Your school, your questions

Administrators respond to concerns about campus safety, diversity

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Street typing begins at Xavier

Humanities professors Drs. Polt and Williams bring typewriters to Alter

By Hunter Ellis

Staff Writer

One Friday afternoon in September, Dr. Richard Polt of the philosophy department and Dr. Tyrone Williams of the English department positioned themselves outside Alter Hall. With two vintage typewriters and signs that read "Free Thoughts" and "Free Poems," the two professors simply waited.

Shortly after they set up, students passing by became intrigued and proceeded to ask what was happening.

They discovered that all they had to do was provide Polt and Williams a topic and the professors would begin writing thoughts and poems on their typewriters. The resulting "Thoughts and Poems," as they were called, were given to each student to keep.

"This occasion is better known as street typing, a form of improvisational writing that Polt and Williams have brought to Xavier's campus," Smith said.

Street typing stems from Polt's affinity for typewriting as an art form. Throughout the last 25 years, Polt has been collecting typewriters.

They found the tangibility of a finished product meaningful.

"I found having a hard copy of what Dr. Polt and Dr. Williams had to say in relation to the word I gave them helped to give me a way to reflect, and I still continue to reflect on their words," Gayford said.

Williams, who has had a love for poetry since his teenage years, said that the activity of street typing is enjoyable but also challenging because of the spontaneous nature of the writing.

Street typing is a relatively new art form, but that hasn't stopped it from leaving a lasting effect on people. Williams shared one instance of a poem he wrote during a Labor Day street typing event in Bloomington, Indiana. A crying woman approached Williams and asked him to write a poem celebrating the end of her relationship. She left with a smile.

Polt and Williams expressed a desire to hold street typing event at Xavier again, though it most likely won’t be until next semester.

"I think one of the reasons using a typewriter has become so popular is because it’s so retro," Williams said. "A lot of students have never even seen a typewriter."

Polt believes that students are curious about how typewriters work because they grew up in the digital age. For example, students might not know that there are no backspace keys on a typewriter, so changing your mind involves crossing out the mistake and starting over.

"People who are doing this street typing, they don't do it... the spirit is we're just going to move forward," Polt said. "You just go with (the mistakes) and turn it into something."

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In a recent study on the different aspects of LGBTQ life on campus, Xavier’s university policies were rated three out of five stars by the Campus Pride Index.

In April, a survey consisting of 50 questions on the various elements of life as a member of the LGBTQ community at Xavier was completed. Xavier is one of five Jesuit institutions to complete the survey.

The elements were divided into eight categories: policy inclusion, support and institutional commitment, academic life, student life, housing and residence life, campus safety, counseling and health and recruitment and retention.

Each category is rated on a scale of one to five, one being the lowest and five being the highest by Campus Pride.

According to its website, this nonprofit group owns and operates the index “to create, safeguard, and promote LGBTQ-friendly learning environments at colleges and universities.

The index is an independently produced tool by Campus Pride for universities to highlight their support of LGBTQ students on campus to enrolled and prospective students.

Xavier scored highest in the support and institutional commitment and student life categories with a score of four out of five on both.

On the other hand, the university scored lowest in housing and residence life with a one and a half out of five and in campus safety with a two out of five. The university scored between two and a half and three and a half in the remaining categories.

Maria Merrill, assistant director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CDI), played a significant role in the university completing the inaugural survey.

“Our score, 3 out of 5, also places us right in the middle of the five Jesuit schools who have completed the survey,” Merrill said.

She also cited the four other Jesuit institutions that have completed the survey as having primary influences for Xavier’s evaluation.

“Overall, it tells us that we have a lot of great things happening on campus for our LGBTQ students, staff and faculty with specific regard to our support and institutional commitment,” Merrill said. “Likewise, it shows us where we can invest a bit of extra energy and thought into improving our scores, such as campus safety and housing and residence life.”

Grace Schuermann and Julianna Castagna, the co-presidents of Xavier’s LGBTQ Alliance, said they were glad to have the results and seek growth in on-campus safety in particular.

“Our new goal in the next academic year will be re-assessed in is to hopefully get to 3.5,” Schuermann said. Castagna added that Merrill has discussed working with Xavier police on training for officers.

