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Unwanted roommate

Bed bugs becoming bigger worry in Ohio



Newswire photo by Alexa von Bargaen

Cincinnati is among Ohio's most bed bug-infested cities, including a recent case at Xavier.

BY KARI PEGLAR
Staff Writer

The saying "sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite" should no longer be taken lightly.

Ohio has recently been dubbed by *Time* magazine as the "bed bug capital of the U.S." after Terminex released a list of the top 15 U.S. cities with bed bug infestations.

Four cities in Ohio made it onto the list, including Cleveland (No. 14), Dayton (No. 8), Columbus (No. 7) and to Xavier's dismay, Cincinnati (No. 4). No other state had multiple cities on the list.

The problem is so dire in Cincinnati that the city has created the Bed bug Remediation

Commission, which has called on members from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Defense and state municipal leaders to remedy the problem.

Bed bugs are reddish-brown, flat, wingless, six-legged insects that feed on human blood. They are about the size of an apple seed. They are often found in the seams of mattresses and small cracks in bedroom walls, furniture, baseboards and electrical outlets. Normally, the insects are spread by latching onto people, used furniture or other infected areas and usually come out at night.

Unlike the rest of Cincinnati,

which has had nearly 4,000 reported bed bug incidents, Xavier has only reported one case of bed bugs that occurred this past summer, according to Angie Kneflin, assistant director for apartments and off campus living.

"This individual was a summer intern who traveled a lot and most likely picked up the bug from another location," Kneflin said. "The incident occurred in the Village and was remedied according to the current policy that was updated this past summer due to the increasing concern and cases of bed bugs in Cincinnati."

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Off-campus market changes

BY JAKE HEATH
News Editor

In an attempt to escape maximum occupancy, many students are biting at a chance to move off-campus this year.

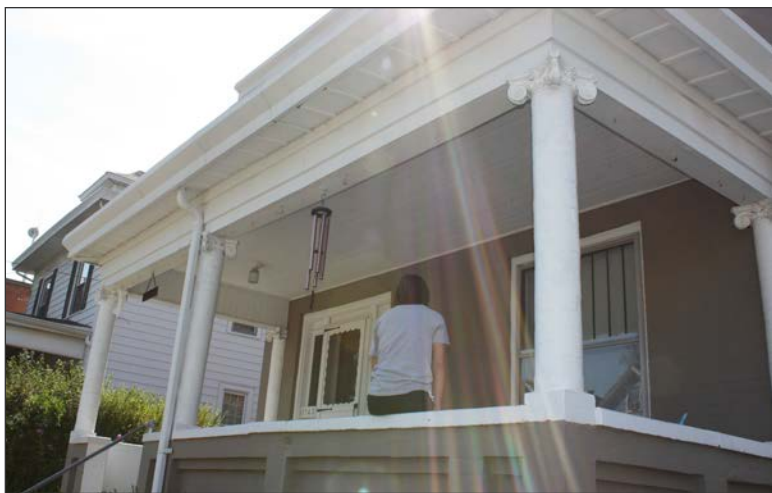
"Last year, we had a big boom of students to move off campus. The freshman class was just so big," Assistant Director of Residence Life and Off-Campus Living Angie Kneflin said.

This year, the freshman class has maintained the large size and residence halls have continued with their maximum occupancy policies.

Residence Life is unsure but is expecting to keep the policy despite the construction of the new residence hall.

"It's hard to tell," Kneflin said. "We really won't know until admissions lets us know how many they're admitting."

In preparation for more



Newswire photo by Alexa von Bargaen

All Xavier freshman and sophomores will be required to live on-campus next year.

large class sizes, Xavier's online Commuter Services page has hired "Living Off-Campus 101," a property management website, to organize and find properties with greater ease.

According to Kneflin, the site is brand new as of early August

this year.

"The site took a lot of pressure off of the staff here," Kneflin said. "Landlords can put and place all the information students need at their own leisure and students can contact them directly."

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Dana Streetscape improving safety

BY DOUG TIFFT
Editor-in-Chief

Jackhammers and backhoes have begun to appear on Dana Avenue, south of campus, as the first stages of the Dana Streetscape—a \$5 million Ohio Public Works Program designed to widen and re-design Dana Avenue between Interstate 71 and Victory Parkway—get underway.

The two-year construction program will widen the road to five lanes in some parts, including a left and right turn lane, a bike path and greenspace between the eastbound and westbound lanes.

