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SGA votes against amendments

A series of changes to SGA’s constitution failed to pass on Monday

By MO JUENGER AND RYAN KAMBICH
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The Student Government Association (SGA) senate voted against a series of major constitutional changes on Monday that would have restructured much of the organization. Monday was SGA’s final meeting before the start of a new term with new members in January.

The proposed constitutional changes aimed to usher in four major revisions to the structure of SGA beginning in fall 2020: reducing the number of elected senators from 20 to 17 and establishing a speaker of the senate position; providing for one SGA vice president instead of two; creating three new appointed cabinet positions (chief of staff, director of communications and director of finance) and a chief justice position; and requiring that each college elect one senator to serve on SGA’s four-member Academic Affairs Committee.

This last change would have required significant revisions to the Board of Elections (BoE) code to accommodate the specific election of at least one senator from each college. All SGA senators are currently elected at-large regardless of college membership.

Revision of the BoE code proved to be the sticking point in the final vote. Three-fourths of the senate must vote in favor to pass amendments to the SGA constitution. After confusion during a first count, several senators switched from affirming the changes to opposing them. The final vote count was seven in favor, eight against and one abstained.

Vice President Alfredo Mercedes, the main proponent for and architect of the proposed changes, stated that their goal was to align Xavier’s SGA more closely with student governments at other Jesuit universities.

Mercedes introduced the proposed changes 12 weeks ago, though many senators and the BoE learned about them as recently as three weeks ago.

“It wasn’t until the first week of November where we finally started to actually start changing language (in the constitution)...not even enough to update the entire SGA about it,” Mercedes said.

On the changes to the BoE code, Mercedes noted, “BoE? Not going to lie, they weren’t included... Originally, when we had the conversation last semester, it was very brief with (BoE Chair) Miles (Tiemeyer)...then we completely forgot about it. And then I completely forgot about BoE, not gonna lie.”

“BoE said it would be hard, extremely difficult, given the time constraints, in order to find a way for them to be able to have students vote for their specific college or whatever. But they said in our meeting two weeks ago that, over the summer, they were able to communicate with other universities to update their election code.”

Senator Beth Root, who was involved in the creation of the new constitution, expressed during the meeting that she believes the measure could have passed if BoE was involved earlier.

“It’s our fault for not reaching out to BoE sooner,” Root said.

Nonetheless, Mercedes believes that the plan fell through because of SGA oversight and what he perceived as the BoE’s inefficiency.

“They’re lazy,” Mercedes said of the BoE. “They don’t want to work, they don’t want to put in the work behind finding a new system. If you can talk to other schools...Other schools do it, so that means there’s a way to do it.”

BoE Chair Miles Tiemeyer wrote in a statement: “As a board, we tried to understand the changes and met with Alfredo to better understand how the changes affected us. At the next Senate meeting we expressed our concerns. We know that with our current system of voting, the changes being suggested would make it extremely hard, if not impossible, to run a fair election. That is our only goal as a board.”

Tiemeyer also stated that BoE sent a survey to other Jesuit schools to learn how they ran elections.

“Last semester we made significant changes to the code. As a part of that process, we sent out a survey to other Jesuit schools to better understand how they ran elections.”

“At the next Senate meeting, according to Mercedes, Peters said during the meeting. “Doubling the number of nonelected students would be problematic.”

Peters’ discontent was shared by Vice President-elect and current Senator Mickey Townsend.

“This is a student club, not a faculty and staff club,” Townsend said in a discussion after the decision.

Mercedes, whose term expired on Monday, believes the Senate will discuss the constitutional changes further in coming months. He expects a new version to be passed in February or March.

“I don’t know what exactly happened,” Mercedes said. “I’m hopeful that it’ll change, because I think we just want to ensure that SGA in the future is well off and is actually doing things right, not really just 15 to 40 people who are just half-in half-out, don’t really know what they’re doing and don’t really know why they’re there. More so people who are actually dedicated.”

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ALL Card outages are resolved

Students will no longer experience issues with ALL Cards not working

By Hunter Ellis
Staff Writer

This semester, many students have experienced difficulties with their ALL Cards not being accepted at various on-campus vendors and vending machines. After updates to the system, it is believed that these problems will no longer occur.