On the issue of campus safety, Schuermann and Castagna floated an idea to add to the first-year application process for housing a survey surrounding each incoming student’s comfort in living with a member of the LGBTQ community. The goal for adding such a survey would be to complete the survey as an at-risk indicator for students who may encounter those who are not accepting or tolerant of their identity.

Raty Orleck, a senior occupational therapy and psychology double major explains that the rating of 3 out of 5 is reflective of Xavier’s policy.

“From my experience, we strive to be inclusive of all people,” she said. “I have professors that list their pronouns and will say significant other over boyfriend or girlfriend.”

“There is always need for improvement,” Orleck explains, “but I see steps being taken all the time. The gender-neutral bathrooms are a perfect example of Xavier evolving with society.”

Merrill also described a process to improve Xavier’s score for the subsequent evaluation in 2020.

“Our plan moving forward is four-fold: identify, collabo rage, discern and act,” she said.

For more information, you can contact Maria Merrill in the CDI.

Xavier history professor launches newest book

Dr. Rachel Chastriel examines the causes and interpretations of childlessness

By Andrew Zerman

Guest Writer

After six years of research, Xavier professor Dr. Rachel Chastriel produced her third book, and despite its being on the market for only a month, it has received high praise.

Dr. Rachel Chastriel is a professor of European history and an associate dean at Xavier. This is her first published work, but it is her first text on the subject of childlessness.

The book, titled How to Be Childless: A History and Philosophy of Life Without Children, discusses women in Europe who are of childbearing age but do not have children from a historical perspective.

In the text, she examines the causes, dangers, and interpretations of and expectations about childlessness.

Chastriel said that childlessness is a condition that has been around for a long time.

In other words, it is just a condition of being a human being.

Chastriel said she also wanted to communicate the message that there are many different ways that people can live their lives. Childlessness is one of them.

Chastriel hopes that this book will help address a persistent stigma in a society where women are expected to carry children, as well as for women to think about having children without the negative influence that society may have.

In her words, the hardest part of writing the book was the information gathering stage, which is common in writing nonfiction books.

She had to find accounts of many women who were in Europe, many of whom were people she did not know beforehand.

She ultimately used autobiographies and archives and interviews to help her with this task.

The book, Chastriel said, has messages that can be important for anyone. But her primary audience is for women in their 30s who are considering having children.

Chastriel said that having children is also a process that can cause confusion and uncertainty at times. She hopes that her book will help people learn that reproduction is complicated and people in general should be more forgiving of each other.

Chastriel’s book and accompanying work on childlessness has made appearances in The Washington Post, Psychology Today and the podcast Think Act Be.

This book joins her previous texts, Organizing for War, France, 1870-1914 and The Siege of Strasbourg, which describes the effects of international conflicts on civilians.

In addition to this research, Chastriel helped found the first-year seminar program in 2015 and currently teaches classes at Xavier about Paris, World War I and the French Revolution.

In 2015 she was awarded the Roger A. Ford Award for Outstanding Teaching and Scholarship in the Humanities.

Chastriel received her Ph.D. from Yale University and her B.A. from Indiana University, as well as spending time studying at the Université de Provence in France.

How to Be Childless: A History and Philosophy of Life Without Children is available for purchase on Amazon and various other book retailers.
California emission waiver revoked

EPA to implement one national carbon emission rate lower than California’s

BY JOSEPH COTTON
Staff Writer

California, along with 22 other states, has sued the Trump administration in response to its decision to rescind a federal waiver allowing California to enforce its own automobile emission standards that are higher than currently federally mandated.

The decision to rescind the waiver was originally announced by President Donald Trump in Twitter following a letter sent by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) notifying the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that the agreement was inconsistent with the Federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975.

The original waiver, implemented in the 1970s, was granted because California is the largest automobile market in the United States and struggles to meet air quality standards. Since then, 13 other states have adopted California’s higher emission standards.

California’s waiver was then updated in 2009 by the Obama administration as part of the auto industry bailout.

The waiver will be replaced by the “SAFE Fuel-Efficient” rules created by the EPA and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under the “One Nation Program Rule” policy set by the Trump administration.

According to an EPA press release, the “One Nation Program Rule” enables the federal government to provide uniform fuel economy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission standards for automobiles and light-duty trucks.

