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Looking back at the year with BDA

SGA leadership share their thoughts about their first semester as Executives

By Kevin Thomas
Managing Editor

As the spring semester comes to a close, we at the Newswire decided it was time to meet up with our Student Government Executives and see how they think their first semester as our leaders has gone.

Because of the length of the interview, we will be publishing a second part in next week’s issue, followed by an online version that will have the entire transcription.

Kevin: First question, broad question, how do you think the first semester has gone?
Desmond Varner, Vice President: I mean, to be honest with you, I think it’s been extremely challenging in a lot of ways because there’s so much traction that you have to gain in order to get people’s attention or accomplish specific objectives, as well as just doing administrative tasks that seem kind of miniscule but are important to the university as a whole.

Blair McKee, President: It has been a lot of just kind of trying to get people familiar with who we are, kind of getting a few of our initiatives off the ground… We have gotten some things accomplished, but I think we’ve done a really good job keeping the office more open… We’ve been really trying to shift the culture of SGA to what we think it should be…

K: Now moving onto your projects, what’s the (free) laundry done.
A: …Blair McKee, President: I think the first semester has really addressed the issue of security…
B: I can go more in depth.
K: What do you guys see coming, we think, pretty sure. That actually hasn’t been something we’ve…
D: Broadcasted, but it’s actually a great thing and it really addresses the issue of security…
B: I can go more in depth. We never put it on our platform because we didn’t know about it until we got into office…
POM device is another safety measure that we’re trying to implement, and it got approved by Father Graham and the public safety committee, so now it’s just a matter of how many we’re going to purchase.

K: On the note of challenges, what’s been the biggest challenges you’ve faced so far?
B: If we were to bring people to campus, it will be a bit more, but like, we’re talking social life, we’re talking like groups that people can be a part of, physical fitness, mental health, whatever the aspect that the university can hold…

A: …Putting it out there, and being action-oriented.
D: Embodiing servant leadership time making sure we’re still accountable for the actions or lack of actions.
K: What are you hoping to get accomplished next semester?
B: It doesn’t happen, don’t hate me, but it will happen. We want a Fall Fest. Fall Fest being something big that students can look forward to during first semester. First semester is filled with a lot of small programming and after Week of Welcome, kind of dwindles out. We want people to have something big and fun for first semester. We’re really trying to collaborate with other organizations to see what we can do…

A: Something that touches different communities at Xavi-er. Not saying that Xavier Fest doesn’t, but really focusing on different aspects of culture or identity or race.
B: …We were to bring someone, it would be you, know different genres.

A: Different food options too, trying to be as culturally appropriate as we can to represent different cultures or ethnicities. Activities could be something different. We’re still picturing something big.
B: We just started on some of the initiatives in our platform that we’ve kind of been taking a sidestep from but we haven’t necessarily been focused on because we’ve had so many other things to fulfill. Additionally, a big thing is making sure we give ourselves time to do what executives do and not necessarily go to luncheons and dinners — which are great — but at the same time making sure we’re still embodying servant leadership and being action-oriented.
By EMILIE KRACIK

Staff Writer

Xavier’s own Dr. Ashley Hinck, launched her first solo written book, Politics for the Love of Fandom: Fan-Based Citizenship in a Digital World, March 13. The work is all about the merging of fandom and politics. Hinck, a communications professor, describes this blend as a new form of civic action that is blend-to the Internet. It’s like to be a fan in all the fandoms open up to me, an outsider, and teach me what it’s like to be a fan in all the different communities.

Hinck also went through an extensive writing process. Her favorite place to work was her home office, where it was quiet and it was quiet and there were lots of snacks. Time management was key, because after sending the book proposal to her publisher and getting it approved, she had to provide a date the book could be published. To keep that deadline, Hinck would set aside roughly two to three hours, three days a week, to write the book.

Hinck shared that she planned to finish the book in 2019 because of its relevance to upcoming elections. “I wanted to push myself to finish the book faster rather than slower because the information it provides is pertinent to politics right now,” Hinck said.

