Gala and an “Out of This World” Around the World Display, Cultures Book Display, Flags

The CIE is celebrating International Education Week with a host of events including an International Education week, a U.S. holiday, is designated to celebrate both the contributions of international students at colleges across America and promote study abroad opportunities. The designated holiday has been celebrated every November since its inception in 2000. After studying abroad in Bilbao, Spain, last summer, senior international business major Andy Batchelder believes that international education is an experience everyone should have.

“It was the time of my life,” Batchelder said. “I got to learn all about the culture and enhance my Spanish speaking abilities. I got to meet so many new people that I would never have met before if I didn’t study abroad.”

Batchelder added that he hopes all students who have the opportunity to study abroad do so.

Many students have expressed the importance of the celebration and their role in demonstrating the diverse experiences of the international student community.

“This week is important because it allows students to realize that there are so many students like us,” senior international student from Mexico Francisco de la Garza said. “We’re not in this different world. Studying at home and here… It’s completely different.”

Sophomore biomedical science major Mahnoor Zahra is an international student from Karachi, Pakistan. She spoke about some of the difficulties she has experienced in her transition to Xavier that many students may not recognize.

“When it comes to my experiences, it’s way different than other students’ experiences,” Zahra said. “There are things that domestic students do, and I won’t understand what they’re doing, like they have to explain everything to me.”

Zahra elaborated that one of the main problems comes simply from the difference in language.

“When and when it comes to pronunciation and accents, mine is very different,” Zahra said. “In the beginning, I really struggled with that. I had to think about it, like, ‘Make the sentence and say it.’ So it was a big struggle for me.”

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Community outreach programs, like Food for Fines, continue at the library

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Food for Fines is a way for students to waive any library fines they have amassed from having overdue books or laptop.

To waive fees, students can choose from a list of items to donate. These items are sorted into three categories. Each category has a monetary value assigned to it, correlating to how many dollars of fines will be waived.

The categories include $3 items such as canned good or rice, $5 items like cereal and peanut butter and $7 items like hygiene items. All of the items that are donated will go to help support The Store, Xavier’s on-campus food pantry.

In the first two weeks, the library has waived $343 in fines and has collected many items to give to The Store.

"I think it’s a benefit to both students and to The Store," Meg Martin, the circulation supervisor, said. "It is a helpful program that allows students to donate as opposed to just paying the fines."

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"Students can be grateful for what they have and give to others but also get something back," she said. "It’s also nice because there are so many different ways students can give to the cause."

For more information about the Food for Fines program, including a full list of items, students can visit the circulation desk at the library.

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Take a minute to check out the best Xavier-related Twitter content from the past week

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Tweets of the Week

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Follow-up: the reach of TPUSA

By Ellen Siefke
Staff Writer

Last week, the Newswire published an article about contact between Thomas Wehby, then a candidate for Student Government (SG) Executive, and an individual affiliated with the Campus Leadership Project (CLP). This week, we explain what CLP is and how it has impacted other universities.

What is the Campus Leadership Project?

A subset of conservative group Turning Point USA (TPUSA), CLP aims to “identify and advance like-minded leadership positions—such as student government president—on college campuses, according to a brochure leaked in 2017 outlining the project. The project aims to gain control of student government budgets, looking to access more than $800 million in tuition and student fee appropriations. “This project is making the largest strategic impact for taking back and fighting the entrenched institution that has hijacked billions of public dollars to promote anti-capitalist, anti-American, anti-Semitic and pro-globalist themes,” the document states.

Essentially, CLP aims to put more conservative or conservative-leaning students in significant leadership roles to combat what it deems efforts by the left to use student government access to budgets, campus messaging and student fees to push “radically progressive” agendas.

During its first phase, the project targeted schools in the so-called “Power 5” conferences. Currently, according to the document, the project is in its second phase, turning its eye toward every Division I school in the country and more than 100 universities in swing states with the 2020 election looming. The projected cost of phase II is more than $8 million.

That’s why Xavier was approached — Ohio is considered a swing state by the project and it is in states such as Ohio that TPUSA has identified as having leadership potential to help universities gain control of student government positions on campus and in their communities. It says it has provided more than 100 scholarship and mentorship opportunities at more than 1,000 campuses since 2011.

What has it done at other schools?

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In addition, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported that candidates at Ohio State University and the University of Maryland at College Park dropped out after it was revealed that they received donations from CLP. The Chronicle also reported that at least a dozen colleges whose student government elections included candidates who were members of TPUSA, were endorsed by TPUSA or received campaign assistance from TPUSA in 2017.

