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Speaker promotes diet, agriculture changes

BY ALYSSA KONERMANN
Copy Editor

As many Americans focus on nutritional advice and fad diets, Michael Pollan, author and professor of journalism at the University of California Berkeley who writes about the larger agricultural system and place of food in society, shared his beliefs of how to view and consume food in a healthier way.

Pollan gave a lecture on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009 entitled "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution" to begin the second of three years in the E/RS series concerned with ecology and sus-

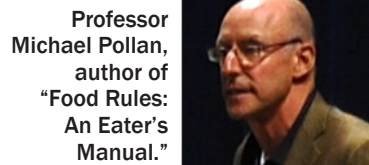
tainability, specifically food and agriculture this year.

Pollan has written three books: "The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World," "The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals" and "In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto," all of which have been received with acclaim and awards.

He has another book, "Food Rules: An Eater's Manual," forthcoming in December 2009.

Additionally, he has contributed to multiple magazines across the country, particularly the New York Times Magazine.

About 4,000 people attended



Professor Michael Pollan, author of "Food Rules: An Eater's Manual."

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the lecture, said history professor Dr. Kathleen Smythe, co-chair of the E/RS program with theology professor Dr. Elizabeth Gropp. Originally they had expected under 700, said Smythe. Due to Pollan's increasing national recognition, the Cintas seats filled with students as well as community members.

"I brought some snacks," said Pollan, as he began his lecture

and emptied the contents of two Kroger bags onto a table in Cintas Center arena. But as he set the Fruit Loops and Go-gurt down, he warned the audience they may not be too inclined to partake once he was done speaking.

He hoped to expand the definition of health, to "try to connect the dots a little bit between the problem of health of the diet... and the problem of health of the food system."

In his opinion, there can be no healthy diets without a healthy food system, and the current system is inadequate and overly focused on unseen nutrients, expert opinions, and health as the only

purpose of eating. He argues instead for a more holistic view of food—to see food as a means of pleasure, community and identity—instead of only providing science-based nutrition.

Pollan raises questions of what we can eat for our health and how eating became so complicated. His solution? Get off the Western diet of refined and processed foods—he terms these "edible food-like substances"—and instead eat a moderate diet of mostly plants.

Pollan described what he has termed the "American Paradox." Americans are obsessed with nu-

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Event focuses on hook-up culture



Newswire photo by Jacob Feldhues

BY KATHRYN ROSENBAM
Editor-in-Chief

Since "hooking up"—a familiar phrase for most Xavier students—is often expected to be part of the "normal college experience," theology professor Dr. Jennifer Beste, with the help of Student Life and Leadership, planned a "Hooking Up?" discussion for freshmen, in attempts to raise questions about the hook-up culture.

The mandatory event, held on Monday Sept. 28 and Tuesday Sept. 29, presented freshmen with the opportunity to view videos of current and former students' sexual experiences, opinions of "hooking up," sexual violence and ways to promote respect and meaningful experiences.

Most students in the video expressed disillusionment with the hook-up culture and wanted more substantial relationships.

"The event was designed to encourage students to step back and examine assumptions that everyone is hooking up. Students should ask themselves 'Will it really make me happy?'" said Beste. "I want freshmen to have the ability to listen to upperclassmen and gain from their knowledge and experiences."

This event wasn't meant to

answer all questions, but instead raises important issues, said Pat Brennan, one of the hosts for the event.

Freshmen watched three video clips and then discussed questions pertaining to hooking up, sexual assault and a sexually just environment at Xavier with sophomore, junior and senior discussion leaders

Students were asked questions, including how they define "hooking up"—a phrase that means many different things. For some it means sex with a stranger or acquaintance, while others believe hooking up does not include sex.

This event was student-focused, rather led by a panel of experts and theology professors, in order to interest students and attempt to present what is really happening at Xavier, said Beste.

Freshmen had mixed reactions for this event. Group discussion leaders said some freshmen found the topic interesting and important and engaged in discussion.

Other students, however, were reluctant to talk and believed this discussion is not pertinent to their lives since they said a hook up culture doesn't exist at Xavier.

The event did not address the fact many students at Xavier are

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Classes may move to 8 a.m. for '10-11 year

BY MEGHAN BERNEKING
News Editor

Xavier students and faculty may need to start setting their alarm clocks a half hour earlier.

In order to accommodate more class sections with limited available classroom space, university officials may decide to adjust class times to begin at 8 a.m. instead of the traditional 8:30 a.m.

The decision of whether or when to amend the schedule depends on the uncertain fate of Alter Hall, and will be determined by the Board of Trustees in December.

Until the board sets a date to tear down the building, it cannot be ascertained whether classroom space will be limited enough to warrant an earlier daily start time.

Classroom availability will be drastically limited during the reconstruction of Alter Hall, which currently provides space for around 40 percent of classes held on campus.

Adding an extra class period, multiplied by the number of classes that could meet during that class period, a large amount of total class sections could be added to the schedule, Dr. Jim Snodgrass, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said.

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Next year students could be packing the hallways as soon as 8 a.m.

This final decision will be left to the Office of the Academic Vice President and Provost. Class times would only be changed if—after consultation with the deans of the colleges, faculty members and other university representatives—they deem it to be the only way to provide enough classes.

"We want to make sure that before a decision is made we cross all our 'T's' and dot all our 'I's,'" said Dr. Roger Fortin, Academic vice president and provost. Mary Alyce Orahod, director of Registrar Operations, could not be reached for comment.

Some students and faculty may find it hard to adjust to an earlier schedule.

"I don't think of 8 a.m. as that early; in fact, Xavier is only place I've ever been that has starts at 8:30," Snodgrass said.

"I can understand why stu-

dents might not be fond of 8 a.m. classes. I used to teach at 8:30 for the first six or seven years when I was at Xavier, and I realized many students were not too enthusiastic about starting at that early hour. Nevertheless, some students are 'morning people,' [and] faculty could probably adapt quite readily to the new schedule, especially if it meant getting more reasonable classroom space during a period when we will experience some really difficult conditions [during the reconstruction of Alter Hall].