According to Bill Moran, Director of Auxiliary Services, a new transaction system has played a role in helping students find community at Xavier across campus. While many students have faced difficulties with ALL Cards, Xavier hopes this will enable the university to update its software to the latest version during the winter break. It is believed that this final update will correct any lasting issues with ALL Cards.

However, for many students, the limited ALL Card usage has been aggravating. One of the students affected was first-year sports marketing major Lucas Salle, who voiced his frustrations.

"One night, I wanted to get some pizza from the Pizza ATM in Fenwick. I picked the chicken bacon ranch, and when I swiped my card to pay for the pizza, it got rejected," Salle said. "I had to go through the whole process two other times until it finally accepted, and by that point I didn’t even know if I wanted the pizza anymore."

While the issues at different vending machines have been intermittent, the issues with ALL Cards in the bookstore were considered more serious by Auxiliary Services. In one instance during mid-October, the Gallagher Bookstore experienced a complete blackout that disabled ALL Card transactions in the store for an entire week.

While this outage could have been connected to the new system, it is unlikely. Moran said. "It is believed that the issue was a more robust breakdown of communications between Xavier’s and Follett’s transaction systems, Follett being the third party operator of the bookstore in Gallagher."

In particular, Moran believes that the issue resulted from one system’s firewall blocking the other’s communications attempts.

"A firewall works as a filter. It recognizes things that are permitted and things that aren’t permitted to go into your system," junior biology and computer science double major Umang Joshi explained. "Auxiliary Services did not hear about the issue until three days after it started, and Xavier IT still is unsure what the cause is."

"To be honest, it was a period of our IT and Follett’s pointing fingers at each other and saying, ‘We didn’t change anything,’ to each other," Moran said.

X-Path helps students find community at Xavier

By Aleva Justison
Staff Writer

Both time and stress management are difficulties all college students face from time to time, but for first-year English major Maddie Schramm the stress of living with autism spectrum disorder is especially challenging to maintain. Schramm has autism spectrum disorder. However, she wants people to see that there, too, can be more to her than what is being perceived.

"I feel like people don’t really understand what it’s really like, and what it’s not," Schramm said. "People make it out to be like it’s some terrible mental condition, but it’s actually really not that hard to manage with the right support." At Xavier, Schramm receives support through X-Path, a new program that offers a range of accommodations such as assistive technology and note-taking assistance. After being accepted to Xavier, a student can apply to join X-Path and services start the day Housing accommodations and scheduling assistance are two aspects of the pre-term programming. These services continue for students throughout their time at Xavier, continually building a support system.

Aside from academics, X-Path is also a club of which Schramm enjoys being a member.

"I love the social aspect as well as being able to meet with people who can help me with the issues that I need. I’ve also gotten to make new friends through the X-Path program," Schramm said.

The group takes off-campus excursions like movie nights and has a monthly "Restaurant Club" to help foster a sense of community. Additionally, Schramm hopes the Xavier community will see X-Path as more than just services and students with autism as more than just their disorder.

"X-Path) should be respected just like all the other clubs and organizations, and it should be included as people first and our ‘mental illness’ second instead of the other way around," Schramm said. "At times, it can feel like stigma overwhelms the social aspects of the group and labels students as simply receiving services."

Beyond Xavier, Schramm aims to change the stigma surrounding people on the spectrum. While in high school, Schramm published a book that inspired her to become an English major. She wants her writing to inspire others as well.

"Growing up, Schramm recalls feeling very lonely. "I didn’t really have a role model to look up to because no one else I knew had autism," she explained.

Her passion for writing stems partially from her desire to support others.

"My goal in life is to become both a best-selling author and to inspire people with other disabilities to help them see that they, too, can succeed," she said.

Schramm is confident that she made the correct decision in coming to Xavier, as it offers her a path to pursue her passion while providing her with a close support system. Schramm hopes that even in a stressful time like finals season, students remember that this stress exists among all college students. This shared experience may even help to bring the Xavier community closer together, especially those living with autism spectrum disorder.

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Photo courtesy of Maddie Schramm

Maddie Schramm, a first-year English major, has autism spectrum disorder, but that has not stopped her from finding a second home at XU.
Israel fails to form new government
Elections will happen in spring if a new government is not formed by Dec. 11

BY MO JUENGER  
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Israel’s parliament, the Knesset, has a week left to nominate a leader for a third attempt to form a coalition government.