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Student Government Association Meeting Recap

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An educator’s perspective on school violence

Future Spanish teacher, Maicela Donatello, shares her personal story

By Joseph Cotton
Staff Writer

"We have had a special teacher who pushed us to become better students and better people. As teachers all over the world are being celebrated on a personal level."

Donatello mentioned how her fifth-grade teacher, Ms. Wheeler, has been a big influence while she went through school.

"She motivated me to work a lot harder and helped me realize that I enjoyed going to school every day," Donatello said.

Donatello stated she is aiming to create an environment where students look forward to coming to her class.

"I see my teaching style being very relaxed," Donatello said. "I want a curriculum like that in Spanish, I have the freedom to make it fun and individualized for each student."

She said she looks forward to fostering a classroom environment of mutual respect and getting to know students on a personal level.

Education majors are required to complete around 300 hours of fieldwork, including 200 hours of student teaching in several different types of classrooms and at different levels. Teachers in the state of Ohio are also required to complete the Educator License Exams. When asked about the increasing rates of school violence, Donatello noted that it is in the back of everyone's mind because of the amount of violence we have seen recently.

"I've been in schools that are experiencing this, but I am excited to enter the field as an educator," Donatello said. "Most of my professors have been teachers at one point and they're able to share a lot of information on what it's actually like. She said her courses in minor in special education will help her with the real school environment.

"I have a lot of hope for the future," Donatello said. "I hope there will be a lot more teachers who are excited to enter the field as an educator," Donatello believes that "We should focus on teaching students valuable information as opposed to teaching them to pass a standardized test."
Kaepernick hosts open tryout for NFL

Workout re-located after NFL-organized workout negotiations fell through

BY HUNTER ELLIS
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Colin Kaepernick hosted a private workout in front of NFL teams in Riverdale, Georgia. The workout was held despite disputes among league representatives about its terms.

Kaepernick made national headlines in 2016 for a series of protests against race-based police brutality, wherein he decided not to stand for the national anthem played at NFL games. The issue of protesting the anthem has been a source of national discussion and division, including on campus.

“I think Kaepernick is un-American and doesn’t understand the meaning of our national anthem,” first-year criminal justice major Joe Cannata said. “He should realize the sacrifices people make to defend this nation and the freedoms we have.”

“I admire Kaepernick, and I attended him using the platform he has to stand up for what he believes in, regardless of the personal, financial and professional setbacks it has caused him,” senior Philosophy, Politics and the Public Policy, and Economics double major Sam Peters said. “I think more people should use the pulpit they are given to stand up to fight for issues in our country.”

Heading into the 2017 season, Kaepernick chose to opt out of his contract with the San Francisco 49ers after an inconsistent tenure. He led the team to a Super Bowl in 2013 but was eventually benched multiple times in favor of backup Blaine Gabbert.

Kaepernick has been without a team since leaving the 49ers. He has publicly called out the league for blacklist ing him and filed a collusion grievance against the NFL in 2017. That grievance was settled out of court this year.

Last week, the NFL suddenly announced that it would host a workout at the Atlanta Falcons’ practice facility for Kaepernick. The NFL stated that any team was welcome to attend.

A published schedule for the event included an interview session with the teams, pre-workout measurements and quarterback drills led by former NFL head coach Hue Jackson. Although 17 teams committed to attend, at least 24 were expected at the league-sponsored workout. Kaepernick’s plans changed 30 minutes before the workout was scheduled to start.

He said he had issues with how the league organized it, citing a waiver he was asked to sign and the fact that media were not allowed to attend.

The NFL maintains that the waiver was the standard for a free-agent workout.

Kaepernick instead hosted his own workout about 30 minutes from the original location, and only seven teams were confirmed to have attended.

Kaepernick had previously discussed an opportunity to play in the Alliance of American Football (AAF). The Athletic reported that he met with several league representatives this past April before filing for bankruptcy.

Kaepernick has yet to receive any contract offers. In a speech following the workout, Kaepernick urged the scouts present to “go back (and) tell your owners not to be scared.”

“There are no deadlines for teams to sign unrestricted free agents.”

“It’s been three years since he has played in the NFL. I don’t think he will get an offer,” first-year biology major Jacob Lyons said. “I think he should try for the XFL if he wants to play.”