According to the press release, “The proposed SAFE Vehicles Rule standards would establish attainable fuel economy and GHG vehicle emissions standards that will help ensure that more Americans have access to safer, more affordable and cleaner vehicles that meet their families’ needs.”

“I think it’s petty and stupid. I don’t think anything good is going to come of it. It’s going to just negatively impact the environment,” sophomore Philosophy, Politics and the Public major Olivia Steenberg said.

It is unclear how the Trump administration’s decision will practically affect emissions in the United States.

In July, California lawmakers reached a deal with automotive manufacturers Ford, Honda, Volkswagen and BMW. They agreed to hold themselves to the California emissions standards regardless of federal government policy.

The Department of Justice launched an antitrust investigation regarding the deal shortly after it was made public.

“I think that the rest of the country should be held to the emissions standards of California,” said sophomore marketing major Hunter Mclean.

“The only people who are affected are the car manufacturers, and everyone knows we need more money to help with the issue.”

California Governor Gavin Newsom and Attorney General Xavier Becerra have been critical of Trump’s decision, calling into question his ties to the oil industry and competence in office.

“It’s about the oil industry, period. Full stop. It’s not about the car manufacturers. It’s not about consumers,” Newsom said in a press conference.

The comment was likely in reference to acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, who worked legally representing Murray Energy Corporation and lobbying against the Obama administration’s environmental regulations.

Becerra cited the 2007 Supreme Court case Massachusetts v. EPA, which held that the state has the ability to set its own fuel economy standards, even if they are higher than those set by the Clean Air Act, to defend California’s waiver.

“President Trump should at least read the instruction manual on respecting rule of law.”

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Xavier students attend climate strike

Strike was a part of international protests demanding action on climate change

By Hannah Hover

Staff Writer

Students and residents of Cincinnati gathered at a student-lead strike at City Hall on Sept. 20 protesting the lack of national or local government officials to prevent climate change. Xavier students participated in the strike, alongside an estimated 300 other climate change activists.

“I (hope) that Cincinnati, along with the rest of the world, will show our leaders that we are here and that climate change is here, and we need to stop it,” first-year political science major Adam Cooper said.

Caroline Skwara, a 17-year-old leader of the strike said, “the strikes, now and in the future, will empower youth, especially youth of color, to get involved with the climate and justice movement. (The goal is) to call for our demands and also use the power of the people of Cincinnati to show our city and U.S. government that these people are calling for justice and systemic change.”

Ben Leraris, a sophomore computer science major who was at the strike, thinks those in power need to change.

“I think we need a green new deal. I think we need to go to renewable energy sources and stop using fossil fuels, and respect the indigenous land that is not ours,” Leraris said. “I think this strike is important because if nothing changes, we’re going to die, and I want a world where I could grow up in and my kids and grandkids can grow up in. And at the pace we’re at, that currently won’t happen.”

Xavier students, like first-year English major Maddie Schramm, also expressed their concern for future generations.

“I think it’s important because we need to drastically change what we are doing if we are going to have a future for the next few generations because at the rate we’re at, this planet may not survive to see the 22nd century,” Schramm said.

Vox reported that this year’s strike is the largest ever, with 2,500 events held in 150 different countries. The worldwide strikes were inspired by Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish environmental activist who is known for increasing awareness of climate change, and creating accountability for the lack of progress regarding the climate crisis.

“This is all wrong. I shouldn’t be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you!” Thunberg said in a speech in front of the United Nations on Sept. 23.

These strikes, all led by students, were fueled by the international community’s lack of action to change rules and regulations that contribute to the changing climate.

NASA has confirmed “in the absence of major action to reduce emissions, global temperature is on track to rise by an average of six degrees Celsius (10.8 degrees Fahrenheit),” according to its latest estimates.

Some scientists argue a “global disaster” is already unfolding at the poles of the planet. They claim that the Arctic in just a few years may be completely ice free.

Other concerned experts worry about the Earth passing one or more points of no return.

Speaker Pelosi announces impeachment inquiry

By Mo Juenger

Staff Writer

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry yesterday of President Donald Trump. This occurred after Trump agreed to release the transcript of a July 25th call with Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky.