"If opening up more classrooms on central campus means fewer students will be forced to trek between Cohen Center and Elet Hall in 10 minutes, I think that starting earlier is a better solution than pushing students to rush a long distance," Dr. Alexandra Korros, professor of history and 23-year faculty member, said.

H1N1 suspected in Miami University student death

BY KATHRYN ROSENBAUM
Editor-in-Chief

H1N1 is still a concern on Xavier's campus, although case numbers and attention on the virus have decreased.

McGrath Health and Wellness Center sees about one new case a day. In total, McGrath has seen approximately 180 probable cases of H1N1.

All these cases have been mild and no one has experienced complications from H1N1, said Deb Del Valle, Xavier's director for public relations.

Although Xavier has not experienced a serious case, it is suspected that a freshman student at Miami University (Ohio) died as a result of H1N1. Miami has not released a statement since an official cause of death has not been determined or released yet.

Since college students are at a high risk for H1N1, healthy adults 19-24 should receive the H1N1 vaccine, but the seasonal flu vaccine is not essential, according to the Cincinnati Health Department.

Xavier is expecting to receive the vaccine sometime in November. The amount Xavier will receive is unknown, but McGrath is in the

process of planning a mass vaccination clinic for November—depending on when and how much of the vaccine Xavier receives, said Del Valle.

Although it was previously thought the vaccine would require two doses, adults only need one dose.

The Cincinnati Health Department is placing orders through the State of Ohio for the vaccine. Pregnant women and school children will be first to receive the vaccine.

The health department will have some vaccination clinics once they receive a sufficient supply. People can also call their doctors for the vaccine, said Rocky Merz, Cincinnati Health Department's public information officer.

Odd-year elections on horizon

BY MEGHAN BERNEKING
News Editor

Hamilton County voters will elect new city officials Nov. 3, though they have the option to vote weeks in advance via early voting and no-fault absentee voting.

Perhaps the most notable incumbent up for reelection is four-year Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory. This year voters will also elect nine members to the Cincinnati City Council, as well as members to the various other city councils including Norwood.

Students may opt to vote either in their home county or in Hamilton County, but can only be registered to vote in one place.

Voter registration ends at 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5. Registration

forms can be picked up at the Board of Elections office, local library branches and Bureau of Motor Vehicles offices.

Voters already registered in Hamilton County should watch their mail for a card indicating their polling locations, as many locations have changed as a result of precinct consolidations. They can also opt to vote as absentee or in-office (early) which began Tuesday, although by law, no votes are counted until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is noon on Oct. 31. The Board of Elections office will be open for in-office voting Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon between now and Election Day as well as Monday-Friday, Oct. 19-30 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Michael Pollan lecture

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trition but have poor nutritional health. He gave the example of Fruit Loops cereal, which has a "Smart Choices Checkmark" label—giving the consumer the impression that it is a health food, while in reality it is 42 percent sugar by weight. This is in large part due to food industry lobbying, which controls much—if not all—of governmental recommendations and regulations concerning the American diet, said Pollan.

As a student, particularly one with a meal plan, it may seem difficult to avoid these processed foods. But "don't assume that you can't change what's there," said Smythe. "What is served in the caf reflects to some extent what the students want. If nobody eats donuts in the morning, eventually they won't have them anymore."

The lecture was co-sponsored by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The next speaker in the E/RS series will be Vandana Shiva, "Soil Not Oil: Food Security in Times of Climate Change," Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

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Hook up culture event headline

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not hooking up. Beste said this was originally part of her video, but wasn't included in final cut due to time constraints of the event. "All of Xavier is not hooking up. The perception is greater than actual numbers, based on what students have told me," she said.

The topic of sex and theology

was not addressed at the event, either. This topic may be addressed at one of the six salons focused on various topics of sex held throughout the year. A student committee will choose and plan these salons, designed to further the dialogue that began at this event, Beste said.

This project came about from Beste's Christian Sexual Ethics

class. "Students told me it was a great topic, but in order to begin to change the culture on campus, the discussion should be raised for all freshmen and not only during my class."

Beste received a grant through the Women of Excellence and received funding through Student Life and Leadership to fund the event.

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BRIEFS Poet coming to XU

Sonia Sanchez, an African-American, poet, author, teacher and activist, will address Xavier students at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30 in the Conaton Board Room in Schmidt Hall.

Born Wilsonia Benita Driver in Birmingham, Ala., in 1934, Sanchez experienced the brunt of racism and bigotry in the U.S.

Eventually she adopted a surname from her ex-husband, Alberto Sanchez, and became a revolutionary writer.

Sanchez's rise to prominence began with her new approach to

race and culture through poetry, plays and children's books.

Many people attribute her successful teaching career to her passion for her work.

Sanchez has taught at eight universities and spoken at over five hundred college campuses nationwide.

She has authored over 14 books and won several awards, including the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Humanities, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Award and the Poet Society's Robert Frost Medal in 2001.

Most recently she was the recipient of an American Book Award for "Homegirls and Handgrenades."

POLICE NOTES

Sept. 21, 9:07 a.m. – An employee reported two Xavier flags stolen from the front porch of a Xavier residence on the 1400 block of Dana Avenue.

Sept. 21, 7:34 p.m. – A student reported someone had broken into his or her vehicle in the South Campus lot and removed the car stereo.

Sept. 22, 12:25 a.m. – A student reported the theft of a laptop left unattended in the first floor lobby of Husman Hall.

Sept. 22, 3:15 p.m. – Two students arguing over a parking space in the C-5 lot were separated and sent on their ways.

Sept. 22, 4:57 p.m. – A non-student attempting to buy and sell textbooks in Hinkle Hall was given a trespass warning letter and sent on his or her way.

Sept. 25, 5:21 a.m. – An officer on routine patrol discovered a structural fire coming from the basement of a residence on the 1400 block of Dana Avenue. The Cincinnati Fire Department was notified.

Sept. 25, 10:33 p.m. – Campus Police assisted Norwood Police in breaking up a student block party on the 2000 block of Wayland Avenue.

Sept. 26, 1:07 a.m. – Campus Police assisted Residence Life with an alcohol violation on the ground floor of Brockman Hall. One student was cited for underage possession of alcohol.