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POLICE NOTES

Nov. 12, 11:02 a.m. — Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a room search in Hosman Hall. A small amount of drug paraphernalia and two fictitious IDs were confiscated. The students were referred to the code of conduct.

Nov. 12, 11:11 p.m. — Xavier Police and Physical Plant investigated a report of a water leak in Fenwick Place. A faulty valve in a fourth floor mechanical room was repaired. The leak was resolved an only effected one resident room on the third floor.

Nov. 15, 12:51 p.m. — An IT employee reported the theft of a laptop computer from Logan Hall. An investigation is pending.

Nov. 14, 2:10 p.m. — Xavier Police investigated a report of a phishing attempt of Xavier students through text messages. A public safety notice was issued.

Nov. 15, 11:57 p.m. — Cincinnati Fire transported an underaged intoxicated student from Fenwick Place to Good Samaritan Hospital. The student was referred to the code of conduct.

Nov. 17, 9:32 a.m. — Norwood Police informed Xavier Police that two student houses on the 1900 block of Cleneay Avenue were cautioned about having beer pong tables and other trash in their front yards.

Nov. 18, 8:46 a.m. — A student parked in the Galagher Student Center. An investigation is pending.

Nov. 18, 9:34 a.m. — A student parked in the Commons lot with 11 unpaid parking citations was referred to the code of conduct.

XUPD Non-Emergency phone number (513) 745-2000

Week in Review

Christmas and drinking your weight

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Hong Kong faces increased violence

Protestors remain trapped on college campuses as police surround the perimeter

BY JOSEPH COTTON

Staff Writer

About 600 student protestors have surrendered to police following a confrontation inside of Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) after police surrounded the campus. According to The Guardian, 30-50 people remain inside the university.

On Monday, many of the students attempted to leave the campus in a mass exodus, many were immediately arrested and were forced back inside the university. The fleeing student protestors were reportedly targeted with “ten minutes of nonstop tear gas,” according to University of Hong Kong Director of Communications and Development Jennifer Wang.

The mass exodus was prompted by the president of the university asking the student protestors to leave in a Facebook video.

The president stated that he had negotiated a temporary suspension of the use of force and urged the students to exit the university at an exit point designated by police to turn themselves in. The police have also threatened to use live ammunition against the protestors if they continue to use what they call “lethal weapons.”

CNN reported that the police are armed with what appeared to be assault rifles and that the weapons were “ready to use.”

The student protestors are armed with Molotov cocktails and petrol bombs, as well as bows and arrows according to NPR. The protestors have been retreating as the police have moved used tear gas, blue-dyed water, tear gas, pepper spray and rubber bullets against them.

The protestors have also set fire to two bridges that lead to the campus in an attempt to keep the police out, also burned a police vehicle attempting to keep the police out.

Protest organizers reportedly airdropped messages saying, “Immediately call people in 18 districts to...distract police. Everybody save PolyU!”

Unarmed soldiers of the People’s Liberation Army have been seen in the area but were deployed to clean bricks and other debris off of the streets. Protestors have seen the presence of the Chinese military as a warning.

“Judging by the looks of it, it seems like there’s going to be a repeat of the Tiananmen Square massacre,” sophomore John Higgins said. “In this scenario, there’s no choice because whatever they do, the protestors do they will likely be met with violence.” He also said that the governments of the free world need to do more about the Hong Kong situation and that it is one of the defining moments of our time.

The U.S. Senate passed a bill that would require the U.S. to certify that Hong Kong is autonomous enough from China to qualify for trade.

Hong Kong is considered a semi-autonomous part of China that is governed by the “one country, two systems” policy adopted in 1997, allowing it to keep many of the civil liberties denied to citizens of the mainland.

Many of the protestors fear that the Chinese Communist Party is trying to take away the province’s autonomy. The protests began around five months ago, with peaceful rallies that demonstrated against an extradition bill which would allow Hong Kong prisoners to be tried in mainland China. The protestors have been concerned with the government’s encroachment on their rights designated under “one country, two systems.”

Supreme Court hears oral arguments for DACA

BY MO JUENGER

Staff Writer

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments surrounding the Trump administration’s termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) initiative program last Tuesday.

The DACA program, an executive order allowing undocumented immigrants who arrived in the U.S. before age 16, are veterans or high school graduates and are currently under age 30 temporary residence with the potential for renewal.