Trend Construction of Sharonville has been contracted for the job.

In order to accommodate the program, Xavier will give up 13 to 14 feet of roadside space along the east lot, and a private residence next to Schott Hall will be demolished.

John Kucia, administrative vice president of the University, said the program will contribute to Xavier's safety initiative on Dana Avenue, a University focus since a student was struck by a vehicle near the Village on Oct. 1, 2007.

"The street will be re-oriented to get rid of the bend," Kucia said. "The goal is to make it safer so there is not the situation of people coming around the bend, and they don't see you and you don't see them."

The Streetscape program will also include two new water mains and the replacement of existing traffic signals.

The entire 1.1 mile stretch of road will be re-paved, but only areas near Keystone Parke and Xavier will be widened. Parts of Evanston will remain at the current width.

"There are points where there is just no room to expand," Kucia said. "So no, Dana [Gardens] is not going to be [knocked down]."

Kucia and members of Xavier's Community Building Institute are hopeful that the changes will help to provide a welcoming entrance to the university in conjunction with the recently completed entrance to campus from the south side of Ledgewood Avenue.

"To be able to make it a boulevard, so that when you are approaching the campus you know you are in Xavier territory, we just think that is a really good thing for the school and neighborhood," Kucia said.

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Voors leads volleyball



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Senior Shannon Voors posted 48 kills in three matches at the UNLV Classic. She was named to the All-Tournament team this weekend. Voors is leading the Musketeers with 3.85 kills per set, good for second in the Atlantic 10.

XU AlertMe service undergoes changes

BY REBECA BAYENS
Staff Writer

Xavier's XU AlertMe safety communication system, which has been active since 2006, has undergone some changes recently.

An announcement on the MyXU Portal informed students that they must either enroll in the system or opt out of it.

Previously, students have been able to just sign up for the system; they did not have to specify whether they wanted to enroll or opt out.

According to Chief of Xavier Police Michael Couch, students and faculty can sign up to receive both voice and text messages or opt to receive just one or the other.

Couch said that since the announcement was put on the portal, the number of text message recipients has increased from 1,500 to 3,500, and the number of voice message recipients has increased from 900 to 1,400.

"Ultimately what we want is for everyone to enroll in the system," Couch said.

Stephen Owen, director of environmental health and safety, commented that the system has already been very useful to Xavier students and staff.

"It's a great, efficient way to communicate with a large number of people very quickly," he said.

Owen noted that the system was used in the 2009-10 school year for events such as the H1N1 outbreak, the computer virus that affected Xavier faculty computers, a shooting involving non-students on Dana Avenue and weather emergencies that affected school closings and delays.

"Text is the most efficient communication because it's sent to all registered numbers at the same time and there really isn't a delay," Owen said. "Voice messages require that an answering machine or live human being answer on the other end."

He said that if the XU AlertMe system is unable to connect to a phone through voice message right away, it will make up to three attempts over a 30 minute period to reach the phone owner.

According to Owen, once a student enrolls in the system, they will be in it until they graduate.

"Our intent right now is that [the students] would come off the active list upon graduation," he said. "The negative to that is that we will have to remind students every year to make sure that the number they have on file is the one they want messages sent to, especially because kids are getting new cell phones all the time and changing their numbers."

"[The system] is kind of a work in progress," Owens said. "Its protocols and policies and procedures are changing as we get feedback from students."

Career Fair sees high attendance from both students and organizations



On Tuesday, Sept. 21 Xavier students such as junior Doug Steiner (right) gathered at the Career Fair in the hopes of finding a job or internship.

BY ASHLEY SROUFE
Copy Editor

The annual fall Career Fair brought 83 organizations to campus this Tuesday, Sept. 21.

More than 525 students and alumni surged Cintas Center in hopes of finding internships and jobs with corporations, government organizations and nonprofits.

In addition, 21 graduate schools from across the nation attended the fair in hopes of recruiting Xavier students.

Approximately 100 more students and alumni attended this year's Career Fair in comparison to the 2010 spring fair and the 2009 fall fair, according to Career Fair organizers.

Despite economic worries, the Career Services Center (CSC) said that many of the organizations from previous fairs have returned, along with 18 first-time attendees.

