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Betta's owner recognizes Xavier's impact

KATIE ROSENBAUM
Campus News Editor

The upcoming Xavier campus expansion has had an effect on local businesses and communities.

As a former member of the Norwood City Council and a local business owner, Will DeLuca recognizes the impact that Xavier has on his restaurant, Betta's Italian Oven, which opened in 2003.

DeLuca bought property at 3764 Montgomery Rd. in February 2001 with the intentions of building a restaurant there.

People thought he was crazy for opening a restaurant on Montgomery Road, DeLuca says. However, he was impressed with Xavier's campus, especially Cintas Center.

It was important to him to build a restaurant because there was very little in the surrounding area for local residents and members of the Xavier community.

Since the opening of



Betta's, one of the more prominent local businesses near Xavier, has endured a rocky relationship with the University, according to owner Will DeLuca.

Betta's, DeLuca says that his restaurant has been relatively successful, but this does not come without hard work. DeLuca works about 75 hours every week in order to keep the business running.

"If this restaurant were in the hands of other people, they may have just closed it

because it is a tremendous amount of work and time," says DeLuca. "However, my wife and I are going to do anything to succeed here."

The one thing that DeLuca thinks would make Betta's more profitable would be a liquor license.

"We don't want to be a bar, but a liquor license will

help us have better profit margins," says DeLuca. "It's hard to make a profit when someone comes in to order a \$6 sandwich and a glass of water."

DeLuca has been on a waiting list for seven years for a liquor license, but it is difficult because a town or city can only have a certain

amount of liquor licenses based on its population. Since Norwood's population has been decreasing, there are no new liquor licenses available.

When DeLuca heard that the Norwood Café was selling, DeLuca gave an offer to buy the bar, so he could obtain their liquor license. However, the Norwood Café was sold to Xavier for \$290,000, not including the cost of the liquor license.

DeLuca says that he is upset that Xavier is keeping the liquor license. DeLuca had purchased and then sold Center City Collision property on Montgomery to Xavier because zoning issues prevented DeLuca and a potential business partner from opening a coffee shop.

DeLuca received two other offers to buy this property and other offers to lease it, but he decided that selling to Xavier would be in everyone's best interest.

Xavier's expansion will help improve Montgomery,

DeLuca says. Montgomery has already improved from the time he opened Betta's. DeLuca would have to try to ward off drug dealers in front of his restaurant and would call the police on a regular basis. However, he says that there still can be improvements to Montgomery.

"When a potential out-of-town student is checking out campus with mom and dad and they drive down Montgomery Road, they may wonder where in the world they are. Expansion will be great to improve Montgomery Road's look," DeLuca says.

DeLuca says that by selling the property to Xavier, Xavier officials, whom he did not name, made a verbal agreement that Xavier would later help him with parking and would try to sell the liquor license to DeLuca.

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COFFEE EMPORIUM

Out with the old, in with the new



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

Coffee Emporium has replaced Victory Perk as the Gallagher Student Center's number one (and only) coffee shop. The Emporium is Cincinnati's oldest locally-owned coffee company, opening in 1973. It plans to create a blend designed specially for Xavier (perhaps it will be blue?) **For more, see Campus News, pg. 3**

New library 'Chronicle'-d

CIO unhappy with 'innaccurate' portrayal

DARREN LACOUR
Op-Ed Editor

With the first floor of the library being transformed into the prototype for the new Learning Commons, the university has been successful in generating quite a bit of hype about its project.

In fact, the project has even garnered the interest of a popular and prestigious university trade publication.

Recently, an article titled "Strains and Joys Color Mergers Between Libraries and Tech Units" ran in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, a widely respected magazine for college and university faculty and administrators.

The article, which described mergers between library and technology departments at universities, used Xavier as a current example of an institution which is joining the two departments. Now, the newly formed department is divided into two separate groups, Discovery



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

The remodeled first floor of the McDonald library has generated interest from the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

and Content Management, each of which has librarians and technician employees. Discovery interacts with students, helping sign out material or helping with technical problems. Content Management is responsible for assembling digital data, cataloguing and developing library collections.

Those Xavier staff members contacted for the interview were excited about the opportunity to share what they see as progress.

However, since the article's publication, those involved were a little disappointed with the content.

"The article did not accurately reflect the forward-looking view of the Learning Commons here at Xavier," said David Dodd, vice president for Information Resources and Chief

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Movie premiere

At 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 in the Gallagher Theater there will be a premiere Cincinnati showing of a new documentary, "For the Bible Tells Me So," which focuses on the lives of five Christian families who just so happen to have a gay son or daughter. Following this showing, there will be a panel discussion which will include: Director of Campus Ministry Joe Shadle, theology Professor Holly Toensing and Husman Hall Director Jeff Girton. For more information contact xualliance@xavier.edu

Blood drive

Attention all students and staff: The campus blood drive is being held through Fri., Jan. 25. Please visit the web site at www.hoxworth.org/xavier for more information regarding times and locations and to schedule an appointment. Donors are again needed, as the tri-state community needs 350 donors daily to meet the needs of area patients. Questions? Contact Katie Glahn, Hoxworth Blood Center at (513) 558-1562 and Craig Scanlon, Student Government at (614) 216-5209.

Faculty workshop

Drs. Lisa Mills and Kathy Burklow, two experts in the area of community-engaged scholarship, will present a workshop entitled "Participatory Action Research: A Methodology for Community-Engaged Scholarship" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1 in the experimental classroom on the first floor of the library. The workshop will provide faculty with training in qualitative methods of research which emphasize learning through participation with the community in a way that integrates the needs of the community with those of the academic institution. Lunch will be provided. This workshop is supported by a Wheeler Grant to the Psychology Department. Reservations are necessary and limited. Please direct questions to and RSVP no later than Monday, Jan. 28 to bessler@xavier.edu.



Professor Profile: Ann Hagedorn

MATTHEW FINGER
Managing Editor



Professor Ann Hagedorn of the English Department teaches creative nonfiction at Xavier and has experiences ranging from writing to violins. Born in Dayton, Ohio, she has lived in Kansas City, Mo., Cleveland, Ohio, Ann Arbor Mich. and New York, N.Y. She has a B.A. in history from Denison University, a M.S. in information science from Michigan, and an M.S. in journalism from Columbia. Hagedorn also has studied at Yale, and is proficient in German.

Her first professional job was as a research librarian at the University of Kansas. She began her writing career in New York City writing speeches, brochures and grant proposals as a faculty member of the New York University library.

She began her career as a journalist writing about crime and covering trials in the East San Francisco Bay area. She then began writing for the *Wall Street Journal*, where she wrote on subjects ranging from violent crimes in shopping malls to securities fraud on Wall Street. She has also written for the *New York Daily News*, and has contributed to the *Washington Post*.

Hagedorn has written four books, including "Wild Ride," which is about the decline of the Calumet Farm, America's premier horse racing dynasty.

She has taught at Northwestern University and Columbia University, and has also lectured at several colleges and universities across the country. Hagedorn is also nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in history for her book *Savage Peace*. It was also nominated for the National Book Award and the Bancroft award for history.



What do you like most about Xavier?

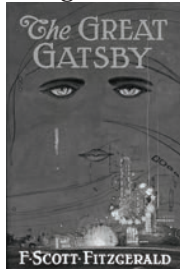
It's an upbeat, friendly and efficient environment. All the students are polite and gracious.

What do you like the least about Xavier?

I don't like the parking.

What did you want to be when you were a little kid?

Since the fourth grade I've wanted to be a writer. I was inspired originally by "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." Also "The Great Gatsby" had a big influence on me.



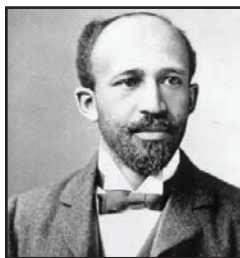
What is on your iPod right now?

I don't have an iPod. But I like opera, and Brahms. Bob Dylan too. His lyrics are genius.



If you could spend the day with anyone, who would it be?

Oh, geez. Can I pick five? Martin Luther King, Jr., W. E. B. de Bois, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Ghandi and Bobby Kennedy.



Do you have any advice for your students?

Believe in yourself.

What's one thing that you want your students to know about you?

I try to play the violin.