If members of the Knesset do not nominate this potential new prime minister, a third election will be held next spring after two elections in 2019.

Israeli Blue and White Party leader Benny Gantz was given 28 days to form a government after current Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu failed to form a coalition in September following a closely contested election dominated by Netanyahu’s right wing Liki-kud party and Gantz’ centrist Blue and White party. However, Gantz failed to meet the Nov. 20 deadline, so now the Knesset has a chance to do so.

The Blue and White party currently holds 32 seats in the Knesset while the Likud holds 32.

“Running an election would be a hassle. When you look at the Knesset, there’s too much tension for anything to happen,” Gantz’s and Netanyahu’s parties in a government.

Lieberman stated that his party would only support a coalition that unified both Gantz’s and Netanyahu’s parties in a government.

Gantz refused to accept a unified coalition while the Likud party was still headed by Netanyahu because of investigations into allegations of bribery and fraud surrounding the prime minister.

Following Gantz’s failure to form a government, indictments were officially brought forth against Netanyahu on Nov. 21 by Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit. The indictments allege that Netanyahu accepted more than $260 million in luxury items in exchange for political favors.

Shaul Elovitch, former majority shareholder of telecommunications company Bezeq, has also been indicted in connection to the charges facing Netanyahu.

The most prominent of the indictments alleges that Netanyahu, acting as minister of communications, attempted to force a merger benefiting Elovitch in return for positive coverage in one of Bezeq’s media subsidiaries. Both Netanyahu and Elovitch have denied all allegations against them through personal attorney statements. Israeli law allows an indicted prime minister to remain in office until a verdict is reached.

It is currently unclear as to whether that law will allow Netanyahu to propose a new coalition if a third election is held, prompting many to believe that the issue will be brought to Israel’s Supreme Court.

“It’s interesting how he can still operate even when indicted. The Supreme Court seems like the most reasonable option to appease the majority of the population,” Hyde noted.

Some students believe that a third election will be the most effective way to appease citizens and politicians.

“His facing these allegations that he’s been going through. He should not be trusted to try to form a government,” senior biology major Mackenzie Turner said. “Their best chance of getting a candidate who isn’t corrupt.”

The Knesset has until Dec. 11 to decide if a new leader will be permitted to attempt to form a government.

Above ballots from Israel’s 2019 election are counted. The Israeli Blue and White party leader Benny Gantz failed to form a government before the Nov. 20 deadline. The Knesset will now have until Dec. 11 to form a government.

NOTE THE WEEK

Nov. 18, 11:08 p.m. — Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a room search at the Village Apartments, and two prior parking citations were referred to the code of conduct.

Nov. 19, 8:28 a.m. — A student parked in the Holmes lot with 15 and 24 prior parking citations was referred to the code of conduct.

Nov. 20, 4:06 a.m. — Two students parked in the C1 lot with 15 and 24 prior parking citations, respectively, were referred to the code of conduct.

Nov. 20, 5:07 p.m. — A faculty member reported the theft of two flags from the Xavier pole near Fenwick Place. The students who removed the flags were identified, returned the flags and were referred to the code of conduct.

NO NOTE OF THE WEEK

All that work and they still had to get off the roof

Nov. 22, 11:40 p.m. — Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with a room search in Fenwick Place. A small amount of paraphernalia, marijuana and a fictitious ID were confiscated. The students were referred to the code of conduct.

Nov. 23, 1:57 p.m. — Three juveniles found inside Cintas Center without authorization were warned of trespassing, transported home and released to a guardian.

Nov. 24, 9:57 a.m. — Five students who were caught attempting to climb on the roof of Bellarmine Chapel were referred to the code of conduct.

Nov. 24, 5:40 a.m. — Xavier Police, Cincinnati Fire and Residence Life responded to Brockman Hall for a fire alarm. An investigation revealed that a pull-down station on the third floor was intentionally activated. Xavier Police is investigating.

Week in Review
Surgery, chicks, wins and “”s”

• A surgeon aboard a flight to China had to (literally) think on the fly to save a man’s life, draining almost a liter of urine trapped in his bladder. After realizing that the needle in his makeshift catheter was too small, the surgeon used his mouth to drain the urine, sucking it out and spitting it into a bucket (Nov. 21).