Opponents of the program’s termination argue that this action is unconstitutional based on former acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke’s memo explaining the Trump administration’s reasoning behind its cancellation. Duke’s memo states President Obama’s introduction of the program was illegal based on a determination by then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

If the Trump administration succeeds in terminating the program, the people currently holding DACA status will not be able to renew their status after its expiration. The administration has previously stated that it does not plan to immediately deport those whose status expires.

Approximately 700,000 people currently hold DACA statuses. The program provides recipients with work permits and government loans for public higher education. In some states, it allows recipients access to subsidized government health care and social services.

Some students feel that the termination of the program is limiting immigrants’ access to these opportunities.

“If it gives good people an opportunity to keep working, then it should be in place,” sophomore biology major Bohu Salami said.

President Donald Trump’s tweets regarding the program have sparked controversy throughout the court proceedings.

“Many of the people in DACA, no longer very young, are far from ‘angels.’ Some are very tough, hardened criminals,” Trump tweeted on Nov. 12.

Students criticized the president’s tweets.

“My cousins came over here when they were three or four. Their parents were deported but they’re protected by DACA,” first-year nursing major Grace Jarzombke agreed with Jeelani. “I just think a lot people have stereotypes about immigrants that are not true. They’re just searching for a better life and better opportunities,” Jarzombke said. “They’re not just trying to smuggle drugs across the border, which is the impression Trump is trying to give.”

First-year nursing major Grace Jarzombke agreed with Jeelani. “I just think a lot people have stereotypes about immigrants that are not true. They’re just searching for a better life and better opportunities,” Jarzombke said. “They’re not just trying to smuggle drugs across the border, which is the impression Trump is trying to give.”

One hundred forty-three companies who employ DACA recipients have filed briefs in support of the program, including Apple, Facebook, Google and Twitter.

DACA is currently not accepting new applications during the trial but current recipients can still renew their status if they are eligible.

The court is expected to reach a decision by June.
I believe hate speech is wrong. But I don’t believe it should be criminalized. Allow me to explain.

The original argument, published by my colleague last week, claims that the recent rash of hate crimes in America is caused by the growing acceptance of hate speech. While that is certainly troublesome, it is not the source of the problem. Hate speech is borne of hateful ideology just as hate crimes can be borne of hate speech. The source itself is hateful sentiment, one cause of which can be hate speech. It is a generalization to say that the root cause of hate crimes is only hate speech because hate speech has its own source.

That being said, if we were to criminalize the actual root source of hate crimes, we would be criminalizing ideologies. To criminalize a logical source would be to create an invasive, limited-speech system far beyond what I believe the original argument intends to promote.

A secondary problem with the original piece is an enormous confusion between the concepts of criminalization and de-platforming speech. It cites the Twitter ban on Donald Trump and Miolo Yanopoulos, saying that their loss of speech has contributed to a loss of social power. Twitter is a private company. The corporation reserves the right to remove anyone from their platform without complying with their standards. Social media companies’ decisions to de-platform certain users is not an imposition on any perceived right to free speech.

The original argument is simply taking away a space in which a person chooses to utilize their right to free speech; criminalization is enforcing legal retribution. The original argument makes an excellent case for the criminalization of those who commit hate speech, but not for the actual criminalization of it.

Thirdly, a problem arises within the original argument’s definition of hate speech. The original argument describes hate speech as “racist,” “anti-Semitic,” “xenophobic,” “misogynistic” and “violent.” One of these descriptors is an outlier.

Legally, the word “violent” does not belong within this grouping of speech considered violent — which incites an imminent or clear and present danger. Currently, it is not and has not been constitutionally protected since the 1967 Supreme Court case of Brandenburg v. Ohio.

Based on the other descriptors, I interpret that the original argument intends to portray the root cause of discriminatory speech. Under that definition, hate speech, though some may choose to act violently upon coming into contact with it, is not itself “violent.”

There is no justification for the criminalization of hate speech as it is defined in the original argument, but it does emphasize the vagueness of our current definitions of hate speech.

Hate speech does not have a definition under United States law. It is fair to say that, in its broadest form, hate speech is defined as derogatory speech against groups that face discrimination. In order to truly define it, we still need to clarify the qualifications for both of those elements.

Derogatory speech, for example, spans a wide range. The inappropriate usage of a socially unacceptable word, though often hurtful, does not have a legal definition under United States law. Hate speech does not have a definition under United States law. It is fair to say that, in its broadest form, hate speech is defined as derogatory speech against groups that face discrimination. In order to truly define it, we still need to clarify the qualifications for both of those elements.

