed from the announcement, Xavier students offered their reactions to the latest college scandal to rock the United States.

“I’m not surprised. It finally being talked about, but I feel like everyone secretly knows that wealthier people have an edge when getting into college. I’m more surprised that it’s finally being talked about than it actually happening.”

Jasmine Williams
First-year exploratory major

“I think the scandal is pretty messed up and shines light on an issue that has been going on for a long time. It also sucks for the people who were not given opportunities because of certain people paying their way through.”

Sam Aberle
Junior political science major

“Think the scandal takes away the places in colleges for students who actually deserve them, but it’s also not surprising. And that’s the tea.”

Jesse Lake
First-year business undecided major

“Charging parents who actually deserve opportunities because of their way through.”

Maddie Montgomery
First-year nursing major

New Zealand bans Christchurch manifesto

By Gillen Faenza
Staff Writer

New Zealand has announced a page manifesto written by the Christchurch shooting suspect. The ban would mean anyone caught with the document in their possession could face up to 10 years in prison and anyone selling it could face up to 14 years in prison.

The issue has sparked a debate about free speech in New Zealand. At the same time, local media organizations have debated over whether or not to release the name of the Australian man charged in the shooting.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said after the shooting: “One thing I can assure you — you won’t hear me speak his name.”

The suspect allegedly attacked two mosques in Christchurch, killing 50 and injuring at least 50 more. The suspect also livestreamed the attacks on Facebook.

The original video was seen fewer than 200 times during the livestream and about 4,000 times before Facebook removed it. In response to the attacks, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced plans to shift Facebook’s focus away from a public newsfeed and toward more personal, encrypted communication.

New Zealand Government General Patsy Reddy also signed an order that reclassified specific semi-automatic weapons as “military-style.”

Ardern announced last week in an executive regulation that the country will stop the sale, possession and licensing of semi-automatic weapons.

This has been followed by legislation to sign the ban into law and institute a buy-back program for any weapons already owned by New Zealand citizens.

The plan is similar to what Australia enacted in 1996 in response to a mass shooting in the country.

Those changes have been linked to fewer gun deaths in the years since.

The United States can look to New Zealand and see a willingness to prevent another tragedy by enacting swift gun reform” sophomore history major Kate Roach said.

“The full gun reform proposal will be brought in front of the New Zealand Parliament for a vote during the first week of April.”

Attorney General releases summary of Mueller report

By Ellen Siefke
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The release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s report to Attorney General Bill Barr may have concluded a 22-month probe, but the debate is far from over. Yesterday, the House Judiciary Committee unanimously approved legislation demanding the Department of Justice release details regarding the obstruction of justice investigation of President Donald Trump, indicating that questions still abound.

Mueller’s report detailed the results of his investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election. Barr received the report on Friday and then released a summary of it on Sunday.

Barr’s report stated that the investigation “did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election.”

Barr’s report also summarized the special counsel’s investigation into obstruction of justice concerns surrounding Trump. Here, Mueller did not come to a definite conclusion, instead outlining cases for and against bringing charges.

Barr stated in the report that the evidence presented “is not sufficient to establish that the President committed an obstruction of justice offense.” That said, Barr did note that while Mueller’s report did not conclude that Trump committed a crime, it didn’t exonerate him, either.

Trump and his supporters hailed the report as a victory, saying it brought an end to what he had repeatedly deemed a witch hunt.

“The Mueller report was great,” he said to reporters on Tuesday. “It could not have been better. It said no obstruction, no collusion. It could not have been better.”

Democrats, particularly those who had claimed that Trump had conspired with the Kremlin, faced heavy criticism.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi noted that the president was not fully exonerated by the report and joined six other committee chairs in calling for its full release.

In the Senate, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell blocked an effort to pass a measure calling for the release of the report.
On Sunday, Attorney General William Barr released a letter to the Congressional Judiciary Committees summarizing the conclusions from Robert Mueller’s highly publicized and highly politicized investigation. The investigation lasted almost two years and began after the polarized 2016 election, and during that time Mueller’s findings have been on the minds of politicians and citizens alike on both sides of the aisle.

Many on the left have stood firm in the speculation that President Trump colluded with Russia. For them, the Mueller investigation was a necessary step that would show collusion and lead to the impeachment of President Trump. Most of the right remained committed to the President and, as he often sticks to facts, believed the investigation was a witch hunt stemming from “corrupt” FBI officials, fake news and false “dossiers.”