Hinck’s book was published in March and is currently available for purchase on Amazon.

As summer grows closer...

The end of the year continues to heat up on campus

**Sunday**  **Monday**  **Tuesday**  **Wednesday**  **Thursday**  **Friday**  **Saturday**

24  **SAC: Hypnotist Chris Jones, Arrupe Overlook, 9 p.m.**  **25**  SAC: Spike Ball Tournament, Sand Volleyball Courts, 4 p.m.  **26**  **Held Celebration, Xavier Yard, 3:30 p.m.**  **27**  End the Stigma 5K Walk/Run, Cintas Center, noon

28  **CFJ: Service of Remembrance, Bellarmine Chapel, 2 p.m.**  **29**  **Survivors Speak Event, Bellarmine Circle, 6 p.m.**  **30**  Beethoven Choral Fantasy, Gallagher Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  **2**  **May 1 Women’s Institute for Leadership Development Info Session, Fenwick Hall, noon**  **3**  SAC: XavierFest, Xavier Yard, 4 p.m.  **4**  **Study Weekend**

5  **6**  **Late Night Breakfast, the caf, 9 p.m.**  **7**  **8**  **9**  **10**  **11**  Last day of Spring Semester
All American tackles off-field issues

The CW’s new football high school drama series proves surprisingly enjoyable

By Luke Feliciano
Sports Editor

Admittedly I stumbled upon The CW television show All American on accident. I intended to only watch one of the latest episodes of Riverdale, but an advertisement alerted me of the channel’s new series. After watching each weekly installment of All American’s two-episode first season, I was thoroughly impressed by the show. I have a great appreciation for it, especially because it is loosely based on the life of former NFL player Spencer Paysinger. The show centers on main character Spencer James (played by Daniel Ezra, who masks his British accent flawlessly.) James comes from the rough-and-tumble neighborhood of Crenshaw where he escapes the dangers of street life by being the star player on his high school football team. James finds himself getting into trouble at school, which forces his mother to recruit an old beau — coach Billy Baker — to entice James to live with him and play for his team in Beverly Hills. James reluctantly agrees and finds himself thrust into what seems like an entirely foreign world. Throughout the first season, James slowly assimilates to life in Beverly Hills, but at the same time, he attempts to hold down the fort in Crenshaw. James is by no means a static character. He’s both likeable and dynamic as he strives to fit into the mold of his new surroundings while simultaneously clutching onto his roots. The narrative does a fantastic job of splitting screen time between Beverly Hills and Crenshaw, as James often visits home to check in. He sometimes gets himself into hot water as he attempts to keep a foot in both camps. James displays this innate maturity that makes him such a perfect lead character. He is forced to make tough decisions, like when he is eye-to-eye with his estranged father who returns in an attempt to rectify his wrongdoings. Perhaps the most interesting development of the show is that James never loses himself. He stays true to form while also adapting to his new life. One admirable quality is that he doesn’t let his personal hardship define him. While the backdrop of the show centers on the sport of football, it doesn’t have an overwhelming presence. There are several episodes that don’t even really have any game action. What really matters about this show is the growth that James and those around him) makes as the season progresses.

Because All American is successful in creating a plotline that is perhaps more dramatic-filled off the field than it is on, I deem it a success. The scenes that show the characters in-game are actually quite underwhelming. In most instances, the outcome of the game is predictable. Even if the action takes a sharp twist, the suspense is sub-dramatic and resembles a second-rate production.

In any case, there are reasons to suspect that the first season won over many viewers, and this alone should remain a viable reason why a second season should be ordered.

For the time being, The CW hasn’t officially announced a season two. However, the first season recently dropped on Netflix, and the streaming numbers will likely factor into a decision to give a green light for a second season.

While James is presented as a thick-skinned character who faces many obstacles in this coming-of-age story, there are still many storylines that have to play out. Therefore, a second season of All American should be just as good, if not even better, than the first.