◀ Betta's



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BREESE

Betta's owner Will DeLuca

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When you have something that someone wants, they call you and return your calls, when you don't have anything that is useful to them they don't call you or return your calls," says DeLuca.

DeLuca says that Xavier does not need the liquor license due to their size, they qualify for an entertainment district liquor license.

However, Elizabeth Blume, director of the Community Building Institute says that Xavier needs the liquor license because while in the future they may be an entertainment district, currently Xavier Square has not yet been designated an entertainment district.

A community entertainment district is an area that includes a combination entertainment, retail, educational, sporting, social, cultural or arts establishments." An

area must be approved by a city council before it can become a community entertainment district according to codes.ohio.gov.

Furthermore, Blume says that DeLuca has not contacted the Community Building Institute, whose goal is to build and strengthen relationships between Xavier and the community.

"DeLuca should come and talk to us about his concerns because we are open to discuss them," says Blume.

Although DeLuca has concerns that certain Xavier officials are not following through with their verbal agreement, he says that he is excited by the potential of campus expansion.

"I'm a strong supporter of Xavier and what they are doing," DeLuca says.

POLICE NOTES

Jan. 14, 11:55 a.m.- A student reported roommate trouble that happened before Christmas Break. Residence Life was notified.

Jan. 14, 2:37 p.m.- A non-student soliciting signatures in the O'Connor Sports lot was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Jan. 14, 8:13 p.m.- A non-student urinating in the South lot was arrested for disorderly conduct while intoxicated, obstructing official business and for having an outstanding warrant.

Jan. 14, 10:05 p.m.- A student stopped for running a stop sign in the R-1 lot was cited for permitting drug activity in his or her vehicle.

Jan. 15, 11:00 a.m.- A student reported that his or her wallet was lost or stolen off campus. Cincinnati Police were notified.

Jan. 15, 7:06 p.m.- Two students reported the theft of a purse and \$100 from an unlocked room in Husman Hall.

Jan. 16, 6:44 p.m.- Campus Police assisted Cincinnati Police with an accident at the corner of Dana and Ledgewood avenues involving a car that ran off the road and destroyed an emergency phone.

Jan. 18, 4:51 p.m.- A student reported the theft of \$100 out of an unattended purse in the locker room of O'Connor Sports Center.

Jan. 19, 12:20 a.m.- A student on University Drive carrying a beer in his or her back pocket was cited for underage possession.

Jan. 20, 2:30 a.m.- A student found in Brockman Hall with a bloody mouth and yelling that he or she wanted to fight was cited for underage consumption.

Jan. 20, 5:22 p.m.- Two employees reported a minor accident on the Cintas loading dock.

Jan. 21, 11:51 a.m.- Campus Police, Physical Plant and Cincinnati Fire and Rescue responded to a fire alarm in the Bookstore. An investigation showed that a broken sprinkler head in the loading dock triggered the fire alarm and caused a small amount of water damage.

Police Note of the Week

Jan. 19, 1:48 a.m. - An intoxicated student having trouble paying his or her cab fair outside Kuhlman Hall was assisted to the ATM and cited for underage consumption and escorted to his or her room.

Coffee Emporium 'Perks' up Gallagher

STEPHANIE METZ

Assistant Campus News Editor

The start of the spring semester brought a change in coffee retailers to Xavier with the opening of Coffee Emporium in Gallagher Student Center last week.

Victory Perk had been student run during the 2006-2007 academic year and fall semester of this year.

Last semester, Tony Tausch, owner of Coffee Emporium, was contacted by as a possible coffee supplier to Victory Perk.

Tausch met with Kyle Wynn, student manager of Victory Perk. A few weeks after this meeting, Tom Barlow, director of Auxiliary Services, asked Tausch if he would be interested in taking over the coffee shop in Gallagher as an outpost of Coffee Emporium.

"We were honored when Xavier approached us to bring our coffee retail operation to their Student Center," said Tony Tausch.

Coffee Emporium is Cincinnati's oldest locally owned coffee company, opening in 1973. In 2001, 2003 and 2006, Coffee Emporium was also named the Best in Cincinnati by Cincinnati Magazine.

Eileen Tausch, wife of Tony Tausch and Coffee Emporium employee believes Coffee Emporium offers all their customers a "premium cup of coffee" and will be a "quality source" of coffee beverages to Xavier students, faculty and the administration. "Xavier students have a little more sophisticated taste, and Coffee Emporium hopes to appeal to and cultivate that, said



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BREESE

The Coffee Emporium, a local Cincinnati business, offers Xavier students new coffee choices in Gallagher Student Center.

Eileen Tausch.

Director for Auxiliary Services Tom Barlow also believes that Coffee Emporium will be a great addition to Xavier in that "This family owned company fits very well into our mission to support local communities and businesses."

Coffee Emporium has continued the tradition of selling fair trade and direct trade coffee that Victory Perk started on Xavier's campus, but has also made some improvements.

They installed a new espresso machine, created an enlarged menu with both coffee and non-coffee drinks and are committed to buying and serving local pastries.

A special coffee blend is also being developed specifically for Xavier. The Tausches are talking

to Xavier students about the possibility of them baking for Coffee Emporium.

As with Victory Perk, Coffee Emporium is committed to having a student-driven coffee shop. Eileen Tausch stated that Coffee Emporium will also work with Xavier's business college and the entrepreneurial studies programs in the coming months. The staff and managers of Coffee Emporium will be Xavier students. In addition, senior student managers would have the chance to visit a Costa Rican coffee plantation with Coffee Emporium. Tony Tausch thought that working with Coffee Emporium will be a great opportunity to "help develop small business skills for interested students."

◀ Learning Commons

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Information Officer at Xavier, who was a primary source in the article.

Much of the article's content was derived from other universities and their experiences with the merging of the library and technology departments, not all of which were pleasant. For example, at Gettysburg College, librarians said that they felt shunted after that institution merged the two departments in 1995.

Andrea Foster, the reporter who wrote the article, said that she did not see reasons why university staff should be upset.

"I accurately described Xavier's vision for its integrated IT and library organizations," said Foster.

In a phone conversation, Foster said that "it's not my job to give a glowing report; it's my job to report what is happening."

Though the article does not solely sing Xavier's praises, Dodd is confident that it will cause no setbacks for the progress of the Learning Commons.

"What Xavier is doing is pioneering and very positive for the faculty, staff and students of the University," Dodd said.

"The Learning Commons is intended to provide the highest quality of support for teaching and learning at Xavier."

For the full text of Andre Foster's article, visit the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* website at <http://chronicle.com/weekly/v54/i19/19a00103.htm>

BRIEFS

Resume and interview help

Can you benefit from resume and/or interview advice from professional recruiters? Practice interview skills and ensure your resume is professional to give you more confidence at the upcoming Spring Career and Internship Fair Friday, Feb. 8 and during your job/internship search. To participate you must sign up through eRecruiting (xavier.erecruiting.com) by selecting "Employer Resume Critique" or "Practice Interviews with an Employer" in the One Click Searches section. Resume Critiques will take place Jan. 28 - 29 and practice interviews will be held Jan. 30 - 31. Appointments will be held in the Career Services Center (GSC 310). The deadline to sign up is Thursday, Jan. 24. Space is limited. Questions? Contact the Career Services Center at ex. 3141.

Design the X shirt

Any opinions on this year's X shirt? Well, now you have the chance to design the annual shirt for next year. After two successful years, the tradition will live on with the '08-'09 X shirt and we need your designs! Please submit any design ideas to Matt Robinson (robinsonm2@xavier.edu, ML 201) before Jan. 31.

Win \$350

Xavier's Public Relations Student Society is having a Mascot Competition to find a mascot for the DEBUNKIFY campaign this semester. The competition will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 in the GSC Atrium. One winner will be selected to receive the \$350 grand prize. If you'd like to participate, email gregorya11@xavier.edu or call (330) 618-4928 for more details. Participant cut-off is Jan. 29. Visit www.debunkify.com/xu for more information about the XU DEBUNKIFY campaign.

On campus employment

There are open positions on campus for student workers awarded Federal Work Study or University Employment. Contact the supervisor directly to schedule an interview and discuss employment opportunities. You may also see job listings by coming to the Career Services Center located in Gallagher Room 310.