Sept. 26, 3:33 p.m. – A student reported the theft of his or her All Card from the laundry room in Kuhlman Hall. The card has since been used to make purchases at on-campus vending machines and at Chipotle.

Sept. 27, 2:34 p.m. – A student reported being assaulted the previous night by other students at an off-campus house party on the 3900 block of Reading Road. Further assistance or action was declined.

Sept. 27, 3:47 p.m. – A student reported a non-student acquaintance had written a check to him or her with insufficient funds in the account. Further assistance was declined at this time.

Sept. 27, 10:45 p.m. – A student reported being robbed approximately 45 minutes earlier as he or she got off the bus at Dana Avenue and Reading Road. The two suspects were described as non-students in a blue jacket and a black hoodie. No weapon

was shown, and the victim was forced to the ground. The Cincinnati Police Department was notified.

Sept. 28 12:29 a.m. – A non-student observed driving a vehicle through the grass at McGrath Health and Wellness Center was arrested by Campus Police and Norwood Police for driving under the influence of alcohol.



NOTE OF THE WEEK

Sept. 27, 3:11 a.m. – An officer on routine interior patrol of Kuhlman Hall cited a student for possession of marijuana. The student was observed with a marijuana joint tucked behind his or her ear while speaking with the officer.

Dana house fire



NewsWire photo by Andrew Chestnut

The Cincinnati Fire Department responded to a fire in the basement of an abandoned house located at 1460 Dana Ave. at approximately 5:30 a.m. Friday morning when a Xavier Campus Police officer reported seeing smoke coming from the building.

The building is not owned by the university, Debora Del Valle, director for public relations at Xavier said. Local news station WCPO had earlier incorrectly reported that the building was property of Xavier.

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EDITORIAL | Hooking Up Lecture Bad decisions not for everyone

Like it or not, the hook-up culture is one of the many influences on Xavier's social scene. While not everyone is necessarily involved in this culture, it is something everyone should be aware of so students are prepared to make informed decisions.

The Newswire appreciates that the topic was discussed among freshmen at the event "Hooking Up?"—held by theology professor Dr. Jennifer Beste and the office of Student Life and Leadership as well as Women of Excellence. Holding a one and a half hour seminar tackling such an issue is certainly a difficult task.

However, the event dealt primarily with students who are making the decision to hook up, mostly ignoring students who choose not to. Dr. Beste recognized, "the perception is greater than the actual numbers," and said the topic was left out due to time constraints.

We worry the event may have left attendees with the impression that almost everyone at Xavier is doing it when obviously this is not the case. Hooking up is an interesting and controversial topic, but focusing on one aspect paints an incomplete picture of relationships at Xavier and other schools as well.

A significant number of students maintain committed relationships—echoing the voices of many people in the video presentation, who preferred "substantial relationships"—and many others simply choose not to hook up with people they just met.

More importantly, we hope freshmen do not come away from the event with a skewed perception, feeling as though they must act according to a culture that is not necessarily prevalent at Xavier.

A student committee is supposed to choose topics for follow-up events to be held throughout the year. We encourage this committee to choose topics that contribute to a more holistic picture of Xavier relationships, extending beyond just hooking up and sex.

EDITORIAL | 8:00am Classes

Make sure there is prof. input

Realizing necessity should preside over student sleeping habits, we nevertheless reserve judgment on the proposed class schedule amendment until it is clear that professors' needs, not those of the Administration or Board, serve as the primary catalyst in the decision.

Of course, starting earlier will not please many students of the night; morning classes are already unpopular, especially among upperclassmen. Similarly, professors are typically not fond of early classes, which require more effort to energize lethargic, nodding students into cognition. Administrators should not consider student preferences in this matter, however, as it propagates the gross impression already entertained by some campus officials that students are consumers. We are not.

We at *the Newswire* will trust the faculty's discretion. The added classes should be used to relieve the administration-imposed stress on professors by dispersing the overcrowded classes. We would rather begin class at 8:00am than struggle for attention in a class of fifty other students.

More periods throughout the day should not be used to force more classes on professors and departments already overburdened with introductory classes. Along with the time change, the university should also take a proactive step to relieve scheduling problems by hiring more faculty.

The time change itself, although unfortunate, is not as disconcerting as the general trend the university is establishing of shifting students to accommodate for its shortsightedness. It is safe to bet that apathy will overcome any attempt at student dissent against current university policies. Nevertheless, if the administration continues to make excuses and exceptions, they had better hope that students don't notice the water is boiling.

Additionally, we hope the completion of construction enables classes to promptly return to the previous on-the-half-hour scheduling.

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and now, a comic about...

40 Years of Women at Xavier

Note: the comic on "40 Years of Women at Xavier" has been misplaced. We are sorry. Please enjoy this stock comic, coincidentally about farming.

TIPS on: ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

1. Be wary of maintaining a proper ratio of male to female. Depending on the genetic diversity, you'll need to consider over/under breeding. For newcomers, a 14:9 ratio is good to begin with.

2. With sheep, work towards a concise lambing season. Planned right, all the lambs for a mob could be born within a few weeks.

3. Adding a sprinkle of cinnamon to the ewe's diet can increase the conception rate up to sixfold. Wow!



LETTERS

Keep real books

Sitting on the third floor of McDonald Library, I must affirm Will Durbin's laudable lament of the loss of literature on Xavier's campus.

This building and the books that reside on the top two floors are some of the last pieces of evidence that Xavier is a liberal arts university.

There are rows upon rows of books ranging from biblical commentaries to works on human psychology and sexuality. There are histories of Rome, Elizabethan England and American democracy. Here you will find the great works of Roman and Greek orators and playwrights near poems and stories in Hebrew and Arabic.

Humanity is contained in these works of literature. In the movie "The Dead Poets' Society," Robin Williams' character, John Keating, says "the human race is filled with passion. And medicine, law, business, engineering, these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love—these are what we stay alive for."

There is much to be gained from books. Books are rich with knowledge and can teach us not just about carbon fibers or ancient Egyptian writing, but about ourselves and what it means to be human.

Holding in your hand a solid book, dynamic and living, in a world built on superficiality and plasticity, is a feeling that cannot be replaced with reading static words on a computer screen. Books and literature set the imagination free, but you don't have to take my word for it.