ISIS claims Sri Lanka Easter terrorist attacks

By Ryan Kamibich
Opinions and Editorials Editor

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) claimed responsibility on Tuesday for a series of terrorist attacks that occurred on Easter Sunday throughout the island of Sri Lanka. Local officials have said that the bombings might have been in retaliation for the killing of 50 people at two Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Despite this claim, there has not been direct evidence of coordination between the bombers and the terrorist group. However, Sri Lanka Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said in a press conference on Tuesday “We can’t tell you immediately definitely to whom they had links, (but) there was suspicion that there were links with ISIS.”

The Sri Lankan government has also admitted that it had warnings about a potential attack in the days prior.

At least six suicide bombers were involved in attacks at three luxury hotels, and three churches while they were celebrating the Easter holiday on April 21. The attacks killed an estimated 310 people and injured 500 more.

Week in Review

Loss of a collection, bees and a T-Rex

• Four sweat bees were removed from a Taiwanese woman’s eye. The bees, attracted to her tears, had entered her eye while she was pulling weeds from her relatives’ graves. The woman is expected to make a full recovery (April 11).

• An Indiana man is suing his parents after they destroyed his pornography collection that he claims is worth $20,000. The collection included 12 boxes of films and magazines and two boxes of various kinds of sex toys (April 15).

• Contractors in a Florida town required a lesson in elementary spelling after erroneously painting “SOCOHOL” on a crosswalk. The error has since been corrected (April 19).

• A fossil hunter has earned the wrath of the scientific community for attempting to sell a baby Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton on eBay. Scientists have expressed concern that the sale will mean the specimen will end up in the hands of a private collector instead of being used for further research (April 22).
The importance of connection

My name is Brianna Led- some, and I am a survivor. We have this broken perception of what sexual assault is and is not in our society. It permeates the minds of survivors when we are contemplating the implications of our trauma, and it makes rape culture that much harder to diminish. Rape is not just a man in an alley. Rape is not just a defenseless woman who couldn't protect herself. Rape is diverse and traumatic. According to RAINN, “Among undergraduate students, 25.1 percent of females and 5.4 percent of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence or incapacitation.” Someone once revealed to me that they believed all people were inherently good, and that those who did bad things only had forgotten their good ness and would be redeemed. While sure, that may be true, and deep in my heart I believe that it is true, it does not mean healing in my soul, and I was immediately nauseated. It was out of this anger at the world for assuming what my assault was for me that I began to create “What I Wish People Knew.”

For survivors, society already does not accept our stories. We are met with questions and reactions to our experience. The burden of forgiving your perpetrator is a lot to ask of someone whose trauma is not met with understanding. Neither or not individuals are redeemable is not a supportive dialogue for survivors. In fact, it can be counterproductive in providing support. “What do you mean my assailant is an inherently good person? You know what I wish you knew about him?” And thus, “What I Wish People Knew” was born. The project is a photo series showing the experiences of survivors and the things they wish the world knew about their assailant. It emphasizes that perpetrators and survivors are male, female and nonbinary. It shows that survivors are every race, gender, ethnicity and socioeconomic class. It proves that assault is not a uniform experience for a homogenous group. It is diverse. It affects all kinds of people. As of today, 100 survivors, from Xavier and beyond, have shared their stories with me, and they are being show-cased on @WhatIWishPeo pleKnew on Instagram. The series is important. It is not just a way to challenge the narrative that rape is only one thing but also provides a way to empower survivors in sharing their stories. It makes survivors feel like they are not alone.

Not every story is the same. In fact, they are often vastly different. But it is the shared experience of the community of survivors that makes vulnerability and confronting trauma that much easier. It creates a space to heal. It is said that people start to heal when they feel heard. The point of “What I Wish People Knew” is to ensure survivors feel heard and validated. So often, survivors are met with questions of how their assault occurred and what they were doing when it happened. “Were you drunk?” “What were you wearing?” No one ever asks about the perpetrator, often a survivor’s story is met with equivo-cations and justifications for why the perpetrator is incapable of understanding. The most important words to say to a survivor when they share their trauma with you are simple. Just three little words: I believe you.