Xavier commits to go green

Fr. Graham inks commitment to reduce Xavier's carbon footprint

KELLY SHAW
Senior News Writer

Father Michael Graham, S.J. signed Xavier's name to an effort that hopes to eventually neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

The American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, whose goal is becoming "climate neutral" has now been signed by over 472 presidents.

The document, that Graham signed yesterday, states that global emission of greenhouse gases needs to be reduced by 80 percent by the middle of the century in order to avert the "worst impacts of global warming."

"I think this is an important issue for society in general, universities included, especially Jesuit, Catholic ones like Xavier," Graham said.

The commitment also states that signatories "believe that colleges and universities that exert leadership in addressing climate change will stabilize and reduce their long-term energy costs, attract excellent students and faculty,

attract new sources of funding and increase the support of alumni and local communities."

Goals of the agreement include developing a plan of action and regularly evaluating its results.

Suggestions for the plan includes adopting an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy, offsetting all greenhouse gas emissions generated by air travel paid for by the institution and purchasing or producing at least 15 percent of the institution's electricity consumption from renewable sources within one year of signing the document.

Graham has already begun to input Xavier's plan of action.

"Most immediately, we will be setting up an oversight committee and charging it to steer our progress on campus. It will include faculty, staff and administration. Its work will build on a variety of things that have been done here over the course of the last number of years to reduce energy consumption, but now in a more focused direction around the issue of sustainability and its goal of reducing our carbon footprint," Graham said.

Q&A about "green" plan:

What exactly are presidents and chancellors committing to?

Presidents signing the Commitment are pledging to eliminate their campuses' greenhouse gas emissions in a reasonable period of time as determined by each institution. This involves:

* Setting up a mechanism (committee, task force, office, etc.) within two months to guide the process.

* Completing an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions within 1 year, from the subsequent of the three annual start-dates: September 15, Jan. 15 or May 15.

* Creating and implementing a climate neutral plan (that includes a target date and interim milestones for achieving campus climate neutrality) within two years.

* Taking two of seven immediate steps specified in the commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while the more comprehensive plan is being developed.

* Integrating sustainability into the curriculum and making it part of the educational experience.

* Making the action plan, inventory and periodic progress reports publicly available.

What emissions sources are included/how are they calculated?

It is recommended that participating campuses use Clean Air-Cool Planet's Campus Carbon Calculator to calculate their total emissions. At a minimum, participating campuses should include in their inventories emissions produced through on-site combustion of fossil fuels; electricity consumption; student, faculty, and staff commuting; and institution-funded air travel. As the inventory methodology develops and to the extent practical, participating institutions should also endeavor to evaluate embodied emissions in purchased goods and services, including food.



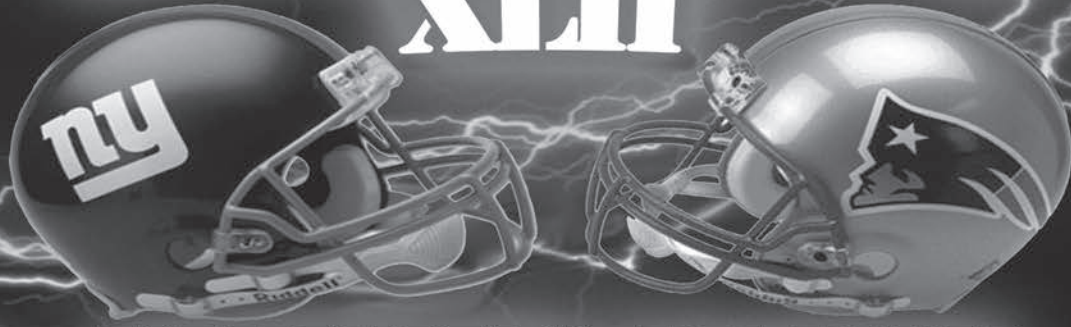
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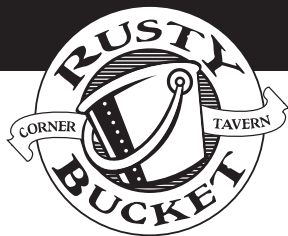
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WEDNESDAY

January 23

Welcome to Calendar City's new spot! Due to space constraints and renovations, Calendar City has had to move.

For some of you, it was probably nerve-wracking to flip to the back page of this paper and not see Calendar City. I thank you for your patience and welcome you back into the loving arms of this nonsensical column.

For those of you who have never seen nor heard of Calendar City because you're too lazy to read the entire paper or you only want to read things with "content" or "substance," shaaaa. I just shaaa-ed on you.

Deal with it.



Gee Happy...you sure are looking handsome today...

What would happen if you combine each of Snow White's seven dwarf's with one of the seven deadly sins? You'd get an interesting column that's for sure.

Happy would be lust. I can just see that over-enthusiastic charmer buying a person drink after drink until he/she figured they could never do better than a generous dwarf that smiles too much. That's when Happy would make his move...

Calendar City

By Briana Hansen. To place an item in the calendar, mail to hansenb@xavier.edu.

THURSDAY

January 24

Naturally, Doc would represent gluttony. After years in dwarf medical school, he developed a number of embarrassing eating habits that keep him from maintaining a healthy weight.

The players at the XU versus Dayton basketball game had better maintain a healthy weight... otherwise they'll make fools of themselves on the court.

Tonight at 11 p.m. in the GSC Theatre, the movie "Boondock Saints" will play.

Bring lots of zebra cakes, twinkies, marshmallows, Rosie Swan's homemade cookies and birthday cake so you can feel gluttonous just like Doc.

FRIDAY

January 25

This Friday is surprisingly packed with stuff?

I just ended that declarative sentence with a question mark?

I did it again?

What's going on.

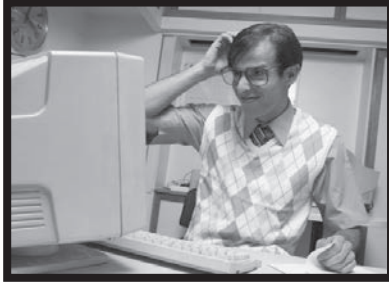
I am messing up my punctuation?

On purpose?

That's silly?

When will I stop the madness.

Who knows? Maybe never?



Some days I don't even think I'm typing complete sentences.

There will be a Art Faculty Art Exhibition opening at 6-8:30 p.m.?

I'm still writing the unnecessary question marks? Why.

The movie "Boondock Saints" will play again tonight at 11 p.m. in the GSC Theatre? I love that movie?

There's also a movie night on the Levee? Buses will leave at 6:30 p.m. for the Levee with free movie passes? That sounds awesome?

I'm Ron Burgundy?

No more question marks...I've got a serious matter to discuss.

Dopey. He would embody the sin of greed, duh. Just think about him with his shiny, clear babyface.

It must take really expensive facewash, professional facials, waxing, manicures, pedicures, constant haircuts...you name it.

How dare you Dopey! How dare you squander all the dwarves hard-earned money for your own ridiculous desires. You must learn when enough is enough, Dopey! Enough is enough!

SATURDAY

January 26

If you're looking for something fun to do today after a fun-filled yesterday, you're like Dopey and way too greedy.

If you've been sick--like everyone I know seems to be--and finally feel better today and are looking for adventure...you can go on the XU Ski Trip.

You'll have to have signed up sometime before today if you want to go. If you can't go, don't become like Grumpy and embody wrath.

If you were Grumpy and were taking out your wrath, I bet it would hurt.

I didn't really think this analogy through before I started creating it... huh...(awkward)

SUNDAY

January 27

If we were doing another rendition of "Seven" with the dwarfs, Sneezy would be pride. Brad Pitt would still be Brad Pitt, though. He'd have to play opposite all the dwarfs. OK, I'm tired of all this dwarf talk so I'll just round this out with saying Bashful would be envy and Sleepy would be sloth.

In conclusion, you should not sin in the presence of a legal dwarf.

I thank you for your time.

MONDAY

January 28

Ladies and gentlemen, if you're looking for some fun this Monday... call Paul Moeller. He's filled with bountiful energy. Like Tickle-Me Elmo. He also happened to walk by me right as I began this column with a completely blank canvass and no idea what to write about.

Alright Paul!



Somebody shoot that butterfly before it eats Bambi's tail!

Another Sean Miller Show will take place today at 7 p.m. in Ryans Pub. If you change around the letters of Sean Miller's name, you get Mean Siller. That's crazy!