An anonymous whistleblower complaint alleged that during the July phone call, Trump pressured Zelensky to investigate currently unsubstantiated corruption claims regarding former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden’s connection to the Ukrainian oil industry. Days before the phone call, Trump froze an unconfirmed amount in aid to Ukraine.

California representative and Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee Adam Schiff announced fossil fuel experts that the whistleblower would like to speak with them regarding the complaint. “We’re in touch with (their) counsel and look forward to the whistleblower’s testimony as soon as this week,” Schiff tweeted Tuesday afternoon.

Trump openly stated that he discussed the possibility of corruption related to Biden’s Ukrainian ties during the call but denied any wrongdoing in this action. “Why would you give money to a country that you think is corrupt?” Trump said of withholding of aid.

“(I) have authorized the release tomorrow of the complete, fully declassified and unredacted transcript of my phone conversation with President Zelensky of Ukraine,” Trump announced last night on Twitter.

Trump has still adamantly declined to release the contents of the whistleblower’s complaint to Congress or the public.

“The actions of the Trump presidency revealed dishonorable facts of the president’s betrayal of his oath of office, betrayal of our national security, and betrayal of the integrity of our elections,” Pelosi said.

After a Tuesday evening House Democrats meeting, Pelosi emphasized that Trump had violated the Constitution and that the president must not be considered above the law.

According to a Tuesday night census by the New York Times, 203 House members support the impeachment inquiry, 86 do not or are undecided, and 144 have not yet responded.

President Donald Trump gives his third address to the U.N. after agreeing to release the Ukrainian call transcript.

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**Opinions & Editorials**

**Seeing more of my old man in me**

When my dad was in his early twenties, back in the 1990s, he only had two cassette tapes: Steve Martin hanjoo album and Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts by the Beatles. He didn’t have a cassette player, so to a certain extent, his ownership of the cassettes was worthless — he couldn’t listen to them. If my dad wanted to hear something, he either had to turn on the radio or go to a friend’s place. Even then, that meant he could only listen to whatever music the person had. This was, of course, back in the day when music had to be hard copy. But what he meant was, my dad had to depend upon the decisions of others what sounds would enter his ears.

Think about that whenever I’m wandering around or walking to some place with my headphones in, shuffling a carefully curated playlist on Spotify. Or when I have a song stuck in my head, and I feel the urge to hear it in order to make it wiggle out from between my ears. I can just look it up on YouTube or something and the problem is solved. He would have had to suffer. We live in completely different worlds because of the distribution technology that has created between us.

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Learn to love leisurely reading

I greatly attribute my interest in becoming a high school English teacher to my upbringing. As a kid, I didn’t have many video games and my TV time was rationed. Instead, my parents taught me to allocate my free time to reading, as they believed that reading brought many of the benefits that videogames would not. While most kids would ask for a GameCube for Christmas, I would ask for a new book. Likewise, kids’ primary source of excitement for the weekend was playing video games while mine was leisurely reading. Reading as a child brought me many benefits in life today, including the fact that I’ve had the intent of building a career of some sort in English from the age of six.

Just look at people who read the most around you; you can tell that reading makes you more analytical. Beginners are usually around the ages of five or six — focusing on just sounding out the words and trying to learn. They are not reading for meaning or deep understanding. They are just developing cognitive skills used throughout the rest of their lives.

Those who are past this stage, though, engage with critical thinking skills. It extends beyond the mere “what” with regards to the interpretation of a text, it includes the “how” and the “why.” Likewise, for full understanding of a topic in a class it is important to gather as much information as you can. Once I got past that beginning stage of reading, I became more inquisitive, by nature, within the classroom and many teachers are fond of that trait in students.

My vocabulary was also greatly improved by reading. This newly acquired vocabulary was implemented moreso in my writing than it was in my speech, but it still benefited me nonetheless. Obviously, there was a strong correlation between my vocabulary level and the difficulty of the books that I was reading. It is not the every day slang that cultivates vocabulary, it is literature. You can see this everyday here on campus: Our professors at Xavier have spent their lives reading and analyzing texts in their fields and have particularly strong word repertoires.