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When I tell people that I grew up in the D.C. area, people ask, “How’d you end up out here?”

I was lucky to have grown up in that part of the country because it gave me a chance to see things up close. It played a role in why I chose to study political science. Now, when I tell people that I major in political science and hope to go to law school in the next few years, they usually say, “That sounds boring, but if you enjoy it, then good for you.”

I came to Xavier not having really any clue what I wanted to study. When I started taking political science electives at the end of my first year at Xavier, I knew for a fact that I loved what I was learning and ultimately wanted to return to D.C.

I worked as a pizza boy from my junior year of high school until I began my sophomore year at Xavier, at which time the political science department began accepting applications for the 2017 State Politics Internship Program at the Statehouse in Columbus. I figured that it would be a good stepping stone toward politics in D.C. It was not paid, but it was for credit, so, the next best thing.

I was hooked when I got the offer to live out my dream of flying, watching debates on the house floor and sitting in on committee hearings. It was pretty much how I wanted my life to turn out. I wanted out of life and what I was doing it all for.

This led to many major changes. I stopped saying yes when people asked for help. I stopped apologizing as much. I withdrew from the various communities of which I was a part. I focused on improving my mental health, which took the hardest hit during my four years. I realized that I wasn’t happy with the industry I was going into. I also realized that this university may not have been the perfect choice for me. Xavier has many great qualities that drew me in, but I watched a lot of damage occur to the community that indirectly or directly impacted me. I experienced a major homophobic incident every year. I was here and several more minor incidents as well.

I was called a "faggot." I wasn’t the only gay man on campus who had this experience. I saw one of my closest friends drop out of college because he was tormented by members of the student body for being transgender. I watched two racist incidents tear apart the fabric of our community. I watched and still watching a growing sentiment of sexism pervade our student body.

These incidents are not to be taken lightly, and the university itself has done a fantastic job of addressing them and providing solutions. However, as a student body, we have failed.

We dropped the ball. Every talk, every presentation and every forum we hold is meaningless if the only people going to them are the ones who didn’t want the problem to occur in the first place. The people who need to go are the ones who don’t because they don’t see the error of their ways.

What saddens me the most is that I came to Xavier with optimism and hope. Having come from a public school in rural Ohio, a place where I faced constant discrimination, I expected Xavier to be my beacon of hope. What I turned into was a crushing weight that held down my potential in more ways than I expected. I wanted to leave with a large community to look back upon. I don’t have that.

Part of that is my own fault. I’m not perfect, and I realize that. I am as fallible, opinionated and biased as the next student. At the end of the day, my actions are the only ones I can control.

I didn’t handle every situation like I should have. I was angry. I was hurt. I was stressed. I was overworked. It felt like the world was against me in every way, and I let that pain in too much. I didn’t acknowledge it and move on. The pain lived inside me and released itself when I felt threatened, passing itself along to whoever was on the receiving end. Only when I practiced forgiveness did it let go.

My advice as a senior is to forgive yourself and forgive others. That doesn’t mean you need to reconcile with them. But forgive them. Acknowledge what they did, accept that it hurt you and release the pain. Forgive yourself for your feelings and actions, give and accept apologies as you feel necessary and release the pain. Learn from the experience and improve. Hope that they do the same. Treat yourself and others with kindness and love.

Above all, release the pain.

The rules I’ve learned for successful internships

1. Never be bored.

This goes for an internship in any field, whether it be business, politics, sports or any other industry. Be eager to learn, and when you complete something, always ask for more projects. It is why you are there.

After eight weeks in Columbus, my internship ended, and I returned home to D.C. to sling pizzas for one last month and save money for a semester abroad. When I returned from that semester in December 2017, I felt like I was ready to use my skills and experience to intern in D.C. I applied to many offices and eventually one clicked. I was excited to be working for a member of Congress.