TUESDAY

January 29

Here is your homework for the week...Use the word "twitterpated," made popular by the movie "Bambi," as often as possible.

On a first date: "Your beauty just made me twitterpate myself."

Breaking up: "It's not you...it's my twitterpating nature."

In class: "Plato must have twitterpated every day to be the genius he was."

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- STAFF EDITORIALS - Bad press?

We're not going to lie; Xavier's progress with the Learning Commons project has us impressed. We've never been so excited to walk into a building filled with old books, though that's probably because we can't see any of the old books.

And though we don't have a real idea of how the new integration of the library and technology staffs is going, things seem to be fairly well.

Of course, when we got word that Xavier staff members were upset with their recent portrayal in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, we were very curious as to what was said that was so "misrepresentative."

Reading the article, it seems that the reporter may have taken a few steps overboard. Likening David Dodd to "a restaurateur ushering in the fast-food model" seems a little extreme, and on the whole, it's not an experience we see many people relating to, so perhaps it's a useless metaphor.

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But overall, though the article was critical, it didn't seem as malicious as Xavier staff members first made it out to be.

Dodd said that "The article did not accurately reflect the forward-looking view of the Learning Commons here at Xavier," which is entirely true.

However, the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* goal is not to present the good side of Xavier. As we understand it, journalists are supposed to report the facts, and though they should be sure to incorporate positive elements, highlighting potential problems is the best way to affect change, or at least reconsideration.

Andrea Foster's article offers a different side of Xavier, a side that may not be the university's favorite, but a side that might offer some perspective or raise some points not previously thought about.

Sure, the article did not show the "forward-looking view of the Learning Commons," but that's what Xavier's PR department is for.

Besides, if Xavier really wants to make a statement, it can come back in a few years with a fully functioning and integrated Learning Commons, and then the *Chronicle* will be forced to report on the progress the university made, in spite of the bad press (if there is such a thing).

Noticing our neighbors

It's easy to forget sometimes that Xavier is in the middle of several communities, and that the actions of the university, its students, its administrators and its faculty affect these surrounding communities.

However, it's quite clear that they do.

Xavier is buying up Norwood property left and right to make room for the "East Campus" project, which is obviously affecting local businesses, like the Norwood Café, Betta's and H&H Grill.

It doesn't seem like Xavier officials in charge of the campus expansion project are necessarily giving local community leaders a tremendous amount of input in the "East Campus" project, a project that will affect local residents for decades to come.

Get the full story: "Betta's owner recognizes Xavier's impact" p. 1

However, the lack of communication between Xavier and local communities is much more of an endemic problem, one not merely limited to the interactions of local community leaders and Xavier officials.

Xavier student routinely demonstrate a lack of courtesy and respect for local residents by parading up and down Cleaney Avenue on Friday and Saturday nights in ostentatious drunken revelry.

We're not saying that students should avoid having fun (we at the *NewsWire* are decidedly pro-revelry), but we think that all of us, from Fr. Graham on down, need to be more conscious of how our actions—whether its buying their property or yelling outside their houses—affect the lives of local residents.

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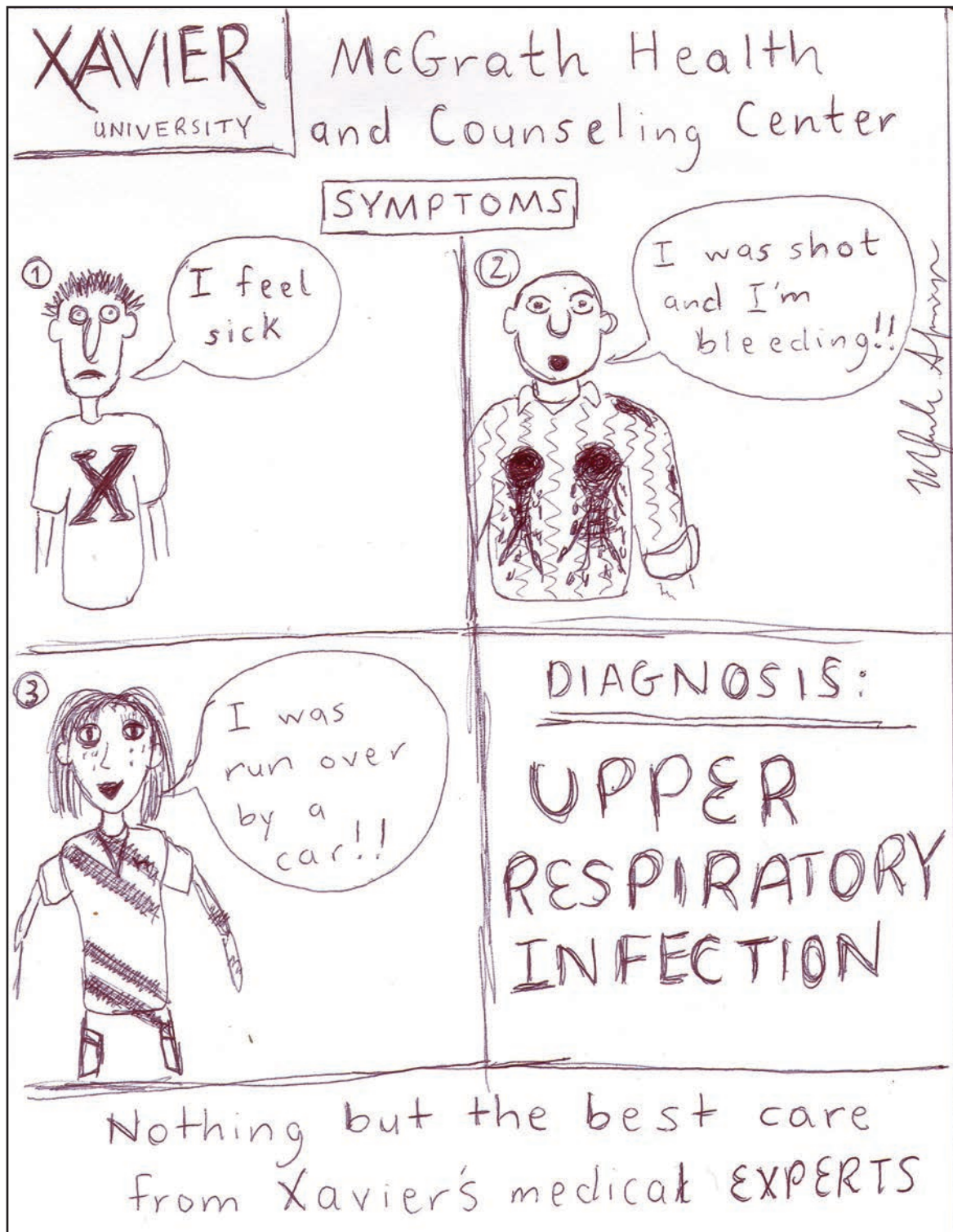
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— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR —

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— LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY —

We used to have problems fitting all your letters on the page... but it seems those days are over.

For those of you who are unsure of the process or need a little clarification, here's our letters policy:

- To submit a letter for publication, send the letter as the main text of an email to Newswire-Oped@xavier.edu.

- The *NewsWire* is published on Wednesdays.

- Letters must be submitted by the Monday prior to publication. Letters received on Tuesday are unlikely to be published that issue.

- Letters should be kept to a maximum of 250 words. *This is a point that the letter writers are having a hard time following. PLEASE try to keep your commentary as succinct as possible so everyone gets a chance to be heard.*

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- The *NewsWire* reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

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all the letters we receive, but we will ensure that all points of view expressed in the letters we receive are represented.

- Letters are more likely to be published if they are succinct and coherent, especially if they offer a unique point of view.

- If you are a student submitting a letter for publication, please include your class year.

- Finally, if you wish to submit a longer piece in the form of a column (no more than 650 words), you are more than welcome to do so. Please, no poetry.

ASK *the* EXPERTS

Brian Holubetz, Help Desk Technician

Question: Why does my computer frequently lose the wireless internet connection at Xavier? I live in Buenger, and approximately every 20 seconds, my Dell Inspiron laptop disconnects and then reconnects to the internet. At home, I do not have these problems with my wireless and I am wondering why this is happening.

If a student came to me with this problem, I would check to see that the wireless card manufacturer has the latest software driver.