De-platforming is simply removing a right to free speech in order to continue the progress that it allows.

Processing my experiences of injustice

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It's time to give power to the people

One of the defining features of my personality is an immense curiosity about people, both individually and collectively. This interest led me to major in history as an undergraduate. However, what really changed my trajectory was a course on the rise of extremism in American society. For most of my generation, the primary association with algorithms is the Instagram feed. In 2016, Instagram announced that it would be abandoning its chronological, timeline-based feed in favor of an algorithmically-controlled one.

Users were furious and worried that they would no longer be able to see their friends’ posts. Instagram went ahead with the change regardless, and honestly, the results did not ruin the app. However, this shift in how people interact with Instagram is a topic of widespread discussion. Facebook has done something similar, and at the heart of all this discussion is the role of algorithms.

Facebook played a critical role in Russia’s 2016 election interference. It was primarily on Facebook that disinformation and actual fake news were spread. The targeting of Facebook news feeds is not a coincidence. The prevalence of social media news and the use of algorithms...
By Will Pembroke  
Staff Writer

The 2019 dream season for Xavier women’s soccer lives to fight another game as it pulled off an upset in the opening round of the 2019 NCAA Tournament. The No. 21 ranked Musketeers team came in clutch with a 1-0 victory in a hard-fought game against Virginia Tech.

Xavier took the lead early in the game off of a second minute goal from sophomore midfielder Molly McLaughlin. Virginia Tech’s defense cleared a cross attempt from sophomore forward Brooke Sirska and the ball ended up at the feet of McLaughlin just inside of the 18-yard box.

With sophomore goalkeeper Olivia Jenkins in goal, the Musketeers posted a zero in the score column of the Hokies, despite having 10 corner kick opportunities. Jenkins picked up her 13th shutout of the season in the win over Virginia Tech.

Despite strong individual performances by sophomore guard Carrie Gross and junior forward Ariana Gray, the women’s basketball team was unable to pull out a win in either of its two latest non-conference games — losing 78-65 to Temple and 64-57 to Rider.

A 15-5 run in the third quarter helped Xavier cut the deficit to one at 45-44 with just under five minutes left in the quarter. The Musketeers answered back with a 3-pointer of their own and the score was tied at 57 apiece heading into the fourth quarter. Xavier jumped out to a 5-0 lead to start the fourth quarter, but Temple responded with a huge 20-4 run to take a 67-56 lead with a little more than five minutes left to play.

A long dry stretch allowed Temple to pull away to finish off the 78-65 win. Gross tied a career-high with 12 points and seven rebounds. Xavier got off to another slow start against Rider, trailing 11-0 as Rider made five of its first six shots.

The Musketeers played better in the second quarter, but Rider was able to close the quarter on an 8-2 run to lead 27-25 at the half. Gray had six points and four rebounds at the half for Xavier, while junior guard Aaliyah Dunham had five points, four rebounds and two steals.

Rider went up 41-30 with 4:57 left in the third quarter, but again Xavier answered back with its own run to bring the score to 41-38. Rider responded with a 5-0 run to end the quarter and take a 46-38 lead into the fourth quarter. In the fourth, the Musketeers cut their deficit to 61-57 with just 40 seconds left, but Rider finished strong at the free throw line to close out the 64-57 win. It was a balanced scoring effort for Xavier as Dunham, Gray and Gross each finished with 11 points while junior guard Deja Ross finished with 10 points.

Xavier looks to get back on track when it ends its three-game road trip against Ball State on Wednesday before returning home to play Wright State on Saturday.

Women’s hoops falls to Temple, Rider on the road

Sophomore Carrie Gross matches career-best 12 points against the Owls

By Joe Clark  
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Sophomore guard Carrie Gross matched a career-best with 12 points against Temple while also grabbing seven rebounds, and she parlayed that performance to score 11 points against Rider. The Musketeers conclude their three-game road trip Wednesday night against Ball State.
Opinion: Cain incident will linger in sport culture

BY ELLEN SIEFKE
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An already messy situation surrounding Nike and now-suspended running coach Alberto Salazar became even messier when Mary Cain, a former athlete of his, made public allegations of physical and emotional abuse against him and his staff.

On Nov. 7, The New York Times published a video in which Cain described a culture of shame and weight obsession that she endured while working with Salazar and the now-defunct Nike Oregon Project after joining as a 16-year-old phenom.

“I joined Nike because I wanted to be the best female athlete ever,” Cain says. “Instead, I was emotionally and physically abused by a system designed by [Salazar] and endorsed by Nike.”