As college students, we experience an extremely high amount of stress every day. While alleviating stress can be difficult and easily become a habit, it is possible to develop certain mechanisms, reading is always a healthy and readily available solution. Reading provides a world that can be quite different from everyday life, and it can serve as an oasis from stress. In the aftermath of a stressful day, reading is always what I have resorted to in lieu of staring at a screen.

Reading stimulates imagination. Imagination is what is particularly valued in society, not the regurgitation of facts that some teachers try to force into their students’ throats.

Imagination is often a skill that will be crucial in searching the job market. One significant facet of academic reading is literary interpretation. This involves people putting themselves in the shoes of the writers, which is very much a learned concept. It is rare for people to have the same interpretation of a text because of the variability of the human mind. The beauty in this is that there is not necessarily a “right” or a “wrong” with regards to interpretations.

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How much water is wasted watering?

When I tell people I’m a first-year, they always ask me how I’m doing and if I’m enjoying Xavier. It’s refreshing that my peers want to know how I’m doing, but at the same time, these types of questions tend to make me answer with my usual response while I smile, “It’s going well! It’s stressful, but I’m used to that.”

I try to put a positive twist on it, but I want to keep it real at the same time. Is anyone really going to admit what they don’t like about Xavier?

Honesty. I’d like to talk about how long the pasta station line is or my skepticism as to if the WiFi is ever going to work, but so does everyone. After only being here five and a half weeks, though, something I’ve noticed that seems to be unchallenged is the student population is the sprinkler system.

The sprinklers seem to be running constantly. When I leave my dorm to go to class in the morning, the sprinklers are on. The water stands on the grass but also splatters onto the concrete, and I have to be careful that I don’t get wet. If the sprinklers are on the left side, I’m forced to walk on the right, praying that the sprinklers won’t automatically turn on the side I’m walking on.

After I leave class and head to lunch, I pass the sprinklers on the side I’m walking on. I’m careful that I don’t get wet. If I have to be near concrete, and I have to be careful that I don’t get wet.

Money and water is wasted, water that could be utilized elsewhere. Don’t get me wrong, maintaining the lawns and grounds is important for a campus like Xavier. Since it is small, the university has to utilize its space and make it look pretty. In fact, when I visited Xavier, I was drawn to the physical appearance of campus and its well-kept grounds. Appearances are important for drawing in students and the overall feel for the campus. I get it, no student wants to walk by dead grass and weeds.

However, the look of campus needs to reflect the reality we’re living in. The truth is that water waste is a contributing factor to the current climate state.

The assets that leisurely reading can provide for people far exceed the word limits of this article.

The truth is that water waste is a contributing factor to the current climate state. And at midnight, after getting a milkshake from Blue Blob’s Diner, I walk back to my dorm in Buenger Hall and notice the sprinkler system on yet again. It’s very dark out, but I manage to find a path of dry concrete to avoid getting wet.

I haven’t kept a record of how many times I see the sprinkler system working each day. Even if they are not on three times a day, seven days a week, they seem to be running unnecessarily a lot of the time. According to the United States EPA WaterSense program, as high as 50% of water used for irrigation is wasted because of inefficient irrigation methods and systems. One of these inefficiencies is watering too often and watering at the wrong time of day. In turn, tons of water that could be utilized elsewhere.

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Henderlong’s early goal lifts Xavier over IUPUI
The freshman forward is now tied with a team-leading five goals scored

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Xavier men’s soccer team was defeated in its Big East opener, 3-1, last Friday. However, the Musketeers brought home a 1-0 non-conference victory at IUPUI on Tuesday night.

Freshman forward Karsen Henderlong netted his fifth goal of the season, tying redshirt senior forward Samson Sergi for the team lead in goals scored. His goal against IUPUI led Xavier to a victory on Tuesday, in the second half scoring three goals in thirty minutes. The first, made at the 57th minute, was headed in by Brandon Duarte on a corner kick set piece assist from midfielder Samantha Dewey.

Xavier hung around for the majority of the third set, but that would be its last lead.

Xavier bounced back in its early-conference hurdle with a win against IUPUI. The Musketeers only needed Henderlong’s lone goal by either team of the match — his fifth of the season in the 5th minute — to secure the road victory.

The goal tied Sergi for a team-high five goals on the season. Overall, the Musketeers are efficient shooting the ball, getting six of their 13 shots on goal.