Xavier University uses a highly secure wireless network requiring the latest wireless protocols, and as such, older software that controls the wireless cards in laptops may not support the newer protocols. This may explain why it might work at home, Starbucks or Panera, which are less secure networks.

The next step would be to check network settings; often computers are hard-coded to the users' home networks, and they are still looking for a network

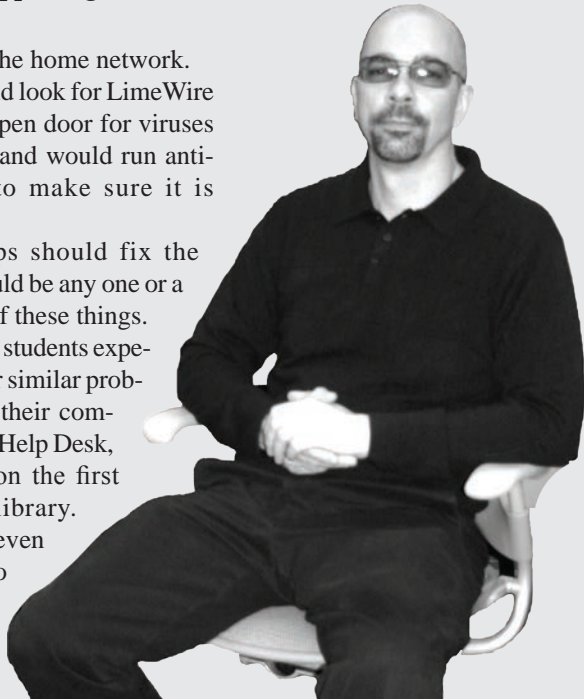
address from the home network.

Next I would look for LimeWire (which is an open door for viruses and spyware) and would run anti-virus scans to make sure it is clean.

Those steps should fix the problem; it could be any one or a combination of these things.

I encourage students experiencing this or similar problems to bring their computers into the Help Desk, now located on the first floor of the library.

We're open seven days a week, so drop by any time!



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Hallowed Ground

As I was perusing the MyXu portal last week, taking silly polls and catching up on birth announcements, there were two things that caught my eye. The first was that Michael Raidt was the person of the week, a choice that I felt was long over-due. The second was the picture of the week.

The picture was of three students at the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C.

Now, you might think that students at a war memorial would make for an endearing photo. You would be wrong.

These said students were posed in front of the memorial, goofily pointing to the etched marble markers commemorating those from Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio who served and died in the war.

Oh hooray, look at us, we're from three different states just like the thousands of men who died

protecting the world and our way of life from destruction and tyranny. Whoopee.

To make the picture worse, the all-knowing gods of the Portal, who have conceived such poll questions as, "Are you concerned about the potential spread of Bird Flu to the United States?" and "Have you ever mistakenly stopped at a green LIGHT or waited for a stop SIGN to say GO?" combined the picture with a lame piece of clip art that says "Road Trip."

Really? I mean, am I the only one out there who thinks that maybe, just maybe, the millions of people who died in World War II deserve a little bit more respect than that?

I understand that going to national monuments is exciting, and

that it's important to document your trips with photographs. But, you don't see anyone doing a CHEESE face in front of the Holocaust museum, or people pointing to a map in the Freedom Center saying "Hey I've been there! Hooray!"

What's worse, we're talking about our grandfathers' generation here. That marble slab represents 6,802 grandfathers from Kentucky, 8,131 from Indiana and 16,828 from Ohio.

I'm not saying that people shouldn't be allowed to have fun at monuments and take pictures.

But there's a certain degree of sanctity when it comes to things like this. They're memorials. You're supposed to remember, not dance on the graves of heroes.



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SO IT GOES *by* Matt Kroeger



Sobering stories

"Brian was relatively good at keeping control. He knew his limits."

"I've never seen him puke, I've never seen him pass out..."

"He wasn't wasted."

These are just three quotes spoken of close friends following the alcohol-related death of Brian Threet, 20, of Minnesota, as taken from the WCCO 4 News website. These friends knew Brian very well. Brian was apparently doing nothing out of the ordinary that Friday night, as he partied until 7 a.m. Saturday morning and was found dead in his own bed by a roommate around 4 p.m. that afternoon.

Despite dying from alcohol-poisoning, Brian was still not considered "wasted" by friends.

This story is just one of four recent alcohol-related deaths which have occurred on Minnesota campuses. Mankato College has experienced three deaths on-campus this past semester alone.

Want me to bring it a little closer to home? April 14, 2007, Beth Speidel, a then-sophomore, died on Miami University's campus after drunkenly wandering over to the railroad tracks alone and being hit by a 52-car train. Her body wasn't found until over two hours later at 3:16 a.m. when another train came along. Karl Fazli, 21, of Wittenberg University died on Feb. 17 of last year of alcohol poisoning after a typical night of drinking. In March, Sarah Merritt of Ohio University fell from a fifth floor balcony resulting in a suspected alcohol-related death.

Ask any of your friends, Xavier students, and I bet there is little chance that someone did not witness or personally experience an alcohol-induced injury just on this past New Years. I know of a girl who fell into a glass table enduring numerous large shards of glass pushed into her throat and chest, including one that was pushed five inches into her back, just missing her spinal chord.

I can get a bit more personal as well. I endured a extensive drunken accident myself earlier this year which has opened my eyes to the gravity of this matter.

After some late-night partying in early October, I slipped and fell in the shower, leading to some extensive and somewhat invasive late-night emergency surgery.

Proceeding a four day, three night hospital stint, my five immediate family members flew in from three different states and after a week of recovery and missed classes, not to mention thousands of dollars spent, I was taken home to recover and reflect upon my wrongdoings. I was forced to withdraw from classes due to "medical reasons," losing my entire first semester.

Now don't get me wrong; I believe in college drinking for many reasons. Acting as a definite social lubricant, alcohol consumption aids many in weekend social interaction. It's an easy way to unwind, relax and induce some much-needed happiness, laughter or even tears in some cases. Need some courage to get out on that dance floor or talk to that smokin' hot babe at the party? Have a few beers.

However, consider the validity of the relationships you form while drinking. How many of your weekend "friends" are mere party-friends, and how many of them are true friends? Can your true friends really tell when you're "wasted," or will they still believe you to not have been so, even upon death, as Brian's friends did?

Post-accident, I took a few weeks off from my feigned weekend lifestyle to go out with my friends sober. It was tough in the beginning, seeing as drunk kids tend to be very generous and convincing when they want someone else to drink. However, I ended up learning a lot about others and a few things about myself.

First, there is no need to be self-conscious if you choose not to drink one night...after the initial beer-offerings, most kids will shut up. Secondly, partiers tend to only care about their own buzz, it's only a big deal not to drink if you make it one. There will always be a need for a driver or a sober decision-maker. It doesn't make you any less cool if you decide to take the night off; you will more often than not be thanked.

Lastly, these have been some of the most memorable, hilarious and fun nights of my college career. I remembered everyone I met, felt great when waking up for my early-morning run and had no regrets about the night. And most of all, I thoroughly enjoyed retelling my friends and roommates the stories of their drunken escapades.



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XU among nation's most valuable

The Xavier men's basketball program was recently rated as one of Forbes's top 20 most valuable college basketball programs in the country.

Forbes estimated that the program is worth \$10.7 million to the school, bringing in \$6.3 million profit to Xavier every year.

Xavier was the highest rated team that does not belong to a conference that has an affiliation with BCS football.

Forbes attributed the high value of the Xavier program to a "lucrative seating licensing program."

The University of North Carolina was rated as the most valuable program.

The University of Cincinnati and the University of Dayton were conspicuously absent.

Tennis season gets underway



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Sophomore Chris Herrlinger earned victories in singles and doubles against IPFW.

The Xavier men's tennis team started off the season with a loss to Toledo and win over Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The team dropped the season opener to Toledo at the Mercy Healthplex Fairfield 5-2.

Xavier's Ra'eas Ismail went 2-0 in the loss, as he won his singles match and teamed with J. T. Torbek for a doubles win.

Brian Schubert also won his singles match for the Musketeers.

In the Sunday match up with IPFW at the Five Seasons in Cincinnati, the Muskies rolled to a 6-1 victory.

Ismail and Schubert again won their singles matches, but this time they were joined by Chris Herrlinger, Torbeck and Mike Diecuic in the winner's column.