Cain alleges that Salazar and his coaches fostered a system in which female athletes’ bodies were demeaned and belittled. For her part, she says, “I was up against an ideal performance weight of 114 pounds and then relentlessly pushed to stay there by her and her front office teammates if she didn’t make weight. For example, after a poor performance in 2015, Salazar told her she ‘clearly gained five pounds.’

The pressure to maintain weight, combined with the abuse from the entire coaching staff, led to self-harm, suicidal thoughts, disordered eating, missing her period for three years and five broken bones, she said.

Salazar has denied most of Cain’s claims, stating that he did not pressure her to maintain weight and that her parents were heavily involved with her training. “To be clear, I never encouraged her, or worse yet, shamed her, to maintain an unhealthy weight,” Salazar said to The Oregonian. “Mary at times struggled to find and maintain her ideal performance and training weight.”

However, Cain’s allegations were corroborated by other Nike teammates like Cam Levins, who tweeted that coaches were “obsessed with [her] weight,” emphasizing it as if it were the single thing standing in the way of a great performance.

Olympic 10,000m runner Amy Yoder Begley said that Salazar told her she ‘had the biggest butt on the starting line’ and often belittled her in front of teammates.

Olympian Kara Goucher, known for being outspoken against Salazar and Nike, said that after finishing the 2011 Boston Marathon — a race in which she ran a personal best time six months after giving birth — Salazar told her husband and family she was still too heavy to run fast.

Even Steve Magnness, an assistant coach from 2011-2012, said Salazar’s fixation on athletes, especially female athletes, in the running world. Makes what this issue difficult is that, no matter how you spin it, weight does matter. Up to a certain point, the lighter you are, the less weight you carry and the faster you can run.

The problem is that weight is a surface issue. You could be at your ‘ideal performance weight’ and still perform poorly. Sleep and recovery, nutrition, strength and mobility, confidence and much, much more all play a role. That number on the scale gives only a small indication of how an athlete is doing.

But with the pressure to compete comes the temptation to fall into this trap. When your livelihood depends on how you race, weight can be an easy factor to use to control performance. Since other training changes like nutrition and strength take time to take effect, looking to weight can help manage the pressure to win now.

With this in mind, it’s not hard to imagine why eating disorders or body image issues run rampant, pardon the pun, within the running community. As a lifelong runner, I have known several teammates who dealt with these issues and myself have faced similar struggles.

To be sure, body image is an issue across the board, but I can only speak as a female athlete. The issues Cain raises are important ones to discuss if we want to advance further as an athletic community in nurturing and developing athletes who are strong and well-rounded, physically and mentally.

Athletics are a wonderfully complex endeavor, and I can attest to both the joy and the heartbreak they bring. Nevertheless, unless we focus on these complexities, stories like those of Mary Cain will not disappear.

I can only hope that the running community — and the realm of sports — can learn from her account and start having these conversations, seeking to foster their athletes in body and in mind.
Kodak Black sentenced to jail time

BY WILL PEMBROKE
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Rapper Kodak Black was sentenced to 46 months of jail time after pleading guilty to federal weapons charges on Nov. 13. The charges stemmed from him falsifying legal documents in an attempt to buy a firearm.

Kodak, whose real name is Bill Kapri, has a checkered past. Growing up, he was placed in several different youth detention centers.

In October 2015, Kodak was arrested in Pompeo Beach, Florida, charged with armed robbery, battery, false imprisonment of a child and possession of marijuana. He was later released.

Six months later, Kodak was arrested in Hallandale Beach, Florida, on charges of possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, possession of marijuana and fleeing from police officers.

He was again arrested in May 2016 in Broward County, Florida, for armed robbery and false imprisonment. Kodak was then held in custody.

While he was under house arrest, two more outstanding criminal warrants were found. The first of these came from Florence, South Carolina, a felony charge accusing the rapper of criminal sexual misconduct. The second came from St. Lucie County, Florida, alleging two accounts of misdemeanor marijuana possession.

Kodak served four months of jail time for the warrant in Florida. He was then transported to South Carolina to face the charges for sexual assault. His accuser testified that he bit and raped her, saying that he "couldn't help himself," after a concert.

There has been a fallout from these events. Kodak has continued to display a pattern of law-breaking and recklessness, coinciding with many court dates. Federal prosecutors are attempting to remove his bail and bond grants, arguing that his past actions do not warrant leniency.