"Nationally, organization participation in career fairs on college campuses is down about nine

percent due to the economy," said Jennifer Franchak, associate director of the Career Services Center. "In addition, size of the institution is the number one factor which influences the number of organizations attracted to recruit at college career fairs. XU is well above average in comparison to institutions of similar size."

Earlier this month, the CSC paired with the Williams College of Business Professional Development Center (PDC) to call more than 100 organizations.

Prior to Tuesday, the CSC offered several ways for students to prepare for the fair. According to Franchak, approximately 250 students attended various career fair prep events and more than 40 students utilized Career Services' walk-in advising hours.

The Sept. 13 Career Builder online newsletter also provided a summary of how to prepare an "elevator speech"—an introductory 30-second self marketing pitch.

Several companies follow up with students after the Career Fair by returning to Xavier's campus to conduct their interviews. Nielsen—one of the official sponsors of the Career Fair—will be back as soon as Oct. 20.

There are several resources available for students who were unable to attend the Career Fair. Students can view application procedures and interview schedules for the same companies present on Tuesday by visiting www.xavier.experience.com.

For the remainder of fall semester, CSC has scheduled more than a dozen programs, workshops and presentations on topics including the mentor program, internships and graduate school. To view the calendar, visit www.xavier.edu/career.

In addition to on-campus events, the CSC is already planning for the spring Career Fair next semester.



More students attended the annual Career Fair than last year like Taryn Buckley.

BRIEFS

New director for the Women's Center

After several months of searching by the university, Tamika Odum was appointed to the position of Director of the Women's Center. She begins her office Oct. 8.

Odum's previous position was at the Women's Center at the University of Cincinnati as Program Manager for Outreach and Education.

Odum is soon to finish her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Cincinnati.

GSC provides temporary help for missing computer lab

In response to student requests for a new option for on-campus 24-hour printing after the closing of the Gallagher Student Center 2nd floor lab, University administrators have implemented a number of short-term solutions after meeting with the Student Leadership Advisory Board on Sunday, Sept. 19.

"A number of computer kiosks with printer will be installed on the 1st floor of the GSC in the alcove area where the video games are currently. In addition, a second printer will be added to the GSC Information Desk," Kathleen Simons, associate provost for student life, wrote in an e-mail on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

In addition, the computer labs in Alter, Hailstones and the Conoton Learning Commons will be open with lab attendants from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

"These will be short-term measures until the CLC goes 24/7, which is expected sometime next year," Simons wrote.

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SAC adds Friday shuttle to Newport

BY MOLLY BOES
Assist. News Editor

This year, the Student Activities Council has decided to run the Friday Fountain Square and Newport Shuttle every Friday, instead of only the first Friday of every month.

The Friday shuttle allows Xavier students to encounter parts of Cincinnati they may not otherwise have the opportunity to see.

The shuttle makes a stop at Fountain Square, an area of downtown Cincinnati that has a variety of restaurants, including Graeter's Ice Cream, and activities, such as ice skating during the winter.

The shuttle also makes a stop at Newport on the Levee, located directly on the Ohio River which offers students an assortment of opportunities, including shopping, an AMC theatre and a comedy club.

SAC decided to schedule the shuttle for every Friday because they believed that students were unaware of the Friday shuttle. With the shuttle coming every

Friday, SAC hopes that more students will be aware of its services and will take advantage of the opportunity.

Student Government Association Executives Kevin Contrera, Cristin Giacci and Blair Kmetz took the initiative on this program.

The primary challenge for running a shuttle every Friday was finding the essential funds.

Outside of the costs of running the shuttle, a chaperone is required from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. to ride for security and safety purposes.

The first night the shuttle ran, Sep. 3, 46 students took advantage of the opportunity.

The shuttle will continue to run every Friday from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. from the D'Artagnan statue in front of the Cintas Center. Copies of the shuttle schedule can be found in the dormitories.

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Off-campus market changes

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The website provides detailed search options that include price range, number of bedrooms, number of bathrooms and distance from campus.

The construction of the new dormitories places more pressure on landlords this year, as well.

"When the population got bigger on campus, the off campus housing market was more in the hands of the landlords," Kneflin said. "However, this new construction has made some of these landlords step up the quality of their homes. It's turning into more of a student market."

According to Xavier's website, the future residence hall will hold up to 525 students.

It has yet to be determined whether freshmen or upper classmen will be living there.

This increase of space provides more chances for students hoping to remain on campus even as juniors and seniors.