Ismail and Torbeck again took home a win in doubles play.

Brian Starr and Herrlinger also teamed up for a doubles win.

Ismail was later named the Atlantic 10 Player of the Week for his perfect record.



Muskies navigate rocky road

Xavier men split tough road trip at Temple and George Washington

DOUG TIFFT
Sports Editor

Many will tell you that the true mark of a championship-caliber team is their ability to take a punch and respond resiliently.

If that is the case then this year's Xavier Musketeers men's basketball team could have something special.

The Musketeers bounced back from a demoralizing 78-59 defeat at Temple on Wednesday, with a 74-66 win over George Washington on Saturday night.

The Muskies faced familiar problems in the first leg of the road trip in Philadelphia.

They allowed the Owls to drain 13 three point shots, a season high for a Xavier opponent, on 48 percent three point shooting.

Point guard Drew Lavender, who finished the game without an assist for the only time all season, recognized the team's problems on defense saying, "We'll have to sit around and talk about the mistakes we made. It seems like every time we lose, the other team shoots lights-out on us."

The Musketeers seemed to be reverting back to the problems that had plagued them in previous road losses to Miami (OH) and Arizona St. earlier in the season by struggling to distribute evenly on offense, and providing the opposition with open looks from beyond the arc.

Xavier was only down two points with just under 12 minutes remaining, but allowed Temple to rattle off a 28-11 run to end the game.

Coach Sean Miller showed his displeasure with his team's play late in the game saying, "We had the wrong mindset in the Temple game."

The team had two long days

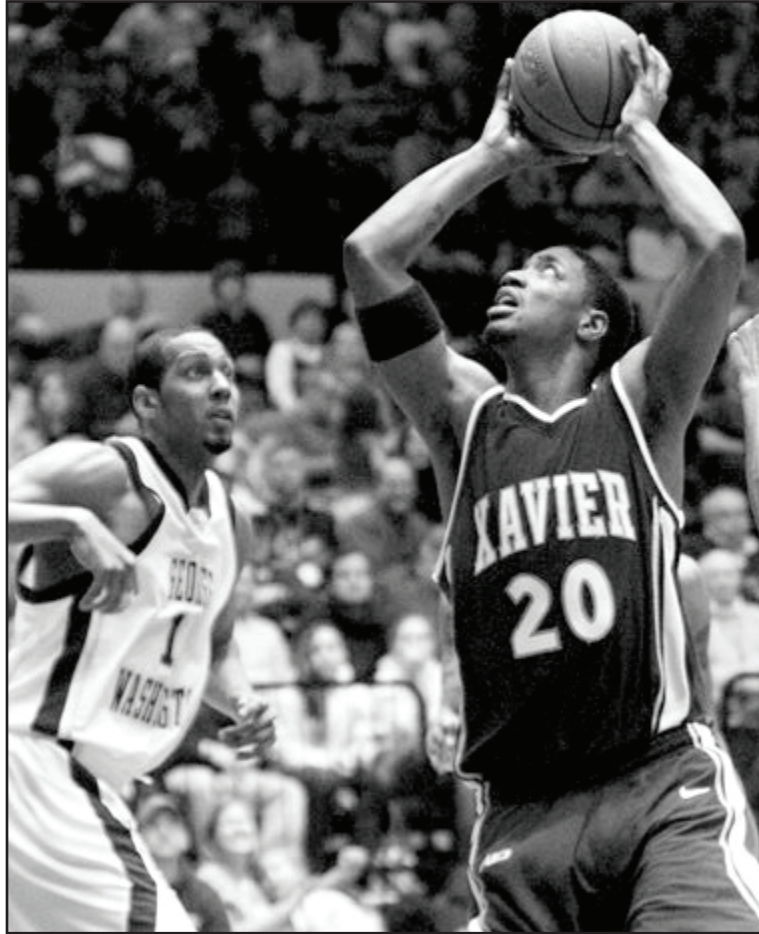


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Junior C.J. Anderson came up big with 13 points and eight rebounds in Xavier's road win at George Washington. Anderson is second on the team in rebounding and third in scoring in his first year with the Muskies.

of practice to reflect on their road woes and regain the proper frame of mind before taking on George Washington, who came in with all five of their victories on the season coming at home.

As is often the case with a team in search of a critical win, it was the seniors who stepped up for Xavier, in leading Xavier to their second road victory of the season.

Lavender and Josh Duncan both contributed 14 points each, and Stanley Burrell applied his customary lock-down defense to the Colonial backcourt to help the Musketeers hold on as George

Washington tried multiple times to mount late runs.

A key component to the turnaround was better shooting on the offensive end, where the Musketeers shot 45 percent from the field.

Xavier also won the rebounding battle 37-33, something that they failed to do against Temple.

The road victory brings the Muskies to 2-3 on the road this season.

Miller seemed happy to be heading back to Cintas Center with a split of the road trip in hand saying, "I'm excited about being 1-1 on the

road and 3-1 in the conference."

The win now sets up a much anticipated matchup on Thursday night at Cintas Center against number 16 Dayton.

The Flyers come in at 14-2, and are led by All-American candidate Brian Roberts, who is averaging over 20 points per game this season.

Xavier has had success against highly touted backcourt players already this season, with strong performances against Eric Gordon of Indiana, Chris Lofton of Tennessee and Sean Singletary of Virginia.

The tough defensive assignments have gone to senior guard Burrell in the past.

However, Miller has hinted that Lavender might get matched up against Roberts at times, along with other lengthier players like Derrick Brown.

Xavier will not have to contend with high flying freshman Chris Wright however, who underwent surgery to repair a fractured bone in his right ankle and will be out for four to eight weeks.

Although Xavier trails the all-time series against the Flyers 84-60, the Muskies have not dropped a home contest against Dayton since 1981.

This game looms large as the teams look ahead at the conference standings and postseason ramifications.

Miller echoed that sentiment saying, "The goal is to win a conference championship. Nothing, other outside of the NCAA tournament gives a team more satisfaction."

Both Xavier and Dayton come into the game ranked, with Dayton at number 16 and Xavier at number 20.

This marks the first time since 1957 that both teams have been ranked when they met.

This Week in the A10

Ricky Harris, a sophomore guard at Massachusetts, earned player of the week honors.

Harris averaged 23 points on the week and shot 50 percent from three point range in victories on the road at Dayton and home against Charlotte.

Leemire Goldwire was also a strong candidate for the award, as he averaged 30.5 points for the week in Charlotte's win over Saint Joseph's and loss to Massachusetts.

Kevin Anderson of Richmond and **Paul Eckerle** of Saint Louis shared Rookie of Week honors.

Anderson averaged 13 points and five rebounds for the week in a win over St. Bonaventure and a loss to La Salle.

Eckerle had 13 points in an upset of Rhode Island, and hit clutch free throws to keep the Billikans close in a 54-53 loss to Temple.

Fordham forward **Bryan Dun-**

ston averaged 13.5 points and 14 rebounds in victories over George Washington and Duquesne.

Shawn James of Duquesne averaged 16 points and 8.5 rebounds in Duquesne's losses to Rhode Island and Fordham.

Saint Joseph's senior forward **Pat Calathes** averaged 18.5 points and 6.5 rebounds as the Hawks fell to Charlotte and topped cross-town rival Penn.

Temple guard **Dionte Christmas** had 23 points on 4-7 shooting from three point range in the Owls' win over Xavier.

Senior guard **Darnell Harris** of La Salle scored 24 points on 9-11 shooting on Jan. 19 in a 76-67 victory at Richmond.

The Atlantic 10 conference is currently ranked as the seventh strongest conference in ratings percentage index according to collegierpi.com, the highest ranking for a non-BCS conference.

Men's Atlantic 10 Standings as of Tuesday, Jan. 22

	W	L	PCT.
Xavier	3	1	.750
Dayton	2	1	.667
Massachusetts	2	1	.667
Saint Joseph's	2	1	.667
Charlotte	2	1	.667
Temple	2	1	.667
La Salle	2	1	.667
Richmond	2	2	.500
Fordham	2	2	.500
Rhode Island	1	2	.333
Duquesne	1	2	.333
George Washington	1	2	.333
Saint Louis	1	3	.250
St. Bonaventure	0	3	.000

Super Bowl assumes look of mere consumption

PAUL MOELLER

Associate Sports Editor

The year was 2005 when the New England Patriots last played on football's greatest stage.