I love learning. When I showed up on Capitol Hill for my first day, I was eager to learn and fell in love with the fast-paced environment. But I brought my experiences from Columbus as well.

2. Rule two of an internship: Never undermine the work of full-time staff or think you are too smart for the ‘intern game.’

Guess what? You are not too smart for the intern work.

I know that this one should seem obvious, but I am serious. If your boss needs coffee, then you go to get her a coffee. If they need something reorganized, then do it with a smile. They know you probably don’t want to do that sort of stuff, but they will take notice when you do it well and with a smile.

3. The third and final rule: Always attend networking events and work functions.

You will get a chance to know your co-workers outside of the office. Join organizations and meet people who are interested in helping you get a foot in the door. I was so fortunate to develop connections in both Columbus and D.C. By networking, you will meet people who are willing to turn around and pull you up with them because someone pulled them up when they were in our shoes.

Like I said, these rules are applicable to many fields and industries and are not limited to politics. I can guarantee that you will absolutely love every minute of your internship. I can say that if you follow these three rules, you will have an experience that begins to open doors for you after graduation.

The 2018-2019 academic year was my first year writing for The Newswire, and I would like to thank the staff for making me feel a part of the team. I would like to thank my parents and brothers for always being there. Lastly, I would like to thank Xavier for being the community that it is and making Cincinnati feel a bit more like home.
Tennis ties record with 22-win season

By Donnie Menke

Staff Writer

The women’s tennis team fell in the Big East Tournament match, snapping a record-setting 20-match win streak and ending a 22-win season. The win total is tied for the most in program history by a team that hasn’t been accomplished since 2003-04. The team closed out the season winning 20 of its final 21 matches.

Xavier’s first match of the tournament (as the No. 1 seed) came against eighth seeded Georgetown. The doubles team of freshman Emily Thomas and sophomore Ahnmer Kyle won their match 6-2.

Junior Rachael Reichenbach and freshman Hunter Roper finished off the doubles point for Xavier, winning their match 6-4 and giving Xavier a 1-0 advantage heading into singles. Kyle won the first singles match in two sets, 6-3, 7-5 to put Xavier up 2-0.

Ruether won 6-4, 6-2; Kyle won 6-2, 4-6, and DePaul went up 2-0. Reichenbach lost her singles match, 6-2, 7-6; Roper won 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; and Abelsh won 6-3, 5-7, 6-0.

Thomas was able to push her match to three sets but ultimately lost 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.

Despite being on the losing end of the championship, the Musketeers etched their names into women’s tennis history with their outstanding performances throughout the 2018-19 season.

Women’s tennis strong throughout a record-breaking 20 straight match wins before falling in the Big East Championship on Monday. The Musketeers racked up 22 wins, tying a program record for the most in a season.

Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Fitzpatrick secures the Big East individual title

By Michael Rauber

Staff Writer

Mikayla Fitzpatrick, a junior from Phoenix, was first introduced to golf at the age of 8. More than a decade later, she secured an individual title at the 2019 Big East Championship, securing the Musketeers’ first Big East title and a spot in the program’s first-ever NCAA Tournament.

As a team, Xavier shot a 306, which was six strokes ahead of the second-place Georgetown.

Fitzpatrick claimed the individual title in the lead by nine strokes while shooting a 216 (E). She credits her father for getting her into the sport seriously and encouraging her to play in junior tournaments starting at the age of 12. As a kid, around age 13, she had warm weather. I kind of fell in love and somewhere that I wanted to go to home and somewhere that I could focus on golf. She plays in Arizona and California a few weeks during the summer.

Off the course, Fitzpatrick enjoys writing poetry and reading in her free time. She also enjoys baking when she gets the chance, something that her friends and teammates enjoy as well.

Fitzpatrick’s dual dedication to both academics and golf extends well beyond the school year.

In the summertime, Fitzpatrick returns to Arizona to take summer classes and focus on golf. She plays in tournaments in Arizona and works with a coach in California a few weeks during the summer.