Thaddeus Winker | '10

Shuttle just works

Last year, SGA took a campus-wide survey to improve the shuttle system. Also last year, I took an active part in the committee that formed as a result of the complaints. The goal was to identify a system that worked with the budget constraints. While the new shuttle route was devised to cut costs, it also had a goal in mind: getting students to actually use the resource and to offer a sustainable mode of transportation for students.

As a student who lives off-campus, I understand the safety

concerns posed by *Newswire* staff. However, on the shuttle committee it was also very clear few students used the shuttle aside from the weekend. So, if you really cared about keeping the weeknight shuttle you should have A.) joined the committee and B.) actually ridden the shuttle.

Ideally, the shuttle would run all day. And, ideally, students would want to be sustainable, i.e. maybe not drive to campus from Norwood, but instead take the shuttle. As someone who spends a lot of time on campus, I realize the shuttle is inconvenient and doesn't last for very long. But I don't think that any individual member of SGA or the shuttle committee is at fault for the short hours or that the goal was to ever ignore the safety of students.

Lastly, *the Newswire* editorial spoke a lot to a larger problem that students face: they do not feel safe in Norwood. We are a part of the Norwood community. As such, we have a responsibility and a role in making our community a safe place. Along with the shuttle, this is a pressing issue *the Newswire* should examine.

Caroline Solis | '11

Problematic crops

Darren LaCour claimed in his article "Genetically modified food in future" that genetically-modified crops are the best solution to growing hunger problems.

Although he recognizes distribution as the primary problem, he fails to see that this is because of how much food we throw away. Proper distribution of food wouldn't force us to eat less; we would just have to be more responsible with the food we produce.

The use of genetically modified crops would not solve the distribution problems. Instead, it will hyper-concentrate the power and wealth into the hands of fewer and fewer major agribusiness companies that have the resources to do the research.

Instead, if we ate less meat, we would not only be healthier, but we would also be wasting fewer resources by feeding grain to animals whose bodies are not designed for digesting grain to begin with. By using what we already produce in a more efficient way, we could easily feed the world.

One way we could easily change

consumption patterns is by changing what types of foods the government subsidizes. Currently, heavy federal subsidies, particularly for corn, make it cheaper to buy factory-produced meat than healthier produce. Eating as much meat as we do is unhealthy. We should generally eat only three to five servings of animal protein a week.

There are many ways to deal with hunger throughout the world that would be better and have more long-lasting effect than using genetically modified crops. They would also be healthier for us.

Emily TeKolste | '10

Gillian Halusker | '10

Discussions vital

On Tuesday, Matt Matovina, James McShane, John Taravella, Allie Thompson and I met with Father Graham to discuss the selection process used to determine our Baccalaureate Mass venue. Our so-called "grassroots" group had no intention of rallying the troops or protesting a decision made by administration.

Mostly, it was a chance for us to address concerns as well as open up dialogue. Our goal was to land on the same page through discussion, not emotion. In essence, we believe our efforts have proven that we want what everyone wants: dialogue and conversation within and between all levels of our Xavier community.

We have simple questions: Who makes the decisions? What decisions are these? How can we, as concerned students, be engaged in the entire process? We all must take responsibility for the decisions that affect our lives, no matter what it is we are deeply involved with: academics, organizations or community causes. We all need to put our assumptions aside and work to be completely educated in our reasoning.

At Xavier, we are encouraged to uncover more than just the answers. We respect our administration for making tough decisions as well as pushing us to have a voice. Once we graduate, we are expected to be the strongest individuals we can possibly be, to make necessary change, and to better our world. While we are still here, let's set aside the details and focus on the bigger picture: student input and involvement.

Maggie Prosser | '10

Hook-ups are normal

BY MFREKE AKPANINYIE
Editorial Columnist

I couldn't help but notice there was a program this week entitled "Hooking Up."

At first glance I thought I was misreading the Portal announcement, but after clicking on it, I knew my eyes weren't playing tricks on me. Reading the description of the event made me think that I was in high school again.

Who wants to know what Xavier students think of hooking up? When did this become the million dollar question? Furthermore, why was this required for all first-year students? With their "expanded occupancy," I would think that they are the last people hooking up on campus unless their class is freakier than I know.

Hooking up is simply a part of the college experience.

Just like late night trips to Steak'n Shake and IHOP, or staying up to all hours of the night with friends doing nothing productive, hooking up is something that college students will do whether or not they see a

presentation.

There is the argument that just because many people are doing it doesn't make it right. That argument is entirely valid. But hooking up is a learning process in its own right.

When the majority of high school students start college, they embark on a totally new journey with new experiences.

For most, this is the first time they get to live on their own away from their parents or guardians. This is the first time they get to make their own schedules, choices and mistakes.

This is also usually the first time that they are living in such close proximity to members of the opposite sex, which is a very intriguing concept for most people.

I was unable to attend the "Hooking Up" program, but I would have loved to hear what students think.

If students were being completely honest, there was probably a wide spectrum of answers as to what hooking up actually entails. What, exactly, are these answers?

Some definitions that come to

mind are: a "game" that involves 4 bases, the goal being to "hit a home run" or at least get to 2nd or 3rd base, the end of a Friday or Saturday night after hitting it off with someone at a party, or the end result of talking to or dating someone for a long time.

I am in no way approving of hooking up, but I am also not condemning it.

As it is part of the college experience, people can learn something about themselves from hooking up. They could even mature from it. It is fine if both individuals are coherent and OK with the situation.

Yes, the rest of the semester could be awkward if you make out with the kid who sits in front of you in English class, but hooking up happens. You will get over it eventually, and so will whoever you hooked up with.

You could even find your significant other in the hooking up process.

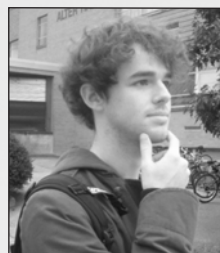
Lastly, if you are going to hook up, remember to be safe.

Hooking up should be done in the clearest state of mind when you will actually remember what you are doing the next morning.

—MALL TALK—

with Amy Windhorst and Katherine Monasterio

How would you describe Xavier's hook-up culture?