• More than 2,000 schoolchildren in Indonesia are receiving pet chicks to keep them off the internet and smartphones. Prizes will be awarded to the students who raise the biggest chickens (Nov. 26).

• On Sunday, the Bengals not only got their first win in 351 days, a devoted fan was finally freed from his rooftop exile. Jeff Lanham of Milan, Ind., vowed to camp on the roof of his restaurant until Cincinnati won. His stay extended 57 days (Dec. 1).

• The 96-year-old founder of the Apostrophe Protection Society admitted defeat and disbanded his organization, who’s goal was to ensure the correct usage of its punctuation mark. “Ignorance and laziness present in modern times knows no bounds,” he lamented (Dec. 2).

XUPD Safety Tips

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Lock the door! Whether it is your vehicle, office or residence.
- Protect and secure your valuables; do not leave them unattended.

Children in Indonesia can win prizes if they raise a really big chicken.
One more time, with feeling

Kevin, Heather, Alex, Jack, Sydney, Luke, Aidan, Sofia, Hannah and all those on staff, you have our utmost confidence. You took your dedication, talent and friendship you’ve shown us throughout the years. One of the remarkable things about journalism is that it attracts people of all kinds, and the Xavier News is no different, thank you for accepting us, unconditionally, and helping us each to grow stronger as journalists, writers, editors and human beings.

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And finally, to our readers, more thanks are owed than a mere 700 words can express. Without you, we would simply be a frustrated crew of grammar nerds and journalism students.
The threat of extremism: Part three

The purpose of this series has been to offer responses to the prevalence of extremism in American society. I have previously proposed criminalizing hate speech and limiting internet algorithms. While this third and final piece may be the most radical, I feel it is the most necessary. To counter extremism, we must abolish the two-party system.

While I am neither a constitutionalist nor a traditionalist, America was never supposed to work this way. Often when the two-party system is discussed, the words of our founding fathers are referenced. George Washington, James Madison and Alexander Hamilton all spoke out against political factions in the American democratic process. However, despite the historical argument for such, I do not believe that political parties themselves are inherently bad. Rather, I feel we do not have enough of them.

In its current construction, the United States political sphere is separated into two main parties, one more liberal and one more conservative. The issue is not the existence of the Democrats and Republicans but rather their dominance. While other parties exist in the United States, the scope of influence of our two major factions means a vote outside the binary is effectively a wasted ballot. More troubling is the reality that in federal elections, a vote for a Green or Libertarian candidate normally works to hurt the major party candidate whose values align most closely with those voters (see Ralph Nader).

This is not how America is supposed to work. We are supposed to have equal power voices. We are supposed to be able to rally behind those we believe. Anyone is supposed to have a chance, regardless of whether they don red or blue. And yet every year, election or otherwise, we citizens are forced to confine ourselves to the binary and pachyderm. It is in this confinement that extremism is born.

When only two groups are allowed to vote, it becomes even more difficult to make one’s voice heard. Thus, increasingly extreme tactics are employed. It is no longer enough to run on a platform of simply limiting government. One must argue for the dismantling of an existing, integral program to be noticed. Nor is it enough to run under the idea of a large government. One must instead propose a radical solution to a problem that the public may not even care about. Lower taxes become abolishing Ohmamare. Regulating oil companies becomes the Green New Deal. Arguing for what is needed is no longer enough.

Hypotheticals aside, democrats are being tugged in two ways, with traditional moderate views on one end and socialism on another. Republicans are facing their own sectional shifts between the authoritarianism of the alt right and the small government policies of the GOP. Many Americans are in a predicament in which they feel forced to vote for a party that may no longer share their values; it’s not OK and should not be normalized. Ideally each party would return more to the stances that allowed each to rise to such prominence, but with each radical candidate this reality becomes ever more unlikely.

Therefore, it seems that we are at a point in which the only way to return to some semblance of balance and fairness would be to abolish our existing parties. This would be harmful as you may think. We could simply split the Democratic and Republican parties in two, with each new faction being allowed to espouse their ideas without being forced to cater to the others within the party.

This would lead to new faces in politics, new ideas being presented and new voices being heard. Candidates would no longer have to pay dues to an existing hierarchy to be allowed to run for office — they could simply run. Citizens would be allowed to express themselves in political unique ways. Votes would matter, even in states that are currently solidly red or blue. And maybe, just maybe, we could go back to some semblance of normality.