Juniors and seniors will not be guaranteed housing, as has been the precedent in the past.

However, Residence Life has changed the policy for sophomores hoping to find housing off campus.

The policy will return to its original state, requiring all freshman and sophomores to remain on campus.

"This is able to change because of the large dorm that will be open next year," Kneflin said.

Despite this anticipated decrease in off-campus living, Residence Life and Kneflin are still excited for the year to come.

On Oct. 11 and 12, Xavier will host their annual Office Campus Housing Fair in Gallagher Student Center, which provides students a later chance to look at properties



photo courtesy Alexa Von Bargen

Junior Meagan Weber looks for newly renovated off-campus housing.

around Xavier.

Also, Xavier will begin its new community building club, the Off Campus Ambassadors.

"Off Campus Ambassadors are meant to help build the local community that surrounds student housing," Kneflin said. "The neighborhood is still home to many residents that are not students. The club is meant to help organize community events and give back to local area."

Members was piloted last year and is expected to grow into a full club during this year.

Off-Campus Ambassadors hopes to clean up the local neighborhoods and provide a nicer community for non-student residents.

Residence Life is hosting educational programs on how to be a smart leaser and a good neighbor.

Programs include information on sharing space, dealing with landlords, dealing with neighbors and how to divide payments.

Unwanted roommate



photo courtesy of xavier.edu

Cincinnati currently has the largest bed bug problem in the U.S.

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Since the last case in the summer, Xavier has had no reports of bed bugs, said Mary Rosenfeldt, Director of Health Services at the McGrath Health and Wellness Center.

Nonetheless, she believes students need to be informed about bed bugs.

"Due to the concerns in Ohio and nationwide, students who live both on and off campus will want to educate themselves about them," said Rosenfeldt.

Kelsey Burns, a 2009 Xavier graduate, wished she had educated herself about the bugs. Her off-campus residence became infected last spring.

"I noticed bites occasionally on my arms, maybe one or two once a week or once every two weeks," Burns said. "They were unusual, like in a line along my arm, but were not severe. So I called my maintenance man and he said it looked like spider bites."

But after an exterminator sprayed for spiders and the bites persisted, she couldn't help but think that she had bed bugs.

"I researched online about bed bugs and was convinced I had them," Burns said. "I called my maintenance guy back and he came and saw marks on my mattress, at which point another exterminator was called to get rid of the bed bugs."

Cintas Center updated with new technology

BY ANDREW LEYDEN
Staff Writer

With the campus abuzz over the upcoming basketball and current volleyball seasons, Cintas Center experienced major changes aimed at better capturing the drama and excitement of the sporting events that it houses.

The old center-hung scoreboard has been replaced by a new 18-foot tall scoreboard, accentuated by a 42-foot circular LED ribbon.

A new 590-foot LED ribbon adorns the entire upper fascia of the arena.

Toward the north end of Cintas Center, a new 7-foot-10 by 10-foot-5 video screen will give fans more flexible options for watching game content.

"The improvements made at Cintas Center will enhance its reputation as one of the very best on-campus arenas in the country," Senior Associate Athletic Director Rich Franchak said. "The higher-resolution main video screens coupled with the new technology features will be truly impactful and make the arena a more exciting place to play and watch



photo courtesy of Kelsey Edson

Cintas Center remodels their suites.

a game. The new technology will help to create an energetic atmosphere for all our events, while at the same time increasing creative opportunities for our corporate partners."

Xavier University has invested more than \$2.5 million in capital improvements to Cintas Center, made possible through the athletic department's multi-media rights partnership with Learfield Sports.

Construction began in early June, immediately following the last high-school graduation, and was completed in mid-July.

In addition to the new ribbons and video screens, the 22 luxury suites and the Joseph Club Lounge are being updated with new furnishings, floor and wall coverings and flat-panel HDTV's. This phase of the renovation is set to be completed in early October.

BRIEFS

Xavier ranks high for entrepreneurship

For the seventh consecutive, Xavier was ranked among the top schools for undergraduate entrepreneurship programs by The Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine.

This year, Xavier ranked 11th, up eight spots from its rank at no. 19 last year.

The schools are ranked by an evaluation of their teaching entrepreneurship business fundamentals in the classroom, staffing departments with successful entrepreneurs, excellence in mentorship and providing experiential or entrepreneurial opportunities outside of the classroom, along with other notable, unlisted aspects of their programs.