The judge in Kodak’s case said, “I think young people do stupid things. I do not punish them for it. You’ve been doing stupid things since you were 15.”

On top of the previously discussed charges, Kodak is also facing another 60 years for 2 more felony gun charges.

FEET OF CLAY leaves listeners feeling conflicted

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On Oct. 31, Earl Sweatshirt released his fourth studio album, FEET OF CLAY. The album is unmistakably Sweatshirt’s, with interesting and jarring beats underneath the gritty New York rapping style that the former Odd Future member is known for.

Thematically, FEET OF CLAY builds off 2018’s Some Rap Songs, as both projects center on Sweatshirt’s depression and grief. As with Some Rap Songs, the death of Sweatshirt’s father, South African poet laureate Keorapetse Kgosietsile, is the primary source of Sweatshirt’s pain.

Fitting with Sweatshirt’s love of brevity, the project is a mere 15 minutes long, making it five minutes shorter than Some Rap Songs, which was in turn five minutes shorter than Sweatshirt’s 2015 release.

Production

As is common with Sweatshirt, most of the album’s songs feature bass heavy beats that contribute to the lo-fi, dark feeling of the album. However, because of a disconnect between lyrics and beat, the production doesn’t match the intent.

Additionally, some tracks seem to feature reversed beats. This technique is similar to one employed by Top Dawg Entertainment (TDE), the record label featuring Kendrick Lamar and ScHoolboy Q. TDE has experimented heavily with both beat and track list reversals, such as in Lamar’s 2017 release, DAMN.

Highlights

One of the most notable tracks on the album is “EL TORO COMBO MEAL,” featuring Mavi. A piano heavy beat sets the song apart from the rest of the dark sounding album. Despite this, the song still sounds a little off as the raepy flow does not adhere to the otherwise smooth-sounding production. There is something a little unsettling about hearing a discordant voice over a beautiful beat.

Granted, this may be Sweatshirt’s intent. The album’s final track, “4N,” featuring Mach-Hommy, also stands out for both its repetitive beat and monotonous repetition of the phrase: “Send me an invoice.” Once the monotony is broken by Mach-Hommy’s first verse, the track sounds muddled.

The best way to describe the sound is to imagine someone rapping through a thick Plexiglass screen in a box office. It’s not enjoyable, but it’s also impossible to stop listening.

Style

Stylistically, Sweatshirt doesn’t make any huge leaps. While the lack of a style change may be boring to some, a change in style would have been more disappointing given that Sweatshirt has one of the most unique voices in the industry.

Overall, it seems as if Sweatshirt does not want you to be comfortable while listening. The album is both impossible to dance to and impossible to relax to. But that might be the point.

Sweatshirt’s intent in this project was most likely to force the audience to experience the album nothing more than a slightly worse version of Some Rap Songs. Some listeners feel conflicted between the album’s “smooth-sounding production,” the dissonance between the vocals and the beat and the lack of stylistic innovation.
Harry Styles dazzles SNL’s audience, debuts song

Harry Styles’ time as both host and musical guest on SNL last Saturday enthralled audiences. His appearance on the show featured brilliant acting and stellar vocals as he debuted his brand-new song “Watermelon Sugar.”

By MOLLY HULIGAN

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I’m writing this article the most authentic way I know: how directly after seeing Harry Styles do a press piece in a plain white “Sex” T-shirt.

Styles acted as both host and musical guest on Saturday Night Live (SNL) this past weekend. The singer-songwriter has appeared on SNL before, but never as a host. In his words, he and SNL have “taken things to the next level.”

Although he had never hosted the show before, Styles fit right in with the SNL crew. Had he not mentioned it in his introduction, the fact that he’d never done comedy before never would have crossed your mind. He rarely, if ever, broke character to laugh, which is impressive, consider- ing the comedic quality of the sketches he played a part in.

For reference, Styles appeared on the show as a pilot, a dog named Doug, a 5-year-old newshound, an intern, an Icelandic father-to-be, and a mobster. If you’re confused... same. I guess the writers of SNL are doing their job.

As if Harry Styles’ acting on SNL wasn’t iconic enough, he also debuted his new song, “Watermelon Sugar.”

Styles has already stated his opinion on the song in a previous tweet saying “Kiwi walked so Watermelon Sugar could run.”

Style is one of you who are not so hip with Twitter lingo. Styles is saying that “Watermelon Sugar” goes harder than “Kiwi,” a song off his 2017 debut album. It’s a hot take, but that’s beside the point.