Brenden Regan
Class of '10

"Nasty, short and brutish."



Seth Walsh
Class of '13

"Wild and promiscuous."



Sarah Mueller
Class of '11

"It's slightly out of control, and it should be more of a discussion rather than a wild force on our campus."



Dan Parsley
Class of '12

"Plentiful, but disappointing."



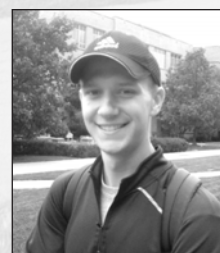
Annie Mergel
Class of '13

"Pretty tame. I've gone to Michigan State before and it's really raunchy."



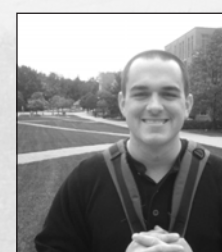
JJ Long
Class of '13

"Discreet but decent."



Nick Gumley
Class of '11

"It's less here than at Ohio State. Nerd school versus jock school."



Shane Hutton
Class of '10

"I wouldn't know. I've been in a loving relationship for two years."

Keep those 250-word letters coming, loyal readers!

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Don't be a creeper

BY BRANDON McCLAIN
Editorial Columnist

Ladies and gentlemen, we are early in the school year and there is already a problem that needs to be addressed on this campus.

We need to work on lessening the number of creepers around here.

This may surprise some of you, but there is a fair number of creepers, stalkers and unwanted attention-givers who are roaming around. They need to be handled properly through a cooperative effort from all of us here at Xavier.

In only one month here, I have seen or had some experience with someone being creeped on by a stranger.

It disturbs me that not only are these people on campus, but also that more has not been done to stop them, especially repeat offenders.

Some choose to put on a facade of friendliness, but there is a fine line between being friendly and giving unwanted attention. When someone starts asking you private questions and stalking your e-mail or Facebook page while spamming you, there's a

problem.

Here is where things can get messy. It is scary and illegal if you're going to be stalking someone under the guise of being friendly.

We need to take responsibility for how we act and treat each other. It's a small campus, so tidbits of gossip get around easily and quickly. At the same time, this is a legitimate issue that we need to be aware of especially since it is often ignored.

How many times have you come home from a fun night out and then had somebody constantly calling you, texting you or stalking you on Facebook in the following weeks after meeting him or her?

Sure, you probably should not have given this person your number in the first place, but activity like that is simply aggressive behavior.

Or here's a better one: how many times have you walked home late at night with another guy who you just met or barely know?

I'm not saying that guy is automatically a creeper, but you should not only know your surroundings but also know who is

in your vicinity. Remember that Campus Police is available all night if you need an escort on campus.

I have a request to make of all of you. Please hold yourselves to a higher standard in your interactions with each other, especially during the weekends when all sorts of chaos will probably occur.

Again, I'm not saying everyone has bad intentions, but I would ask that more of you step up as being responsible members of the community and help out that friend in need by responding appropriately when the time requires it.

Don't be a creeper because, simply put, nobody likes creepers.

As a general request, I want all of you to please consider your surroundings at all times, whether it's the weekend, late at night or even the middle of the day.

Creepers roam around regardless of the time of day and they come in a variety of packages.

We are all here at Xavier as collective neighbors, so let's be good ones by looking out for each other.

Men notch first win



Senior Jake Vollmer scored his second goal of the season on Sept. 26 in win over Marshall. Newswire photo by Danielle Meiners

BY KEN BURTON
Staff Writer

When you start six underclassmen, and give two more significant minutes like the 2009 Xavier men's soccer team does, growing pains are to be expected.

But if Xavier's recent play is any indication, it would seem that this Musketeer team is coming of age ahead of schedule.

This week, the Musketeers were narrowly edged by No. 20 Kentucky, 1-0, but quickly rebounded to dispose of Marshall, 2-0.

The Sept. 23 matchup with the Wildcats tested the Musketeer's defensively for 90 minutes.

Despite being out-shot 13-8 and losing control of corner kicks, 6-3, the Musketeers shut out Kentucky in the first half.

It looked as if Xavier would be able to hold on for a draw with one of the nation's elite, but a late goal would ultimately prove too much for the Musketeers.

Kentucky's second-half goal at the 54:15 mark was netted by forward C.J. Tappel, who plucked the ball out of the air and deposited in the upper corner of the goal.

An Andy Dimbi 35-yard free kick with just four minutes remaining in the match was punched away on a sprawling save by UK goalkeeper Dan Williams. The save negated the final opportunity for the Musketeers, and sent them away on the short side of a late rally for the second straight contest.

Despite the disheartening fashion in which the losses oc-

curred, the Musketeers witnessed the maturation of some of their promising young players.

One of those players, freshman goalie Justin Marshall, tallied a career-high six saves and held one of the most potent offensive fronts in the country to just one goal.

The freshman's outstanding play would continue in Xavier's return home three days later for a match with Marshall University.

The Musketeers would finally find the winning formula by way of senior captain Jake Vollmer and freshman forward Luke Spencer.

Vollmer set the tone early with a goal three minutes into the game, improbably firing in a shot from 50 yards out.

A mere seven minutes later, Spencer collected a pass from the goalkeeper Marshall and deposited the Musketeers' second score.

The offensive barrage was unprecedented for Xavier, as the two goals tied the Musketeers' total from their last three games combined.

On this day, however, all Xavier would need was a single score, as Marshall registered his first career save, helping him earn the title of Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week.

For the week the goalkeeper racked up 11 saves, cementing his claim to the first honor of his young career.

Marshall will attempt to continue his standout goalkeeping at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30 when the Musketeers travel to Clifton to take on rival University of Cincinnati.

Volleyball opens A-10 season

Squanders 2-1 leads to Dayton, W. Kentucky



Freshman Stephanie Vorherr led the Musketeers with 24 digs against Dayton and 14 against Western Kentucky. Newswire photo by Danielle Meiners

BY SCOTT MUELLER
Asst. Sports Editor

The Xavier volleyball team opened up the Atlantic 10 portion of their schedule this past week, looking to put some early season struggles behind them.