What Barr’s letter tells us is that Democrats came out on the losing end of the Mueller investigation. Mueller’s report revealed that Russia engaged in multiple efforts to meddle in the 2016 election, something that was denied by other agencies and officials long before the end of this investigation. However, there was no evidence of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia, per Barr’s report.

This is new to the Democrat’s stance, considering that many prominent members and potential presidential candidates stood by a belief in President Trump’s collusion. Many believed that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the FBI knew that President Trump didn’t play fair or accusation that fell on many deaf ears on the right and a position that has now been rendered demon- strably false. The President may not be completely out of the woods though. Mueller found that “there is substantial evidence” that what Barr has already told us. Increasing the pressure for Congression- al investigations into a matter that has now been largely settled only plays into the president’s notion of a “witch hunt.” Any organization or campaign finance violation will most likely be a padded slap on the wrist, as most of these may give way to investigations into these matters, but there is still a lot about the president that is going on. There are many investigations and lawsuits regarding the president’s organization and actions in the past. Some of these may give way to indictments, but none of them will lead to impeachment.

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On March 6, the Newsxwire published an opinion piece entitled “The proper way to honor service.” The following is a response from Brennan H. Kizer Ball and Casey Smith on behalf of the Xavier University Community-Engaged Fellows.

A March 6 opinion piece in the Newsxwire, “The proper way to honor service,” discussed Xavier’s service scholarship and how our university honors service as a whole. As current Community-Engaged Fellows, we appreciate the support the piece expresses for our program, but feel it underrepresents the true meaning of the Fellowship and how our university values community service and engagement.

Our program, which began at Xavier in 1989, was one of the first in the country to support students who commit to service with a tuition-based scholarship. The piece discusses a perceived disparity between the “benefits” reaped by student-athletes and students like us who participate in the Fellowship—benefits such as “notoriety, access to transportation and increased scholarship funding.”

No student enters into service with a community seeking notoriety, and while we are appreciative that our program is known and supported by our classmates, faculty and staff, we hope we are “notori- ous” where it matters most, in the communities we serve who view us as collaborators, friends and representatives of Xavier’s commitment to engaging surrounding neigh- borhoods.

It is true that our program started as a full scholarship for a select few students, but that program changed throughout the years, providing different financial opportuni- ties to the Fellows who came to Xavier. The recent in- crease in scholarship aid discussed in the piece is the first for our program in more than eight years, and we believe it represents a tremendous commit- ment on behalf of the university.

Unfortunately, the piece did not include actual testimoni- als from Fellows about what the scholarship and related in- crease means to them. In not doing so, it missed an opportu- nity to share how emotional it was for many of us to learn about this increase and share this news with our families who work so hard to ensure we can attend and thrive at Xavier. Without sharing these voices, we felt the piece missed a chance to demonstrate how the scholarship and related in- crease will affect each of our lives and the communities we serve. For many of us, a Xaveri- education was out of reach. For others, the scholarship offered what other schools could not: a chance to commit fully to service and commu- nity building while receiving a Xavier education.

We came to Xavier pre- pared to commit ourselves weekly and are dedicated and deeply connected to the communities we serve. The Fel- lowship provides a medium to live a life of solidarity defined by community collaboration. As Fellows, we would not trade our experiences for any amount. We are incredibly grateful for Xavier’s support of such a historic program and for the opportunities we receive both individually and as a Fellowship community.
In my second year here at Xavier, I have found a wonderful group of friends. Each of these friends has many admirable and endearing traits. Sometimes of them are a bit more sentimental and some are a bit rough around the edges. However, there is one similarity that shows itself in flashes every so often. To best describe this similarity, I’ll need to tell a story.

While at lunch one day with several of my friends, we were discussing something very nice that my friend’s boyfriend did for us on Valentine’s Day. He had gotten all of the girls in our friend group a singular rose. Although this friend and her boyfriend have been together for many months, there was little that I knew about him at this point. He always seemed fairly tough. Being in ROTC, he spent a lot of his time with us talking about training drills and similar topics. Given the little that I knew about him, receiving a rose from him for Valentine’s Day was something that I did not expect. This unexpectedness was the chosen topic at lunch that day.

While we were all talking, my friend Olivia, who is often fairly quiet and only makes exclamations when entirely certain of their effects, quickly cheered, “He’s like a Build-A-Bear!” Needless to say we all were amused. She got the hint and amicably cheered, “He’s like a Build-A-Bear!” Despite this, I don’t think this idea fully caught any of my friends. We continued to discuss something very similar and tender rose. Although this friend did for us on Valentine’s Day. He did for us on Valentine’s Day. He did for us on Valentine’s Day. He did for us on Valentine’s Day.