The point is: “Watermelon Sugar” slaps.

Styles has been open about his creative process in the making of his sophomore album Fine Line.

In an interview with Rolling Stone, Styles admitted to excessive use of psychedelics while making the upcoming album. I’d be lying if I said I thought “Watermelon Sugar” was excluded from the list of songs Harry wrote while excessive. I have absolutely no evidence to back that up, but just listen to it — you’ll see what I mean.

Although he dropped a new song, my favorite part of Styles’ appearance on SNL was, by far, his monologue introduction. From the self-deprecating jokes to the One Direction tease and obvious swipe at former band member Zayn Malik, the introduction was a brilliant way to make sure both Styles’ fans and casual viewers kept watching.

One of my favorite parts of the monologue, though, was Styles’ reference to himself as a serious musician. Of course, the reference was a joke — it is SNL, after all.

However, the reference was funny because anyone who has heard Styles’ music since the commencement of his solo career knows he is, in fact, a distinguished artist. Styles has reinvented his brand from the type of music he produced with One Direction, yet many still refuse to acknowledge him as a serious musician.

Both Styles and his fans know, as he put it in his monologue, he’s all about “the art and the music, and the music and the art.”

At the end of the day (1D pun intended), there’s a rea- son Harry Styles is one of the most well-known and successful member of One Direction since the split in 2015. I might start something, but I said what I said.
Note from the “Editor-in-Chief”

The entire back page crew has taken the week off to begin Thanksgiving festivities early. Sadly, that means there’s no one left to write for the page this week. Except for you! Try your hand at making your own back page with these DIY Back Page Templates.

They’re all essentially Mad Libs, and if you don’t know how to do one of those… what, were you raised under a rock or something?! I apologize, please strike that last line. I should write with dignity, I am an Editor-in-Chief, not some lowly back page editor!

Anyway: You can either read along and put in your own words as you go, or if you’re not a complete loner you can have your friend give you words, then you can read to them the “wacky” back page article they created.

Now, unlike lazy newspaper editors, the stars don’t take vacations, so they actually had some pretty robust predictions to provide this week. But it looked kind of weird when most of the page was DIY and the horoscopes were normal, so we’ve chosen to omit some unnecessary details to allow you to “make your own” horoscope, as it were. Have fun! Or don’t, this page has been trash this year.

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**Aries:** The stars have found the love of your life! Their name is ____________, they live in ____________, and yes, they spend as much time as you do browsing the weird section of Youtube.

**Taurus:** On Friday your disciple ____________ is set to betray you and ____________, will deny you three times. And before you ask, yes, this is how Jesus found out.

**Gemini:** Spend the rest of the week face down in a pile of ____________. Yeesh, this one’s bad no matter what you put.

**Cancer:** Try out a new style this week. Nothing goes better together than ____________ and ports.

**Leo:** The stars warn that you’ll ____________ if you do not pet at least three dogs this week.

**Virgo:** Your mother will get in an accident this week, but luckily Mercury knows when! Make sure to call her at ____________ or she may never walk again.

**Libra:** Here’s a hot take: ____________ feeling about ____________.

**Scorpio:** Wallace and Gromit____________ing for far too long.

**Sagittarius:** When your ____________ feels like it has been ____________ and ____________ never leaves, de-stripe multiple washings.

**Capricorn:** ____________ and then throw her off the train. It’s a surprisingly simple way to achieve happiness.

**Aquarius:** You should get Disney+. Sure, you may not be a fan of “High School Musical: The Musical: The Series” but you will be a fan of “High School Musical: The Musical: The Series: The _____ The _____: The Book: The _____” when it drops.

**Pisces:** Oh, this is gonna be a rough week! First, ____________ and just when you think it can’t get any worse, pudding pop ____________ patriarchal society.

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**Fictionary**

Your ____________ well of ____________ words™

By Tess Brewer and You! Staff Writer and Guest Writer

**Festitude:** A ____________ feeling about ____________.

**Fatiguy:** A roommate who wakes up at ____________ after sleeping through the ____________ alarms that woke you up.

**Sensibleh:** When your ____________ feels like it has been ____________-ing for far too long.

**Aromusk:** A smell (much like ____________) that gets stuck inside the fibers of a(n) ____________ and never leaves, despite multiple washings.

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**Last Week’s Answer Key!**

Make your own word search!

Fill in the spaces below with your own letters and find your own wacky words!