What started with optimism ended in disappointment, however, as the Musketeers dropped matches to Dayton and Western Kentucky.

In the A-10 opener on Sept. 25 at Dayton—who entered 11-2 and rated second in the preseason conference coaches poll—the match began with a back and forth set, with Xavier standing a point from victory before the Flyers took the set 26-24 on a 3-0 run.

The Musketeers quickly recov-

ered, though, utilizing a 14-5 run to take the second set 25-14, and an 11-4 run to cruise to a 25-18 victory in the third set.

Smelling the upset, Xavier could not overcome a persistent Dayton lead in the fourth set, falling 25-21.

In the crucial fifth set, Xavier jumped out to a 12-9 lead before the Flyers rallied to a 6-1 run following a timeout to win the match.

For Xavier, both senior Kelly Ruth and freshman Alex Smith had 16 kills and freshman Stephanie Vorherr racked up 24 digs.

The Musketeers again stepped away from A-10 play on Sept. 28 for a trip to play Western Kentucky, where they again let a

lead slip from their grasp.

Just as they had against the Flyers, Xavier lost the first set—a 25-15 romp by the Hilltoppers—before bouncing back with consecutive set victories.

After dropping a back-and-forth fourth frame 26-24, the Musketeers meekly surrendered the fifth set 15-8, subjecting them to their third consecutive loss.

Against the Hilltoppers, Ruth led the team with 18 kills, while Smith chipped in 17. For the week Ruth and Smith combined for 67 kills.

Xavier will try to right the ship in the A-10 on a trip to Philadelphia, where they will play La Salle and Temple on Oct. 2 and 3, respectively.

XU opens A-10 with promise

BY JOCELYN TAYLOR
Staff Writer

After notching their first win of the season in their final game before conference play, the Xavier women's soccer team rode the wave of success to a promising start to the Atlantic 10 conference season, earning a scoreless tie with George Washington on Sept. 25 before dropping a road match at Saint Joseph's.

In the home match against the Colonials, the Musketeers played extremely tight defense throughout the contest, extending the game to two overtimes.

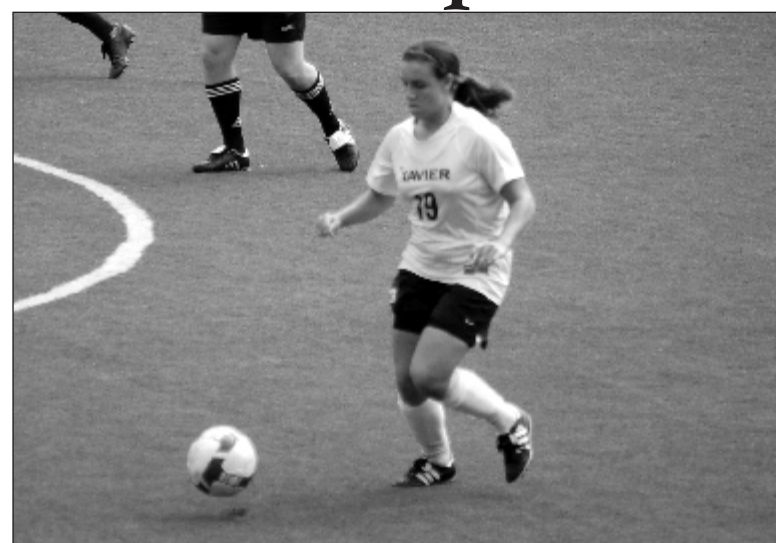
It was the second shutout at home this season for the Musketeers, the first being the breakthrough victory over North Texas on Sept. 20.

Senior goalkeeper Kelly Farrell led the way, making three saves.

The fans were not disappointed, either, as the Musketeers frequently attacked the goal and posted 13 shot attempts, with seven on goal.

Sophomore forward Jessica Brooks led the way for the Musketeer attack, tallying five shots—three on goal.

With the confidence of the draw under their belt, Xavier trav-



Redshirt-freshman midfielder Leslie Boersma fired one of Xavier season-high seven shots on goal in a scoreless tie with George Washington. Newswire photo by Danielle Meiners

eled to Philadelphia to take on Saint Joseph's, where they suffered a deflating 4-0 defeat.

The Hawks scored twice in the first half and Saint Joseph's sophomore Jen Pfeiffer added two

more goals in the second half to finish off the Musketeers.

With a 0-1-1 record in the A-10, the Musketeers will travel back to Philadelphia on Oct. 2 for a matchup with La Salle.

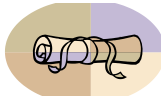
Musketeer upswing

After an 0-7-0 start the Xavier women's soccer team has gone 1-1-1 in their last three games. Here is a look at their numbers over that stretch:

Name	Goals	Shots	Saves	Assists	Corners
Xavier	1	21	19	0	5
Opponents	4	50	13	5	29

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FlashForward Highlights Fall TV

BY AMY WINDHORST

Features Editor

"Community"

Thursday, 9:30-10 p.m., NBC
(will move to 8 p.m. Oct. 8)

The Basics: Jeff Winger (Joel McHale of E's "The Soup") is a smarmy lawyer forced to go back to community college.

After a series of misguided attempts to woo 28-year-old dropout Britta (Gillian Jacobs), Winger ends up forming a Spanish study group filled with eccentrics and misfits (including Chevy Chase's character, Pierce Hawthorne).

The Verdict: Though lacking in substance, those who love snark and oddball characters should tune in. McHale is delightful as the misguided yet lovable Winger.

So Far: "Community" took a beating during its second week against heavy-hitters "Grey's Anatomy" and "CSI," losing about 26 percent of its audience. It's too early to tell if this spells an early end for the new comedy.

"Cougar Town"

Wednesday, 9:30-10 p.m., ABC

The Basics: Courtney Cox returns to television as 40-something mother Jules Cobb, a divorced and lonely real estate agent.

Based on the idea of older women ("cougars," for the uninitiated) going after younger men, Cobb is desperately trying to prove that she's still got "it," much to the chagrin of her teenage son (Dan Byrd).