For the San Diego Chargers, it was a decade earlier, at the conclusion of the 1994 season.

The Patriots were in tireless pursuit of the perfect season while the unexpected Chargers sought to extend their eight game winning streak.

But regardless of previous streaks, questionably popular veteran head coaches, or recent MVP performers, only one of these two teams could advance to the NFL's crown jewel on Sunday night.

As it were, Tom Brady picked up his 100th career victory as his New England squad ended the Chargers' postseason parade.

Brady threw for 209 yards and two touchdowns, but also surrendered three interceptions. San Diego's quarterback Phillip Rivers threw for two more yards than Brady and managed to yield one fewer interception.

The difference, however, was that Rivers came up empty in the touchdown department. With last year's MVP LaDainian Tomlinson watching from the sideline, the Patriots' Lawrence Maroney dominated the ground game and allowed New England to effectively control the clock.

Kicker Nate Kaeding was the only San Diego player to put points

on the board, connecting on field goals from 26, 23, 40 and 24 yards respectively.

In the 23-degree atmosphere of frosty New England, the Patriots had a clear home field advantage.

But on Feb. 3, the game will be in Arizona. They'll be playing in the Super Bowl, which is becoming an increasingly familiar atmosphere for them as well.

But who will they play?

Who will have the distinct honor of being the last team to have a crack at the nearly-perfect New England Patriots?

Who will immediately assume the role of underdog, if they hadn't done so already?

All of these questions were answered by a 29-year-old place-kicker named Lawrence Tynes.

The answer came two minutes and 35 seconds into overtime of the NFC Championship Game later that night in Green Bay, Wis.

The answer, of course, was not solely provided by Tynes as the New York Giants stunned the Lambeau faithful with a 23-20 victory over Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers.

The Giants were led by the performance of Eli Manning, younger brother to last year's Super Bowl MVP, Peyton Manning.

Eli completed 21 of 40 passes for 254 yards, completing big play after big play when New York needed them most.

Both of the Giants' touchdowns



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The AFC Championship trophy is just the latest of the plethora of trophies that Tom Brady has added to his mantle after this season.

came on short running plays in the third quarter. One was from just a yard out by Brandon Jacobs while the other was punched in from four yards by Ahmad Bradshaw.

Packer quarterback Brett Favre took to the air, however, and threw Green Bay's two touchdowns, including a 90-yarder to Donald Driver.

Favre threw for 236 yards on the evening, but he also handed out two interceptions, none more costly than to Giant cornerback Corey Webster in the opening drive

of overtime.

Undoubtedly, the Giants were appreciative of Webster's overtime pick, but they would have preferred to end it sooner.

Eli Manning set up Tynes for two field goals late in the fourth quarter that both missed wide left.

The first miss was a 43-yard attempt with 6:49 remaining and the potential back-breaker was a 36-yarder at the end of regulation.

Fortunately for Manning and the Giants, the third kick was the charm for Tynes, who couldn't have

picked a better time to connect on his first game-winning field goal of the season.

The New York Giants will now take to the road once again this postseason.

This time, they're up against the best team in football. The mission: snap the Patriots 18-game win streak and become the first NFC Super Bowl Champion in five years.

New England is clearly the favorite, but so was Michigan against Appalachian State.



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A wee little Wii-view

ANDREW CHESTNUT
Editorial Columnist

Like I've said, video games bewilder and discombobulate me. To play a typical video game these days, I would have to learn a book's worth of new things—like what buttons to push and in which part of the head to shoot opponents — and that just isn't fun. I think playing an NFL football game would be simpler than playing a football game on Madden '08.

And that, friends, is one of the many reasons I love the Wii. It takes about 0.5 seconds to learn how to play an average game, versus the two-week night class it took me to learn how to play Halo 3.

As you've probably heard, the Wii uses controls (Wii-motes) that are waved in air to create motion on the screen. I was pretty skeptical of the usability of this technology at first, but it actually performs surprisingly well. Playing tennis feels like playing tennis (although I seem to hit far fewer balls into the net), and bowling is like bowling (except I'm better at that, too). It's not exactly simulated reality, but that's sort of the point.

The Wii also allows you to create (or as some would say, cwii-ate)



A demonstration of how to play Wii golf.

miniaturized personas of one's self, called Miis, a process which is nearly as fun as the games themselves (especially if you have a chunky friend who is in denial about his or her weight).

It's easy to make the Mii look and behave exactly like you do, which makes it better than having children. The Miis collect points, become "pros," and ingeniously appeal to everyone's favorite past time: obsessing over their own im-

age. And, unlike Sims, they aren't illiterate, needy idiots who flood the bathroom every day; they always do what you want them to.

And what is there to do? Quite a bit, even if you don't buy new games for the Wii. The console includes Wii Sports, with which you can play tennis and bowling (which are Wii-markable), baseball and golf (which are good) or boxing (which is impossible). You can also train and improve the "fitness" of

your Mii, which I realize sounds wii-diculous, but is actually great.

For instance, to get better at bowling, you can try to knock over almost-comically large amounts of bowling pins for no apparent reason at all. Would anyone ever get the opportunity to a bowl at a rack of 91 pins? Not unless you're a very eccentric millionaire or a Wii owner.

Most importantly, the Wii offers

a move back to traditional video game simplicity. Nothing takes more than 10 or 15 minutes to do; no brain-damaging three-hour marathons of staring at a TV screen are necessary.

I learned how to play tennis and bowling in about nine milliseconds, and I'm video game-inept. But if you're the kind of person who likes watching 20-minute uninteractive intros, reading game manuals to learn where the sixth mystic skull is located and care more about obsessively-realistic graphics than fun gameplay, I would stick with a PS3. If you just want to have fun (with other people, even), get a Wii. Or better yet, get a roommate who has one.

Other ways to Wii

1. Super Smash Bros. Brawl
2. Super Mario Galaxy
3. Wii Play
4. Tiger Woods '08
5. Madden '08

Life at the Newswire

EMILY HOFERER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Ah, the fresh smell of another semester is something that I just can't get enough of. I hear that some people don't like this little once-a-semester column because it makes us seem like a clique. My defense is that I've been at school for about a week and nothing has happened. So here is your latest edition of "Life at the Newswire."

I've decided that honesty is the best policy. Today is my 21st birthday. Instead of going out to Don Pablo's to swim in a salty bath of margaritas

I'm sitting here in the Publications House swimming in self-pity. Of all the places to be on the 21st anniversary of me existing in this world, the Publications House is not high on my list. But, this is my job, so I have to do it (if this isn't dedication to my craft, then I don't know what is.) And of course, it wouldn't be a typical "Life at the Newswire" without a little whining.

So if this page is not up to caliber, blame it on the lunar calendar, my parents or Pat, but do not blame it on the birthday girl.

OK, enough about me. Let's talk about our lovely staff and what they have been up to. This is the semester that I'm going on John LaFollette sabbatical. We've decided to go our separate ways

and sever our BFFness. This is just a dramatic way of me saying that he is going to Ghana to become a more enlightened human being while I stay here and whine about how I have to work on my birthday.

So since he left he hired a replacement, Doug. Doug is the first person named Doug that I've ever met. So far he's pretty tame and he

more than two of his columns!

There has been one distressing thing about last semester and it involves a felony. I've noticed that some of my belongings have gone missing over the course of the semester. For example, a roll of posters I kept here overnight is now gone. Then the two bars of soap from the Denver Zoo that my roommate acquired lasted only a week until they disappeared. I feel as if the two incidents are related.

But if you were going to steal from the Publications House, wouldn't you take something more expensive? They could have at least stolen the computers, the printer or some of our textbooks.

And why don't they take some of the stuff no one cares about? We have a huge box of pencils that need to go, as well as a basket of CDs from bands that never made it in the 90s. Next time, these thieves should aim for the box of Pat's business cards. By stealing those they would prevent Pat from handing them out at Dana's. And that's for the benefit of everyone.

Speaking of my lovely boss, today is the day his biggest dream comes true. *The Newswire*, for the first time in 93 years, is in **COLOR!** We're all very excited and you should be too. This is the first whisper of the winds of change and change is good!



is getting the hang of things. My only beef with him is that he likes the Red Sox. I'm from Denver, so the World Series is still a touchy subject.