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Volleyball hosts second tournament

BY JOE CLARK
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Xavier volleyball went 0-2 in its second home tournament of the season last week. The Queen City Classic was held at Cintas Center and featured Bowling Green and crosstown rival University of Cincinnati (UC).

The Musketeers dropped their match to the Bearcats Thursday night before falling to Falcons on Friday. In the first set against UC on Thursday, the Musketeers kept it close. They trailed 7-6 before a 7-0 run by UC put the game out of reach.

Despite three goals scored by St. John’s, redshirt junior goalkeeper Matthew Rosenberg made nine saves during the 13 shots on goal. Xavier has dominated the matchup since the two teams first played in 2007. In the last six meetings, Xavier compiled a 5-1 record against the Jaguars.

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Xavier Scores

Women’s Soccer

The Musketeers bookended their non-conference slate with a pair of wins against Miami (Ohio) and Lipscomb. Redshirt senior midfielder Samantha Dewey scored a goal in each of the games and was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll. The victories improved Xavier’s record to 7-7-2.

Women’s Tennis

Senior Almeire Ryle and freshman Anna Böggerbäck represented Xavier at the 44th annual Milwaukee Tennis Classic. The pair collected five singles wins during the weekend slate of matches, and Hoggenburk advanced to the championship round of the consolation bracket.

Men’s Soccer

Redshirt senior forward Samson Sergi was named a finalist for the Senior Class Award. He is among 30 athletes who are up for the award. The distinction is given to the student-athlete who excels the most in the categories of community, classroom, character and competition.
Rock climbing secures grapple at Tokyo Olympics

Analysis: The sport is a welcomed addition, but there are hanging concerns

By David Ludwig
Staff Writer

At the closing ceremony of the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe appeared from a green pipe dressed as Mario to announce where the 2020 Summer Olympics would be held.

This may have noted the location of the Summer Games but the performance also paralleled the Olympics’ latest addition — rock climbing.

Part of the excitement of the planning of the next Olympics is learning what events, if any, are added or dropped from the list of competitions. Rock climbing is the latest entry to the roster.

Even though rock climbers celebrate the inclusion of the sport, there are several concerns about how the event will be organized.

Even before the first official rock climbing competition in 1985, the sport had a long history of friendly rivalries and climbers aiming to oust other climbers by finding ways to scale mountains and cliffs that were previously thought to be insurmountable.

It is a sport that focuses on coordination and technique as much as it relies on stamina and strength.

In recent years, there have been competitions all over the world from regional to international events.

Along with its approval of rock climbing as an Olympic sport, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has created events in three disciplines.

The third discipline that has become cause for concern is speed climbing. In this competition, two climbers face off head-to-head and race to the top of a wall.

The reason the inclusion of speed climbing has created concern and controversy in the climbing community is that climbers must compete in all three disciplines if they want to have any hope of earning a medal.

Scores from all three disciplines will be combined into a composite score which will determine the final rankings. This is not the case for most other Olympic sports.

Critics of the IOC’s decision say that the situation is akin to asking runners to compete in both short-distance and long-distance events to earn a medal.

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Rock climbing is coming to the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, and competitors will represent their countries' most talented players were invited to join the Rock Wall Climbing Olympic trials held in Tokyo. The Olympic team consists of 13 climbers, including 10 men and three women.

The first two disciplines, speed climbing and lead climbing, have not caused any upset. Lead climbing involves a climber scaling a wall within a given time limit. Competitors in lead climbing are judged on the quality of their climbing and the time they take to complete the ascent.

The third discipline is bouldering, which involves a climber climbing a wall without the use of ropes. Competitors in bouldering are judged on how well they perform on the wall, and the time they take to complete the ascent.

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Comedian Shane Gillis was recently fired from Saturday Night Live (SNL), just days after the sketch show announced they had cast him for the show’s 45th season. Management for SNL made the decision based on racist comments he had previously made pertaining to Asian people and space. She declined comment about other comedians on his podcast. Ironically, SNL hired Gillis the same day they fired their first Asian cast member, Bowen Yang.

“We were not aware of his prior remarks that have surfaced over the past few days,” a spokesperson for SNL said. “The language he used is offensive, hurtful and unacceptable. We are sorry that we did not see these clips earlier and that our vetting process was not up to our standards.”