It has been said that there are decades when nothing happens and weeks when decades happen. Although the whole global order seems to be unravelling before our eyes, the turbulence across South America in particular has all but confirmed this.

Perhaps the rapidity of events has contributed to the confusion about the situation in Bolivia. Many people have assumed that the anti-Morales protests belong to the same kind as that of Chile or Ecuador in being a popular movement against injustice. They, uncritically, lend their support to the military’s removal of Evo Morales from office and welcome the “restoration” of democracy.

As anyone keeping up with the situation can attest to, the “restoration of democracy” in Bolivia has produced everything but democracy. Bolivian police officers cast off the indigenous Wiphala flag from their uniform, vowing to “slaughter” indigenous protestors filling the streets. Jeanine Áñez, who has called Morales’s electoral victory and the 10.6% margin of Morales’s popular program, has no legal basis. For those of Morales’s anti-imperialist agenda, he voiced plans to nationalize lithium. Coincidentally, Tesla, a company that relies on lithium batteries, has seen its stock soar since the chaos of the election.

Morales does have an opposition. But his enemies are the oligarchs and monied interests in his country, not the indigenous majority. OAS, a U.S.-funded organization, has called for the chaos of the Western hemisphere, has called his re-election illegitimate. But its claims are based on an unofficial “quick-count” omitting the 10.6% margin of Morales’s electoral victory and has no legal basis. For those who love to harp on the “unconstitutionality of Morales’s fourth term in office,” they clearly have no respect for legal procedure.

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On the coup in Bolivia

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Yet the New York Times broke the news that Morales “resigned” in the face of “huge protests set off by a disputed election.” Quartz, clueless liberal Hari Suits, blame foreign conspiracy. Marco Rubio celebrates the resignation founded to curb leftist protests. Luis Fernando Camacho, who has an explicitly Christo-Fastastic leadership proclaimed Bolivia to be finally “for Christ,” that “Pachamama will reign over Bolivia’s rich resources.” Marco Rubio celebrates the Bolivian people for rejecting the “would-be autocrat” Mo- rales. Marco Rubio celebrated Áñez as a “woman’s rights activist.” Fascism is landed so long as it appeases wall street and the West.

So how did we get here? Is there any credence to the narrative that such a deposition was a win for democracy? It’s worth noting that Mo- rales, the country’s first indig- enous president, is evicted by more than half and oversees an economy growing two times the average rate in South America. Still, Morales’s nationalization of key industries and commitment to social justice from the Dressed from the resentment of local oligarchs, whom Camacho belongs, and the animus of American companies who want free reign over Bolivia’s rich re- sources.

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Xavier squares off with in-city rival Cincinnati at Fifth Center on Saturday at the annual Crosstown Shootout. The Musketeers fell in the matchup last season, but playing at home, Xavier has an advantage. While Jarron Cumberland, who was voted the AAC Pre-season Player of the Year headlines, the Bearcats. Xavier currently stands at 1-0 and plays Green Bay at home on Wednesday. Cincinnati, likewise, who has a 5-2 record, played Vermont on Tuesday. This early-season tilt before conference play has strong implications for March because it is a built-in out conference game that adds to strength of schedule.

3. Starting a streak
Historically, the Crosstown Shootout is chock full of win streaks between both teams. In the last decade, Xavier has owned the matchup with a 5-4 advantage. After Saturday, the series will either end up being tied at 5 games apiece for the decade or will go to a 6-4 edge for the Musketeers. Overall, Cincinnati is ahead in the series 51-35. Xavier won three straight matchups from 2013-15, but Cincinnati won last year at Fifth Third Arena in a decisive 62-47.

The last three meetings have been decided by eight or more points.

Luckily for the Musketeers, home court advantage will be on their side. Xavier has a strong winning percentage at Cintas Center, which is ranked as one of the top 10 largest venues to play at. The Musketeers hold a 7-1 record against Butler at home in the game is played at home. If the Crosstown Shootout numbers are any indication of Xavier’s success, then the game in Fifth Third Arena, Saturday’s game should be favorable.