Across the American landscape, warfare has erupted. From what was once thought to be simple friction between two vastly different Churches cohabiting within the same continent, new crusades, the American Crusades, have come roaring onto the scene. But who are these warring factions? In this piece, I will do my best to objectively inform you of the true nature of the two rival faiths in America, the Church of the Elephant and the Temple of the Donkey. We begin with the faith that holds the current advantage in the conflict, the Church of the Elephant. In the theology of the Church of the Elephant, there exist three primary deities: Liberty, Terminus, and Capital. Liberty is the god of the divine law — the rights and freedoms that are given to each individual — and the firstborn of the American gods. Terminus, the brother of Liberty, is the god of moderation and limitation. Finally, Capital, the wife of Liberty and goddess of the fertile chaos that makes up the free market.

The Church is a decentralized, individualized faith, hyper-focused on individual interpretation of the will of the gods. Though there is a rough framework to their rites and theology, there can often be great varieties of interpretation. This individualization of faith often leads to sects and orders of varying radicalism and fervor cropping up in Church lands. Liberty and Capital are the most likely to have these radical sects, which demand everything from a return to birthright membership in the faith to stripping Terminus of domains that are claimed to belong to Capital.

In terms of military strength, the Church of the Elephant tends toward a focus on quality and small engagements. Numerous military orders, such as the Knights of Liberty and the Federal Order, distinguish themselves consistently in smaller scale victories. However, the Church of the Elephant’s military forces fall into the same trap as the Carthaginian general Hannibal in that they can win but fail to understand how to use that victory.

Shifting to the opposite side of the war, we come to the Temple of the Donkey. The Temple has worshipped a wide variety of gods through-out its history, but the most prominent at this time is the deity known as the Intersectional, followed by the goddess Equity and the rising god Socia. First among the Temple’s divine figures is the peculiar figure known as the Intersectional. Though often depicted as male, female and even gender-neutral, the Intersectional has a distinctly masculine symbolism because of its role as the divine origin of societal order rather than the feminine symbolism of fertile generation. This divine figure aides in determining the piety of individuals in society and presides over the punishment of the sinful.

Second for the Temple is the goddess Equity, rumored lost sibling of Liberty and patroness of the oppressed. Finally we arrive at Socia, a reincarnated deity, who is the god of change. Though the Temple’s symbols of change and the red god of change.

While the Church is decentralized and individual-focused, the Temple is centralized and community-focused. The rise to prominence of Intersectional, Equity and Socia has actually produced a partial splinter of their faith, but the older gods hold little sway with the loudest of the faith-ful. These deities actually encourage a more diverse range of converts in recent years, resulting in a wide array of followers accepting the dogmas of the Temple.

However, it would seem that their growth has coincid-ed with a rising moralism and tendency toward the public shaming and punishment of sinners. We are too close in time to know if this is simply coincidental or directly causal. The Temple’s military is much more focused on dense formations of large quantities and hammer blow strikes. Many great victories in recent memory have been won thanks to the sheer number of Temple troops and their variety of armor and tactics. It is much rarer for single military orders or units to distinguish themselves in battles with Temple armies, and so larger formations like the Red Raider Regiment and the Amazonian Armor Corps are more well-known. However, the major downfall of the Temple forces is how often they continuously under estimate their opponents in the Church.

With that final bit of description, I am afraid that I must close my report on the American Crusades for now as I am limited by time and word count. There is much more I could cover, such as the most decorated military units or the propaganda campaigns of both faiths, but this will have to suffice for now. I hope this piece has delivered a better understanding of the conflict on our continent or, failing that, entertained you.

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Xavier's season ended last Sunday against Texas in the NIT, but the future is bright as the Musketeers return four of their five top scorers.

Hunnell swings for success at Xavier

By Michael Rauber

Lyndsey Hunnell did not start swinging a golf club until the age of 12. In middle school, she was choosing whether to play golf or basketball. Today, she is a veteran leader on the Xavier women's golf team.

Hunnell, a native of Roanoke, Va., began playing in golf tournaments when she was in middle school.

"My dad got me to every tournament and would walk the course with me," she said.

Hunnell played high school golf at Lord Botetourt High School in Virginia and chose to play college golf close to home at the University of Virginia.

During her time at Virginia, she majored in media studies and redshirted her freshman season. On top of being a student-athlete, she also worked for the Virginia basketball program while in Charlottesville.