The Verdict: "Town's" characters fall flat in the face of its ever-looming, shallow concept. While



Photo courtesy of flashforwardtv.com

"Flash Forward" looks to be one of the best cult dramas of the season. ABC will likely keep it around.

the crude humor can be amusing, many will find themselves cringing instead.

So Far: "Cougar Town" opened strong in its first week with 11 million viewers. Time will tell if the loss of lead-in "Dancing with the Stars" damages ABC's comedy hopes.

"FlashForward"

Wednesday, 8-9 p.m., ABC

The Basics: FBI agent Mark Benford (Joseph Fiennes) heads an investigation after the entire world blacks out for two minutes and 17 seconds. The blackout causes more than car and airplane crashes; everyone gets a glimpse into their future on April 29, 2010, leading to troubling forecasts for Benford, his partner Demetri (John Cho, "Star Trek") and his wife Olivia (Sonya Walger, "Lost").

The Verdict: Wandering "Lost" junkies, look no further. After a riveting premiere, "FlashForward"

looks to be among the best cult dramas of the season. Look for "Lost's" Dominic Monaghan to show up as British genius Simon by episode six.

So Far: The premiere episode pulled in promising ratings of around 12 million, beating out "Survivor" and winning its hour handily. Expect ABC to keep this one around if it continues to perform.

"The Good Wife"

Tuesdays, 10-11 p.m., CBS

The Basics: Julianna Margulies ("ER") plays Alicia Florrick, the wife of a politician who has just been caught in the midst of a call-girl scandal. After her husband Peter, Chris Noth ("Sex in the City"), is imprisoned for misuse of public money, Florrick rebounds by going back to work at a prestigious Chicago law firm, which comes with drama of its own.

The Verdict: One part law procedural, one part character drama,

"The Good Wife's" premiere was able to work past its premise and deliver compelling, three-dimensional story-telling. Overall, a good bet on Tuesday nights.

So Far: Despite coming off the male-heavy audience of the "NCIS" series, "The Good Wife's" premiere won its timeslot with an impressive 13 million viewers.

"Modern Family"

Wednesdays, 9-9:30 p.m., ABC

The Basics: "Modern Family" is a mockumentary-style comedy that follows three families: Jay (Ed O'Neill, from "Married with Children") who struggles to keep up with foxy second wife Gloria and her son; the uptight Claire (Julie Bowen) and her husband Phil (Ty Burrell), who relentlessly struggles to be the "cool" dad; and life partners Mitchell and Cameron (Jesse Tyler Ferguson, Eric Stonestreet) who have just adopted a son and are the most conventional couple on the show.

The Verdict: Warm, hilarious, and unconventional, "Modern Family" has it. Critics are celebrating it as the best new comedy of the fall season, with sensibilities nearing that of "Arrested Development."

So Far: ABC can let out its breath—"Family" debuted with a strong 12 million viewers, winning its Wednesday time slot. Still, watch for what happens after "Dancing with the Stars" departs as a lead-in.

"The Vampire Diaries"

Thursdays, 9-10 p.m., The CW

The Basics: Elena Gilbert (Nina Dobrev) is a recently-orphaned student at Mystic Falls High when she meets hunk Stefan (Paul Wesley). Oh, and did we mention Stefan is a vampire or that he has an evil older brother, Damon (Ian Somerhalder)?

The story promises to reveal Stefan and Damon's pasts, as well as the history of the occult in Mystic Falls and, if you're lucky, the conclusion which will surely be a nasty love triangle.

The Verdict: Despite being based off the novels of L.J. Smith, it's hard to think this series would have ever been made without "Twilight." If you want in on some superficial, teenage vampire action, "Diaries" is the show for you.

So Far: The series is holding strong at four million viewers—a very strong number for the second-tier CW. Until the vampire lovefest subsides, expect this one to stick around.

Midpoint Music Mini Reviews



Photo courtesy of americansongwriter.com

The Dynamites performed this weekend at Southgate House to an electrified crowd.

Midpoint Music Festival is a Midwestern Indie Rock showcase that ran from September 24-26. The festival lasted three nights, and expanded its stage to include a multitude of venues and a mass of local bands.

Midpoint was set mostly in locations in or around downtown, drawing tens of thousands to some of Cincinnati's most storied neighborhoods.

The Newswire sent out several writers to cover different venues across the city.

The Dynamites

There has never been a more aptly named band than The Dynamites. After witnessing their Friday night show downtown, this became readily apparent. The Southgate House seemed like a pretty well-built place, but lead singer Charles Walker almost

brought the building down with a thunderous opening chorus line.

He won the crowd from the very moment he opened his mouth, and with a tremendous smorgasbord of funk sounds supplied by The Dynamites, Walker seemed destined to win the hearts of every listener. The band epitomizes great soul music, eliciting passion and zeal in every utterance and note played.

Walker is the grandfather of soul, one of few living deserving of the title, and the last crown jewel of a dying breed.

As a sweat-drenched Walker closed out the night with an uproar of funky goodness, not a single limb went unmoved in the bodies out in the crowd.

The show felt like a religious experience more than it did a small, Midwestern rock concert. Simply put, Walker is a living legend. He

opened for Wilson Pickett and James Brown at The Apollo in the late '60s and received a blessing from the legendary songstress Bettye LaVette.

The Dynamites' style may be raw in comparison to some of the other acts playing Midpoint, but the band revealed the most nutritious part of rock lies within its stripped, bare bones.

Do yourself a favor and check out The Dynamites on their MySpace page and listen to their last two albums, "Kaboom!" and "Burn It Down."

—Des Dale

You, You're Awesome

You, You're Awesome is an experimental rock duo consisting of Cincinnati locals Yusef Quotah and Kevin Bayer. The latter plays the drums simply and effectively, while the former makes a myriad

of noises with the use of keyboards and synthesizers that comprise this band's unique sound.

When their powers combine, the sounds are quite reminiscent of soundtracks to the classic video games of your childhood with all sorts of additions and variations that infectiously make you tap your foot and smile, and maybe even dance like a robot.

The band just recently released a second EP last March titled "You're My Superhero," but it doesn't seem that their limited discography has limited the energy and spontaneity of their performances.

The experimental and eclectic nature of their music results in inevitable differences between what was captured in the studio and the pleasure of seeing them live.