Last summer, she embarked on a study abroad trip to London, where she took classes in Kensington and traveled to the land of her ancestors, Ireland.

After the term was over, Fitzpatrick stayed in London an extra two weeks to work as a volunteer for the Institute of Business Ethics.

She enjoys watching all Xavier sports as well as Arizona State and the Phoenix Suns.

After her time at Xavier, Fitzpatrick says she is interested in working in the business analytics side of the golf industry.

Her goal, however, is to turn pro after college. If she continues to shoot low scores, perhaps she could appear on a professional tour in the next few years.

For now, though, Fitzpatrick will have the opportunity to compete in the regions of the NCAA Tournament, which is scheduled for May 6-8.
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Your Coffee Guide to Finals

Stress Level: 0-4
Your Motivation is Fueled by: 1-2 group projects, 0-5 essays or reflections and sudden emails about grades being updated on Canvas.
Due Date: May 3, meaning you have plenty of time or are waiting until the last minute. No espresso.
Coffee of Choice: anything caramel or covered in chocolate, limit to 2-3 cups within a 24-hour period. No espresso.
Reason: Let’s face it, the amount of work you have is enough to put you on your toes, but isn’t as serious as it could be. You probably planned this out for months now. Your coffee of choice should reflect your ability to plan, check off your to-do list and have a solid sleep schedule. Hot chocolate, mocha, caramel latte or macchiato are clearly the obvious choice. Enjoy the rewards of all your hard work. You deserve it.

Stress Level: 5-8
Your Motivation is Fueled by: 3-5 group projects (wait, really?), 3-5 essays with citations, and a budding friendship with midnight deadlines.
Due Date: This week, today or right now. Will get back to you.
Coffee of Choice: Caffeine one way or another, but the addition of cappuccino or espresso mixed with water such as an iced coffee or an Americano.
Reason: You still have things together a little bit, so you are prioritizing your basic needs such as water. Combining coffee with water kills two birds with one stone. On one hand, coffee dehydrates you, but the addition of ice or water balances it out so you are neither losing water or retaining it. Plus, it’s coffee. This balance on the verge of total collapse is exactly what you need right now, which is why you can reach for a cappuccino on the good days or iced coffee on the busy days. Either choice is also a great photo op for your Instagram, so you can rest assured that you won’t be sacrificing your social life while sacrificing sleep.
Quote: “Should I sleep or shower? I could sleep in the shower, but I’m also starving.” — Christina Yang, Grey’s Anatomy

Stress Level: 9-10
Your Motivation is Fueled by: 5+ group projects, enough essays for you to forget which ones you’re writing at the same time, being scared of the sunlight like a vampire and cereal for breakfast, lunch and dinner
Due Date: Wait, today is Wednesday? No, it’s Thursday. Theology paper. Then tomorrow is Presentation Day. After that it’s Statistics Test.
Coffee of Choice: Espresso, espresso, espresso
Reason: Espresso might as well be renamed to expressGO. If you need the energy, then this one is your friend. Anything can be done if you have enough caffeine to power your way through it. If you need the extra boost, try espresso instead of the usual coffee. Dilute it with milk or creamer so it’s not as strong. Then you’ll be able to drink more without the horrible side effects of dehydration. This also allows you to mix it up so you won’t be bored by one drink all day.
Quote: “You can’t just give up. Is that what a dinosaur would do?” — Joey Tribbiani, Friends

April 10 crossword puzzle answer key:

D.A.K.
Opinions & Editorials Editor
I wish I could distill some wisdom. Pour out the years in rhythm over ice And offer you the future with a big slice of lemon. We’d sip it in the garden and I’d tell you a useful parable. Midwestern winters are cold, And come on the wings of the geese Carried by autumn’s orange settling. But you know that. Allow me to offer this To satisfy some semblance of duty Or kindness Or pride.
As emberly gales lift the Aged leaves across a harvest moon, Hold tight and turn your expectant eyes north. It seems our glasses are dry.

COMIC CORNER

With Evana Dias