Throughout her golf career, Hunnell has received several accolades. Some of her other accomplishments before her time at Xavier included winning the 2015 and 2016 Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame tournaments, winning the 2015 Roanoke Valley Women's Golf Association City-Country championship, winning the Roanoke Valley Women's City County Tournament in 2012 and being named Roanoke Valley Girls' Player of the Year in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

She was also a Virginia All-State selection in 2012 and 2013. In 2016, Hunnell qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.

Hunnell, a graduate student working toward a master's degree in sport administration, had one year of eligibility.

"After I got the release from my coach at UVA, I started looking at other schools, but Xavier was my top choice and they had gotten back to me first," Hunnell said. "So, I chose to be part of the Xavier program."

During spring break, Hunnell swung her way into the first place at the University of Dayton Invitational. In addition to turning in a 67 on the final day, Hunnell also earned medalist honors at Mid-American Intercollegiate. She had been selected to be an intern for the American Junior Golf Association, which she began after she completed her master's degree in May.

She is awaiting her placement decision but hopes that she will be placed in the West Coast to help coordinate the junior golf tournaments there.

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Xavier Sports
Men's Basketball

The Musketeers received a commitment from graduate transfer Jason Carter. The 6-8 forward will have two years of eligibility remaining. Carter averaged 16.5 points per game last season playing for Ohio University. Earlier this season, he played against Xavier at Cintas Center.

Women's Tennis

Xavier extended its lengthy winning streak to 15 matches after edging out Big East for Marquette by a score of 4-3 last weekend. The win earned the Musketeers to a perfect 5-0 conference record. Senior Sophia Abelson won both her singles and doubles matches against the Golden Eagles.

Track & Field

During the first meet of the outdoor season, sopho-

omy tournament at Boulder Creek Golf Club in Boulder City, Nev. Xavier also claimed fourth place of 14 in the Pizzella Invitational at Sunbrook Golf Course in St. George, Utah, on the same trip.

"My adjustment has been good, but (Xavier) is definitely different from UVA. I am not in the dorms, so it wasn’t so easy to meet people, but my teammates have become great friends and I live pretty close to some of them off campus," Hunnell said.

Throughout her seven tournaments this season, Hunnell has composed an average score of 74.74 per round.

Xavier will play in two more tournaments before the Big East Championships from April 19-21 at Callaway's Island Golf Club in Okatie, S.C.

In her spare time, Hunnell enjoys doing portrait photography as well as knitting for her Etsy business.

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**Xavier wins home opener series against Evansville**

**BY JOE CLARK**

Last weekend, Xavier baseball played host to Evansville at Hayden Field for its first home series of the year. The Musketeers won the first two games of the three-game series before dropping the third game to the Purple Aces. Xavier also traveled to Wright State for the first game of a home-and-home Tuesday, walking away with a come-from-behind 9-8 win in 10 innings.

In the Musketeers’ home opener, the Muscovies were able to erase a 7-0 deficit to storm back and win 11-8. Evansville went ahead 2-0 in the first before taking on another four runs in the second. It went ahead 5-0 in the third, 13-4 in the fourth, but Xavier answered with four runs of its own in the bottom half of the fourth.

The Musketeers, led by T.J. Housinger, who went 4-4 in the game, dugout down the left field line to score junior infielder Connor Grammes from second. This advanced graduation infielder Jake Shepski to third, drawing the Musketeers with two runners in scoring position. A sac fly from senior outfielder Ryan Fournier scored Shepski. Then, freshman Luke Franzoni followed with a two-run home run to slice the Evansville lead to three.

Xavier took the lead in the bottom of the fifth, scoring another four runs in the frame. Grammes singled, then Shepski walked and Housingerer and two runners to load the bases. Junior catcher Natale Monastera’s sac fly to center scored Grammes. Later in the inning, Fournier walked, and Franzoni responded by hitting a bases-clearing double to put Xavier ahead 9-7.

Junior infielder Connor Grammes blasted a two-run home run to aid in the game two win over the Purple Aces in a showdown for the second game against Evansville. He started on the bump in game three and struck out 11 batters in five innings pitched.

Xavier scored in the top of the fourth, but in the bottom half, freshman infielder Kody Darcy hit a solo shot to put Xavier up 3-1. Darcy then went deep again in his next at bat in the seventh, putting Xavier up 4-1. A solo homer by Troy Bellsmith in the top of the eighth cut the Xavier lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead to two at 2-4, but Evansville’s RBI double in the bottom of the eighth gave Xavier the lead.