As if this feast for your ears would not be enough to encourage you to go to a show, you might be interested in the projection screen that plays behind the pair as they perform. It displays all manner of laughable and intriguing things that recall the Internet's trendiest viral videos mingled with stock footage from nature television programs and more.

You, You're Awesome will be performing a free show on Nov. 13 in Cincinnati's Northside Tavern.

—Ralph Fritz

Russell Howard

When I stopped by Coffee Emporium, the venue was showcasing the talents of Russell Howard, an acoustic singer-songwriter out of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The relaxed, soothing and trendy atmosphere of the venue was well coupled with Howard's matching style.

Copies of his album "Too Soon/ Too Late" were on sale and included a tune I particularly enjoyed, "Take Your Time." You can find song samples at mspace.com/russellhowardmusic. Overall it was a stellar—though less energetic—atmosphere and performance.

—Sarah Wieten

Thunderhawk

When I dropped by the Inner Peace Center, an Indianapolis band called Thunderhawk was playing their brand of screamo-rock. Frankly, it was a bit too ear-pounding-ly loud for me. I know that makes me an old curmudgeon, but the small tightly-packed audience seemed enthusiastic about it.

This spa located downtown, awkwardly attempted to turn itself into a bar for Friday night's performance.

—Sarah Wieten

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Wasted the Web

People of Wal-Mart

You've been there: the super-market. It's the perfect place to run into the list of characters documented at People of Wal-mart, a site that's unafraid to point out the atrocities of suburban America. Purchasing habits, vehicle decorations and fashion sense are all under scrutiny at this oddity-spotting website.

peopleofwalmart.com

Engrish

Poor translations: this is the theme of Engrish, a website that captures brilliant missteps in the English language. Need an example? How about a "No Smoking" sign? Or perhaps diapers advertised as "paper urine trousers"? The real-life images range from oddly offensive or incomprehensible to the outright hilarious.

engrish.com

Texts from Last Night

This website can be summed up perfectly by its tagline: "Remember that text you shouldn't have sent last night? We do." Not for the faint of heart, this wildly inappropriate site posts texts (identified only by area code) sent "last night."

textsfromlastnight.com

This is Why You're Fat

This website is simply a collection of pictures of food—but the most fattening, miserable-looking food of all time. Forget devouring all this stuff; simply looking at the pictures starts to clog arteries. One bite could easily cause a heart attack. Congratulations, America. These culinary monstrosities are the reason you're fat.

thisiswhyourefat.com



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Even Hayden Panettiere and Joel McHale love Oh No They Didn't (ONTD).

ONTD

Do you like pop culture? Do you like reading hundreds of people's colorful commentary on television, movies and celebrities? If you thought you were "over" LiveJournal, think again—Oh No They Didn't (popularly known as ONTD) is invading both the internet and the celebrity world with snarky remarks and endless opinions. Be prepared to waste precious minutes scouring pages of hilarious user feedback on the latest Lady Gaga outfit.

ohnotheydidnt.livejournal.com



As fall break approaches, we at *the Newswire* would like to fill those long hours you'll spend at home next weekend with the comforting glow of the computer screen.

The internet is full of hidden gems, and we've dug around to find some of the most time-devouring locations on the web. How much time did we waste writing this article? Please, don't ask. So, Xavier students, proceed at your own caution; you never know when you'll see that philosophy essay again.

By: Amy Windhorst & Katherine Monasteria



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omegle.com

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Do you know your trivia? Put your random knowledge to the test at Sporcle, where you must type in the items that correspond to given clues. Browse hundreds of themed trivia quizzes: know all the Pokemon—or perhaps presidents of the United States? Show off your skills on Sporcle.

sporcle.com

FML

Does your life suck? The users on this website will totally understand. Mostly a collection of embarrassing, infuriating, or life-shattering incidents, "Eff My Life" allows people to recount brief and unfortunate incidents that recently befell them.

fmylife.com

Passive Aggressive Notes

The note your roommate left on the pile of dirty dishes *seems* nice, but brimming just below the surface is a subtext of disgust, resentment and thinly veiled hatred. Passive Aggressive Notes showcases everyday encounters with the world of the passively angry, note-leaving sort.

passiveaggressivenotes.com

Tweeting too Hard

Tweeting too Hard picks out self-involved Twitter users and gives them a highly sarcastic pat on the back. You're going to have to fire your wait staff who forgot to bring you breakfast this morning? Tweeting too Hard agrees: congrats, you're important.

tweetingtoohard.com

GraphJam

Wouldn't it be nice if the truths of life could be simply expressed in graph/pie chart form? GraphJam hilariously captures reality in a series of bars, lines and circles, and will have you nodding in agreement.

graphjam.com

My Life is Average

A comparison piece to FML, My Life Is Average honors those days where you realize your life is utterly and completely mediocre. Submit your own short anecdotes to see if your life qualifies as "normal."

mylifeisaverage.com

Fail Blog

If anyone has ever failed to do something properly, it is chronicled on this website. Make a spelling error on a billboard? It's probably here. Incorrect directions, grammatical mistakes by professors and stupid questions asked on the internet ("Why don't mirrors on TV reflect anything?") are among some of the other goodies found here.

failblog.org

Awkward Family Photos

Remember laser-backdrop photos? Or that family photo where everyone at Christmas '95 wore the same ugly sweater? Or that time when you, your mom and your dad dressed up in Winnie-the-Pooh costumes for the annual photo? From the weird to the ugly to the just plain awkward, believe us, you will find it on this site.

awkwardfamilyphotos.com

Things My Dad Said

Do your parents ever say things that make you scratch your head? Things My Dad Said chronicles the lives of Cole and his father Tom, the latter of which offers bursts of inane parental wisdom ("Some say 'dog is man's best friend.' I disagree. I believe the turtle is man's best friend simply because the turtle shows us the way to salvation").

thingsmydadsaid.com



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Bart Simpson totally looks like the state of Mississippi. Weird, right?

Totally Looks Like

Do agree that Scott Wolf totally looks like Michael J. Fox? Or perhaps your cat totally looks like Yoda? You'll find all the look-alikes—some more surprising than others—at this hilarious website, where users submit their own images for comparison.

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