Everyone else is still here, doing the same of stuff. Matt is harping about birth control, Pat is stroking his ego, Katie is being loud, the copy editors are editing and Darren is being responsible. So it goes.

I must admit though that even though I work here I sometimes never get to know people face to face and only through their writing. With this being said, I will have to woman-up and admit that I have a teensy weensy writing crush on Andrew Chestnut. He's so funny! Have I had any conversations with this guy? About two. But I've read

Oscar Nominations

Best Picture

"No Country for Old Men"
"Atonement"
"Juno"
"Michael Clayton"
"There Will Be Blood"

Best Director

Joel and Ethan Cohen "No Country for Old Men"
Jason Reitman "Juno"
Julian Schabel "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly"
Tony Gilroy "Michael Clayton"
Paul Thomas Anderson "There Will Be Blood"

Best Actress

Ellen Page "Juno"
Julie Christie "Away from Her"
Cate Blanchett "Elizabeth: The Golden Age"
Marion Cotillard "La Vie en Rose"
Laura Linney "The Savages"

Best Actor

George Clooney "Michael Clayton"
Johnny Depp "Sweeney Todd"
Daniel Day Lewis "There Will Be Blood"
Tommy Lee Jones "In the Valley of Elah"
Viggo Mortensen "Eastern Promises"

Best Supporting Actress

Cate Blanchett "I'm Not There"
Ruby Dee "American Gangster"
Saoirse Ronan "Atonement"
Amy Ryan "Gone Baby Gone"
Tilda Swinton "Michael Clayton"

Best Supporting Actor

Casey Affleck "The Assassination of Jesse James"
Javier Bardem "No Country for Old Men"
Philip Seymour Hoffman "Charlie Wilson's War"
Hal Holbrook "Into the Wild"
Tom Wilkinson "Michael Clayton"

A Colbert Commencement

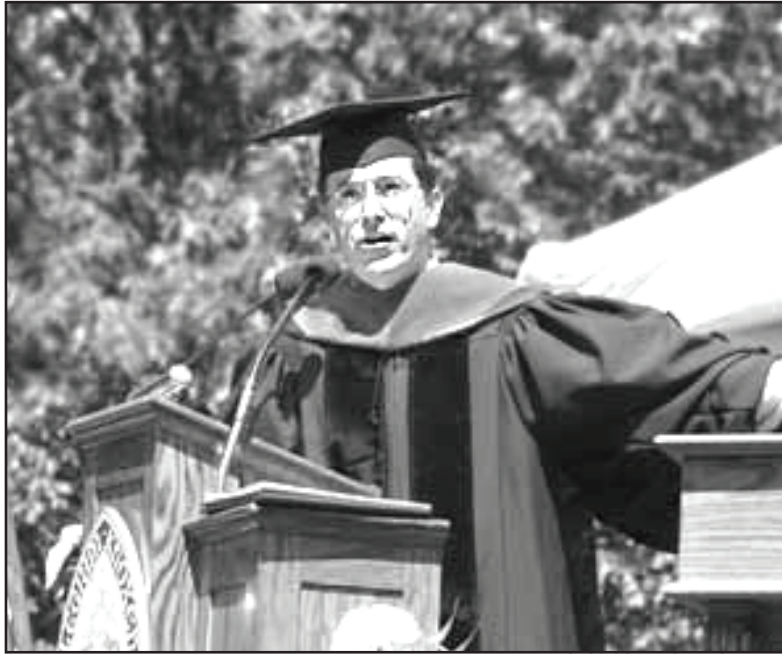
PATRICK STEVENSON
Editor-in-Chief

I suspect that most people spend their last semester before graduation worrying about getting a job, applying to grad school or simply cowering in fear at the prospect of entering the dreaded "real world." I, on the other hand, have been spending a tremendous amount of time lately considering who the perfect commencement speaker would be for the Class of '08.

Due to the timing of this year's graduation ceremony, there will be a unique opportunity to have a major political figure speak at commencement. If recent history repeats itself (and with the current primary process, that's becoming an increasingly large 'if'), by mid-May, both political parties will have unofficially appointed a candidate to represent them in the presidential election this November.

One imagines that the presidential candidates are going to spend an enormous amount of time campaigning in Ohio, a pivotal state that may ultimately determine the winner of this year's election. One also imagines that a potential presidential candidate who relies heavily on young people for support (e.g. John McCain, Barack Obama, Ron Paul), would seriously consider accepting an invitation to speak at Xavier's graduation, due to the importance of Ohio in the general election.

However, the problem with hav-



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Stephen Colbert inspires the masses

ing a presidential candidate speak at a graduation ceremony is that half of the audience will inevitably hate the candidate, which will mar the day's festivities for everyone. And no one wants that.

So if we rule out a political figure, the two categories left are famous people and rich people. Last year, Xavier went with the rich person option, inviting Alan Lafley, the CEO of Procter & Gamble to speak. While this was a solid choice, it was completely uninspired. I'm willing to bet that in a decade's time, many people in the class of '07 will not remember who gave the address at their commencement, which seems like a shame to me.

Washington.

So who can we get for a commencement speaker that would be memorable, recognizable, entertaining and reasonably priced? The choice seems obvious to me: Stephen Colbert.

I may be a bit biased, as I'm something of a Colbert devotee, but I think Colbert brings a lot of things to the table that some corporate blowhard simply does not. First, people will actually stay awake during his speech, which is sort of important.

Also, absolutely no one will get excited if Xavier books another CEO to speak at graduation. If Xavier booked Colbert, the buzz around his speech would be extraordinary, possibly attracting positive attention from the local media—to say nothing of whatever references to Xavier Colbert will make on his show—something this university never shies away from.

We have no idea who is in charge of selecting the commencement speaker at Xavier (nor did I make any effort to find out), but I encourage them to think outside of the box when considering candidates to give the address at graduation.

Because in 10 years, I want to remember who gave the speech at my graduation.

Other people that we'd love to have at Xavier's commencement:

- Conan O'Brien
- J.K. Rowling
- the Spice Girls
- Bill Clinton
- Paul McCartney
- Colin Powell
- Jesus
- John Madden

R.I.P.

Heath Ledger 1979-2008



The Newswire's YouTube video of the week:



"No Sex Allowed" American Idol audition

New Releases

The following discs are due for release on or after January 22..

Cat power JukeBox (Matador Records) ... **Natasha Beddingfield** Pocketfull of Sunshine (EPIC) ... **Wynton Marsalis** Standards and Ballads (Song Legacy) ... **Drive By Truckers** Brighter Than Creations Dark (New west Records) ... **Patty Larkin** Watch the Sky (Vanguard Records).

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Wednesday, Jan.23
Wicked \$27
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Wednesday, Jan.30
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Tuesday, Jan.29
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@ Hara Arena

Thursday, Jan.31
Sharon Jones \$15
@ Bogarts

BRIEFS

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MORP

Navigators is having a MORP (or backwards Prom). Rather than eating at a nice restaurant, students will go out for fast-food. Dress as crazy as possible (what you wouldn't wear to Prom). Those interested meet at 8p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25 in the Kuhlman circle to carpool to favorite Norwood fast-food locations for dinner. After eating, return to the Clocktower Lounge for a dance party. There will even be a crowning of a MORP King and Queen at the end of the night. It's free (except the dinner, which you buy at your restaurant of choice) and lots of fun! Hope to see you there!

Ski Trip

It's that time of the year again for XU's annual Ski Trip to Perfect North Slopes. The trip will take place from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26. Tickets for the event go on sale Tuesday and Wednesday this week on the first floor of GSC from 12-5 p.m. and are only \$20 a person. This event always sells out very fast, so be sure to get your tickets early!

Classic Movie Night

The GSC Classic College Movie for January is "Boondock Saints." Show times are at 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 24-25 in the GSC Theater. Free to XU students with All Card.

Movie at the Levee

The Weekenders Committee will be hosting free busses to Newport On the Levee on Friday, Jan. 25. Busses will leave from Buenger Circle at 6:30 p.m. Free movie passes will be given to students who take the busses down.



The Career Services Center Presents...

Spring Career & Internship Fair 1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
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 Bank** on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 4:00
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 ALL Card**

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**Dress
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**Bring LOTS of
 copies of your
 Resume**

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**Bring a
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