The biggest question here is whether the Rockies, a team that was only one game behind last year, can leapfrog the division to the top after 96 losses. The division title, eventually advancing to the NLCS.

The Cardinals decided that they did not want to be left out of the playoffs for the fourth straight year and went out and got the best available first baseman in Paul Goldschmidt, signing him to a long-term contract extension. Even though the Cubs sat out most of the playoffs, a healthy Kris Bryant and Yu Darvish combined with no 43 games in 45-day stretches should help the 95-win team get even better. This division is the one to watch this season and could go in almost any direction.

**MLB Preview: Free agent signings rule offseason**

**BY JACK DUNN**

**Campus News Editor**

With another season of baseball upon us, it’s pertinent to take a look at how each division might shape up in the 2019 season.

The NL West will also be interesting to watch this year. The Dodgers have won the division every season since 2013, and the reigning National League champs hope that will translate to a third straight World Series berth. Despite clearing house in the outfield in a failed attempt to get Bryce Harper, their success depends on how much better their competition will get this year.

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Despite losing Dallas Keuchel to free agency, they will still have one of the best starting staffs in baseball with veteran Justin Verlander. The Astros also inked George Springer to a big contract. They might be a huge splash by re-signing the best player in baseball, Mike Trout, to a 12-year, $420 million contract. They still have a big hill to climb to catch up to the Athletics, who won 104 games last year.
De-clutter and de-stress your life? You Kondo it!

By Rose Hofstetter
Staff Writer

The KonMari method can be seen everywhere on Pinterest or on YouTube: “Clean Up with Me,” “Organizing: Finding Happiness and Joy,” “Reduce Clutter, the KonMari Method.” Posts like these are always paired with a professional photo of a pristine house with white marble countertops, perfectly vacuumed carpets, and a trendy coach from Anthropologie.

The change from a messy college dorm to a well-organized Persian cat seems unachievable especially when one is on a college budget. However, I have been able to implement some of these elements into my own life, and it was surprisingly easier than I thought.

The truth is that it’s not only about keeping the things and objects that spark joy. It is about simplifying one’s own life through self-reflection to create productivity. For the KonMari method to work, I had to evaluate each part of my day to know what would make my life easier for me. Simplicity always is the answer to anything in life. Life moves only at the pace you decide is best for you, and I have found that I am my happiest when I put forth the effort to make things easier for me.

So where did I begin? Logically, I started in the morning, and I took it upon myself to consider what I do in the mornings before I head out the door. I didn’t need to hesitate about what I do first thing, even before I open my eyes — I reach for my phone and check social media and emails.

Right off the bat, I realized that doing this is extremely unhealthy. By reaching for my phone, I am giving my attention to something else when I should be focused on myself. I learned that unless there is an emergency, notifications can wait until I can handle them.

Depending on how well one sleeps, it takes a person anywhere from 15 minutes to one hour to fully wake up. If I don’t expect the internet to work instantly in the morning, then I shouldn’t expect myself to be up and ready in five minutes. Having a simple routine doesn’t mean that you don’t have your life together. It means that you understand yourself enough to know what works.

During the day, I am extraordinarily busy. Class after class, eating and procrastinating are not only exhausting but boring. I can get often distracted by the notifications of every assignment being on Canvas, eliminating the need to write things down. It’s time to rethink the idea that we are robots and concede that we don’t have the brains or storage capacities of supercomputers, despite being there at our fingertips. If this is you, you can apply KonMari methods to this feeling of constant distraction by organizing your thoughts.

If you need to do homework, schedule it out. 30-minute nap at 2:30? Schedule it. Eat a vegetable? Schedule it. De-clutter your mind by putting it to paper. This is why bullet journals and planner companies have taken off like wildfire. You can organize your life by managing and breaking down the things that take up time, energy and importance, thus bringing you joy. When it comes to the end of the day, I remember simplicity. I start with the basics: complete small tasks, get ready for bed and then stop. Look around, check the clock and see if there is something I desperately need and can do within five minutes.

If so, I handle it or take five minutes to come up with a plan. I constantly assess my needs, acknowledge them and then take care of them, thus proactively managing my life.
Captain Marvel’s heroism is stellar

By Alex Budzynski

Staff Writer

Action-packed, suspenseful and empowering — Captain Marvel is the most recent Marvel superhero blockbuster to hit movie theaters and it has done so with a bang. Released earlier this month, the movie follows Carol Danvers as she is caught in the center of a galactic conflict between two alien races while trying to figure out her identity and place in this universe.