Gillis responded to being fired by alluding to SNL’s former rival, saying, “I respect the decision they made and am honestly grateful for the opportunity. I was always a MAD TV guy anyways.”

Many comedians have weighed in on Gillis being fired, saying that comics could do more to address the situation and he’s making a joke, ‘but what he did was just talk edgy and there was no joke, there was nothing redeeming about it.”

While the world of comedy recovers from this recent controversy, presidential candidate Andrew Yang has said he’d like to sit down and have a chat with Gillis to talk about it. Yang said he doesn’t think Gillis should have been removed from the show but that his comments were hurtful.

In the days since Gillis was fired from SNL, he has faced a large amount of backlash on social media for the comments he made on his podcast. Gillis responded in his first stand-up set since getting fired by saying, “I’m fine with the consequences, but I do want everyone to know I am reading everyone’s death threats in an Asian accent.”

**XU Theatre show delights and charms audience**

By Kate Ferrell

As the first show of its 2019-2020 season, Xavier Theatre’s production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time did not disappoint in the slightest. In the play, 15-year-old Christopher Boone, a mathematical genius on the autism spectrum, investigates the murder of his neighbor’s dog, Wellington. It takes place in Swinton, England.

The first thing I noticed as I walked into the space was the eye-catching set, created under the direction of tech director Joe Leonard. Although slightly first-time dissecting at first, the on-stage set up created an entirely new space on the same stage that has been used hundreds of times before in Xavier productions.

The breathtaking set was comprised of a large 5x5 light-up grid floor placed in front of two tall blue walls that spoiled the entire set and audience. Additionally, these walls were littered with dozens of small LED lights that wormed their way into the night sky before the audience’s very eyes.

Not only did this set design have a large wow factor to it, it also was imperative to the show itself. The lights on the grid floor served a variety of purposes, such as showing the emotions Christopher was feeling or creating a visual to help the audience see the world as the character did.

The stellar performance of sophomore Dylan O’Leary as Christopher was one you could easily find on a Broadway stage. His dedication to the character and clear research on the struggles of being on the autism spectrum were evident in every line and movement he made. His portrayal of such an intricate and difficult character was commendable.

O’Leary was not the only smart casting decision made in this production by director Stephen Skiles. Also noteworthy was Holland Taylor’s portrayal of Siobhan, Christopher’s school mentor and confidant. Her stage presence was unbelievably calming, and as her voice echoed throughout the space, she dominated the stage in every scene.

While the acting used in the show was comparable to a professional production, the various accents used throughout the show were mediocre at best. While some of the cast members’ accents were executed perfectly, they were inevitably overshadowed by the distracting accents of those who paled in comparison.

Obviously, the real star of the show was Ali, the gold retriever puppy used in act two of the show. Even though her time on stage was extremely brief, Ali stole the show, causing the entire audience to verbally exclaim a unanimous “awwww” upon her entrance.

Expertly cast, performed and directed, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time was one of the most intricate but effective shows that I have ever seen Xavier Theatre present.

If this is a representation of what the other shows this season will look like, then you will definitely find me in the front row of every performance. I can’t wait to enjoy more productions of this caliber.
Fall fashion for the stylish student

Update your fall wardrobe with this fashion guide to stay hip and trendy!

BY MOLLY HULLIGAN
Staff Writer

The 90’s are back, baby! And it’s prevalent in this year’s popular fall fashion lines. Typically when you think of fall style, rustic colors come to mind: browns, reds, oranges. However, there is no rule that says your fall attire has to conform to the basic, expected color choices. In fact, clothing companies are taking this concept and running with it.

With a focus on sweaters and long-sleeve tops, pops of color in your fall wardrobe are in! Although solid-colored tops are a safe bet, 2019 is bringing back striped sweaters — that’s right, Spongebob is quaking. Bright and multi-colored, this fun fall style will definitely make you do a double take.

And what better article of clothing to go with your new line of colorful, striped sweaters than mom jeans? You heard me, they’re back and better than ever. The infamous, loose fitting, high waisted jeans are the go-to denim this year. Name-brand stores that are known for their jeans, such as American Eagle and Urban Outfitters, are using this to their advantage, promoting mom jeans with just about any fall top imaginable — but we’re not mad about it.