Inside the Musketeers’ record-breaking season
Head coach Nate Lie shares key moments leading up to NCAA Tournament

By Joe Clark
Staff Writer

Xavier women’s soccer had a historic 2019 season — the Musketeers earned their first NCAA Tournament win in program history and took home a Big East Championship. In addition to these achievements, the Musketeers notched 17 wins and 15 shutouts, each the most in program history.

“I knew that this team had potential that we hadn’t had the previous two years,” third-year head coach Nate Lie said about the 2019 team. “I think we were more talented, I think we were deeper, I think we had more experience and I think we had more natural leadership, so a lot of the pieces were there.”

“We talked about before the season, the NCAA Tournament was something that we kind of aspired toward, and made it a goal for the first time, but you don’t know until you get in a situation how a team is going to react.”

One game that Lie singled out is the 6-4 edge for the Musketeers against Butler on the road.

“We lost that game, and we had some players crying after the game after losing to Georgetown on the road, and it’s because they thought they should’ve won the game and that they knew we could beat them, he continued. “I thought that was a really pivotal point from our program, understanding our potential and realizing that we’re not far away from the standard in the conference.”

At the time of the matchup, Georgetown was ranked No. 10 in the nation and was the three-time defending Big East Tournament champion.

Despite the loss, Lie voiced confidence in the team’s ability to make a run at the conference title. At a team meeting following the match, he laid out the task at hand — to win the next five conference games.

His confidence wasn’t misplaced. Xavier went on not only to win its next five games to close out the regular season but also beat Villanov and Georgetown to win the Big East title before knocking off Virginia Tech on the road in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Xavier never trailed during that eight-game winning streak, one that included a win over DePaul when the Musketeers scored in the last minute to seal the win.

This victory led to Xavier’s regular season finale against Butler on the road.

On a snowy December night playing on the road Xavier faced a Bulldogs squad that hadn’t dropped a match on their home turf in three seasons. The Musketeers scored in the first and last five minutes of the game.

“I started to feel somewhere in that run something special could happen, very well might happen,” Lie said. “The players started to believe everything you talk about, in team sports where one day you coach a team where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts — we started to be that way.”

“All of our tactics and everything we do as a team is based on trust of all 11 people working in concert, and you can trust the person in front of you and behind you. Those concepts are really great in theory, but they’re really hard to observe and believe fully, and I think we started to believe those things fully.”

The team closed out the 2019 season with a record of 17-4-2.

The Musketeers finished as the top team in the country in the United States Soccer Coaches Poll by season’s end, which marked the first time in program history that they were ranked in a national poll. One thing is for sure.

The 2019 women’s soccer team has left its mark and etched its name as one of the most successful teams in program history.
**The Wolves tackles tough issues**

**By Liz Harris**

Guest Writer

As Xavier celebrates 50 years of women at our university, the theater department’s production of *The Wolves* seems rather fitting. The all-women play by Sarah DeLappe centers on a young women’s indoor soccer team as they attempt to navigate the social and political complexities of the world, battle their personal demons and eventually suffer a tragic heart-wrenching loss.

The play gets off to a slow and sometimes hard-to-follow start with overlapping dialogue. However, once it reaches its climax, it is apparent that this slowness is essential to establishing the team dynamic, a hierarchy based on who knows the most. Their regular Saturday warm-ups are an all too familiar picture, a battle of ‘vulcaness’ that is more about perception than the actual issues.

Not only does this make the sudden, rapid climax immensely dramatic, it also demonstrates the play’s timelessness.

On top of the large-scale issues the young women attempt to tackle, they are all battling with their own issues that make the play feel very present: Abortion, eating disorders, social anxiety, the need to conform and pressure to have sex. The moments in which the characters individually deal with these issues rather than seeking support from their teammates are some of the play’s most powerful and are examples of the production’s strongest performances, choreography and lighting design.

**Photo courtesy of Xavier Theatre**

Xavier’s production of *The Wolves* showcases the dynamic performances of its cast. The show navigates prevalent issues young women often face, such as eating disorders, social anxiety and the need to conform.

**Photo courtesy of Shinh.com**

Jojo Rabbit movie is imperfect but enjoyable

**By Ben Thomson**

Guest Writer

Who knew a movie about Hitler would be the most hoped-for film I’ve seen this year?