Set in 1995, Danvers is joined by a young Nick Fury as she flees hostile forces while learning about her past as a U.S. Air Force pilot. She ultimately assumes life as a U.S. Air Force pilot and saves the day.

Time and time again, Marvel’s superhero movies have proven to be successful and attention-grabbing, and Captain Marvel is no exception. After merely two and a half weeks, the film has grossed nearly $456.7 million, the sixth most lucrative of all time.

Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, who is on a quest to do good, directed the film and have done so with a bang. According to Chris Cody, "This release also comes at the climax of the MCU, as the pager pushed by Nick Fury at the end of Avengers: Infinity War is now recognizable as a call to Danvers for help in Earth’s most desperate hour. Hence, this back-story to Captain Marvel provides the perfect segue into the much-anticipated and final MCU movie, Avengers: Endgame, in which Captain Marvel will supposedly come and save the day.

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By Brittany Wells

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Every Sunday at 6 p.m., Grace Barden’s home smells like a dream. Her kitchen fills with the scents of delicious cajun, fresh apple pie or gooey chocolate cake. Her sweet personality fills every baked good with warmth, and it all happens live for more than 500 people to see on her Instagram story.

However, for Barden, it’s about so much more than giving away her concoctions on Instagram. "My cooking gives people hope and love. Our first ever show was just so random… I got the inspiration because our house has so many leftovers. I decided to make homemade ramen using random ingredients in my fridge.

27 weeks, recipes and Cooking with Grace episodes later, she’s still stirring up gourmet food just a few blocks from campus.

Barden is a senior Montessori and special education double major who took a class called Community and Advocacy. Her assignment was to give back, so she started the cooking community. Barden said that when she arrived on campus as a first-year — hailing all the way from Texas — she felt lonely. What she missed most was a home cooked meal.

Now, Barden is ensuring that no one goes hungry on a Sunday night.

"When I cook, I’m in my happy place, but when I give, I feel so much more love than they do," she said. "People think that if you go to Xavier that you instantly have money to pay for food, and that’s not true. People that do need food, they receive when she gives. “When they express that gratitude to me, all my worries in the world, like if I missed an ingredient or if I did anything wrong in that whole entire week, that one statement, ‘Grace thank you so much, you fed me. I don’t know if I was going to have enough food to get me through this week and you just gave me a meal,’ it changes my day. It gives me gratitude."

Barden will stay at Xavier for her Master’s, so this fun isn’t over yet just. All her old recipes and videos can be found on her YouTube and Instagram.

Cooking with Grace gives students the opportunity for a chance to win a home cooked meal every Sunday on her Instagram, @gracebarden.
Where you sit in the caf
And what it says about you

By Heather Gast
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Main corridor (a) — You aren’t afraid of awkwardly spotting someone from your Manresa group across the room. Heck, you might even strike up conversation yourself. ROTC, the swim team and RAs thrive in this area.

Island high top tables (b) — You are popular, in a hurry or Father B. Maybe all three.

Tables and booths on the carpet (c) — Small, introverted friend groups or folks studying from the comfort of the cushions. People who sit here either stare at their phones or stare out the window.

“Last Supper” tables (d) — Simple, you’re either a friend group of first-years who still manage to find time they’re all free, or you’re the track/cross-country team.

Peninsula tables (e) — Core friend groups. These tables are big enough to accommodate all the folks who still have meal plans (or that you slid your ALL Card to) but only those who have weathered the storm of friend drama.

“Sitcom” booths (f) — Friends who value comfort but don’t mind shuffling around whenever someone needs to get another plate of mac and cheese. Also for folks who need an outlet to study.

High tops (g) — Either you’re an awkwardly small group, or you take up almost every seat. No one ever fills all eight seats perfectly. You are right below a speaker, so someone will sing along to the caf playlist.

Single tables (h) — You might be on an ironic date. You’re self-conscious enough that you don’t want to take up more seats than you need but not so self-conscious that you won’t sit where it is obvious that you’re alone.

By bathroom (i) — You enjoy seclusion, or you want to kick back with the caf workers.

Booths by the pasta line (j) — You are oblivious or reckless. Do you realize that if a tour started ransacking the caf you would be trapped or have to fight your way out? If you kick around during pasta rush hour, your mental fortitude is beyond my comprehension. You may identify with Hobbits, moles and other creatures that live in cozy nooks.

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