Don’t get it twisted though sometimes less is more. Some of the most eye-catching fall outfits start with a simple top, but make a statement on the bottom. Patterned pants are a comfy way to make your outfit standout in a crowd. A simple turtle or mock neck long sleeve with the patterned pants of your choice is the perfect outfit for classes this fall, that is, if you get over your three-week streak of oversized t-shirts and sweatpants.

Whether your motto is “go big or go home” or “less is more,” when it comes to fashion, there is something for everyone this fall. No matter your style, with 2019’s hottest fall fashion items, you’re bound to look cute as hell.

Check out these men’s fashion tips to add to your style game!

BY CHARLIE GSTALDER
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Guest Writer

Before we begin, here are a few general notes:

As has been said time and time again, layering is crucial to dressing in the fall — it keeps you warm and stylish.

Equally as important is contrast, not in color, but in cut. Fall is a sort of in-between season, so feel free to style yourself as an in-between as well. Don’t get it twisted though sometimes less is more. Some of the most eye-catching fall outfits start with a simple top, but make a statement on the bottom. Patterned pants are a comfy way to make your outfit standout in a crowd. A simple turtle or mock neck long sleeve with the patterned pants of your choice is the perfect outfit for classes this fall, that is, if you get over your three-week streak of oversized t-shirts and sweatpants.

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In particular, the combination of rustic-colored striped or oversized sweaters and mom jeans gives your outfit a unique and stylish fall look.

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Long-sleeved shirts with graphic designs, corduroy pants, gray or blue crewnecks and plaid button-up shirts make for great outfit combinations.

Shirts
Have we said to wear shorts with long-sleeve shirts yet? We have. Good. Don’t be afraid to show off some thigh, look for shorts with an inseam of 7 inches or less.

Shoes
We’ll be honest, we’re not sneakerheads, but here’s some general advice: leather boots such as chukkas and Chelsea’s are great for the fall but cannot be worn with shorts. Simple, low top sneakers, however, can be worn with anything.
The Star’s Guide to your Fall Fashion

It’s fall fashion week here at the back page, so the stars and planets have come together to determine your style for the fall season. Signs whose planets are in retrograde get their fashion based on a celebrity outfit from 2019 and those who aren’t get advice from Xavier students. Signs who don’t know what “retrograde” means just did their own thing.

Aries: Katy Perry at the Grammys
So Much. Pink. In this ball of fluff that’s being worn as a dress, Katy Perry looks like a feather duster made from cotton candy.

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Taurus: Anjali Nelson, senior chemical science major and professional fall fashion expert
It’s a cool fall day. You’re on your laptop, sitting in one of those super comfy chairs on the quad. Two people walk by. One wears a woven infinity scarf, mom jeans and a cozy autumn cardigan and the other reads the latest copy of Newswire. Who truly catches your eye? The NEWSWIRE person. Education is fall 2019’s sexiest accessory. Want to combine all these fall fashion elements into one incredible look? Write for Newswire! Benefits include: a possible option to maybe buy a shirt in the future, looking super smart in front of your friends and the ability to spew your opinions on the entirety of Xavier’s student body. #BackToSchoolFashion has never been easier.

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Gemini: Billie Eilish at Coachella
Along with forgetting the lyrics to her own song, it seems the teen sensation has also forgotten how to dress for a performance. A white oversized hoodie and baggy white shorts evoke a comparison to a marshmallow.

The Fash Page

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Fictionary

BY TESS BREWER

Guest Writer

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Guil-tee — The issue here lies not in the patterned shirt, or even her blue and purple hair, but in her nails. The performer generally has long fake nails, but these yellow talons give most birds of prey a run for their money.

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This is my tube sock. I really like it and it is really comfortable. You can show it off at the party and wear it to work the next day. Again, super cool.

The tube sock is making its return this fall. Try combining it with a pair of custom Birkenstocks that you can make by cutting up a pair of Crocs.

Although tube socks can run you up to 75 dollars per pair, it’s easily worth it when you factor in the countless amount of money you can save from not losing your ALL card.

Final rating: 5 pumpkins out of 6.

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