Through the lens of American cinema, Nazis have always been and shall forever be the bad guys. Beyond just war films, echoes of the Third Reich can be seen in iconic villains such as Darth Vader or Lord Voldemort. They’ve always been understood as pure evil. But what if they could change?

This is the question asked by Taika Waititi in his latest film *Jojo Rabbit*, most controversial film of the week.

*Jojo Rabbit* tells the story of Jojo (Roman Griffin Davis), a young Nazi who finds a Jewish girl (Thomasin McKenzie) hiding in the walls of his house who teaches him a valuable lesson about humanity and the war at large. Oh, and his imaginary friend is Adolf Hitler (Waititi). The film also features Scarlett Johansson, Sam Rockwell, Alfie Allen and Stephen Merchant.

I think the film is fine. Not perfect, but better than a lot of other movies I’ve seen this year. My favorite part of the film was probably the presentation.

In the beginning, the world is very bright and whimsical. You almost forget that the film takes place in Nazi Germany. As the film progresses, however, the bright reds and warm tans are replaced with drained greens and stark greys, giving us a visual accompaniment to Jojo’s character.

Overall, Waititi’s direction was very solid (when he wasn’t aping Wes Anderson), and there was one motif in particular that had a heart-wrenching pay off. In fact, the big emotional moments in the film were handled very well and almost got me to cry.

The film was well cast, with Rockwell and newcomer Archie Yates being the highlights of the film. But that’s really where the positives end for me.

*Jojo Rabbit* has a pacing issue. I often found myself wondering when the film was going to end, rather than engrossing myself into the world. For a movie that clocks in at only 105 minutes, you’d think it would be more concise and quicker paced.

This wasn’t helped by the annoying Adolf Hitler. Waititi is a lot of things, but Charlie Chaplin is not one of them. I found his portrayal of fictional Hitler irritating and unconvincing. Maybe that’s why by design (I mean, it would probably be bad if I liked Hitler), but none of the comedy from him landed for me.

Perhaps the biggest negative of this film is that it’s derivative. Waititi made this movie already with *Boy*. Sure, the relevant social commentary wasn’t there, but the same themes were not only present, but much more resonant. I wish he would’ve leaned a bit more into the satire rather than doing Apocalypse

So, the film isn’t perfect. Very few are. Despite its problems, though, I’m glad I saw the film. I definitely look forward to seeing more from Waititi.

Total score:

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Autopsy Report

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NAME: T. Urkey  DOB: 7/20/19  RACE: Turkey  SEX: F

DATE AND TIME OF DEATH: 28 November at approximately 12 p.m.

Initial Findings:

- Victim found on table with multiple lacerations on wings, breasts and legs.
- Victim appeared to be drowned in gravy.
- Multiple bite marks left throughout the body, both human and canine.
- Her giblets were nowhere to be found.

Final Diagnoses:

- Victim was found to have been stuffed with bread crumbs and baked at 350°F for 3 hours in a baste. Slightly burnt.
- The murder weapon appears to have been a large carving knife. When the blood on the knife was tested back at the lab, the results came back as cranberry sauce.
- Victim was large enough to feed a group of four adults and two children.
- She appears to have been “gobbled up.”

Additional Comments:

- Victim appeared to be seeking a presidential pardon. No further comment has been given on this.
- There may be a serial killer on the loose as multiple victims have been found across the country in the same condition.

Fictionary

Your weekly well of wacky words™

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Festlatives [fest-lah-tives]: Family members who only seem to exist around the holidays

Monochristmas [mon-oh-kroi-st-mus]: The bland and colorless Christmas of one with red/green colorblindness

Nuggling [nug-ging]: The act of chugging a full gallon of eggnog

Tradoubtful [tra-dowt-full]: Customs of celebration that are slightly... questionable.

“A nuggling contest between me and grandma? Very tradoubtful.”

Find the answer key in the next issue (1/15/20)!

ACROSS
2. Somewhere on this page blood was mistaken for ...
5. A fun word to describe a deep cut to the skin
6. Your weird uncle who only shows up at Christmas

DOWN
1. This upcoming holiday begins on the 26th
3. The main character of Home Alone is Kevin
4. The winner of the 2019 Crosstown Shootout!
7. Some might use this word to describe my yearly egg nog bath
8. For his first birthday Jesus received gifts of gold, ________, and myrrh