Other schools ranked high in the list include the University of Houston, Baylor University, University of Notre Dame and the University of Southern California.

Along with being ranked for its undergraduate entrepreneurship program, U.S. News and World Report rated Xavier's Williams College of Business's MBA management program 20th in the country earlier this year.

Dorothy Day provides discussion

At 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22, the Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice is hosting "Finding True North: Small Group Kickoff!" in the Gallagher Clocktower Lounge. This meeting will be the first of what will become weekly meetings.

CFJ is hosting these meetings to provide students of all religious backgrounds the opportunity to form small groups and both reflect on and share their beliefs while also having the opportunity to learn about other faiths.

During these meetings, Deanna Martin, the associate director of faith and ministry, will work with the Christian Communities program to provide support for Catholic students.

Andrea Bardelmeier, the new Ecumenical and multi-faith minister will provide support for students of other Christian and world faiths.

Flu shots offered at McGrath Health and Wellness Center

The McGrath Health and Wellness Center is offering flu shots on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the basement of Husman Hall.

The shots will cost \$20 and will be put on students' bursar bills. Walk-ins will only be accepted for emergency situations.

If a student does not have an emergency, they are to call McGrath at 513-745-3022 to schedule an appointment.

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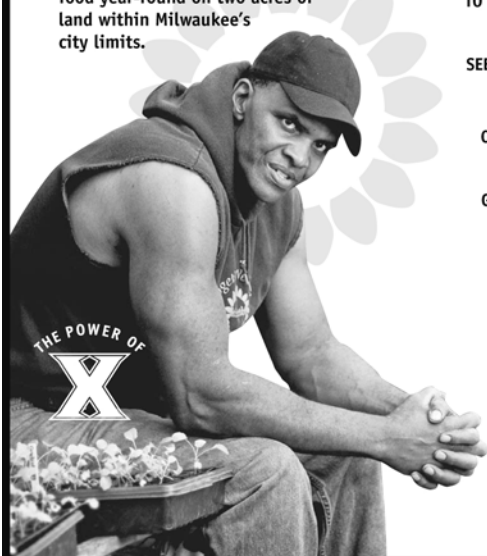
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Professor Profile: Dr. Bree Lang

BY LIZZIE GLASER
Campus News Editor

The Xavier Newswire was able to sit down with professor Bree Lang recently. This is the conversation that took place.

Xavier Newswire: Where are you from?

Professor Bree Lang: I was born in Salt Lake City. I went through high school just outside of Salt Lake City and split my college years between Calif Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California and the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

XN: Where were you before you came to Xavier?

BL: I finished my Ph.D. in economics at the University of California at Santa Barbara in June 2010. I am coming to Xavier directly from graduate school.

XN: How did you get to XU?

BL: My husband, Matthew Lang, and I were both seeking positions as assistant professors of economics. We were fortunate that Xavier University had two openings in the economics department. Specifically, the department was searching for faculty members that could teach urban economics and health economics. I happen to be an urban economist and my husband is a health economist. We went through the interview process and were chosen for the positions. We are extremely happy with the outcome, and very pleased with the department, students and culture here at Xavier.

XN: Why did you decide on economics?

BL: I changed my major three

Procedure change for special request funds

BY MIKE GLYNN
Asst. Campus News Editor

The special requests fund from the Student Government Association has undergone a shift in operations during the past two weeks.

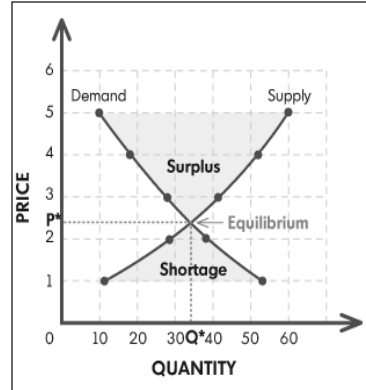
The changes were made by the Financial Affairs Committee in an effort to improve efficiency and counteract the struggles of reduced funds.

The most notable change is FAC asking for additional responsibility with approving or denying requests. As it stands now, FAC has the ability to approve any proposal \$2,000 or less with a unanimous vote by the board.

If the proposal is for more than \$2,000, then with approval from FAC, the proposal will then be taken to the appropriate board, Senate or Student Activities Council for another vote.

This is to increase the efficiency of meetings and allow for more debate over financially demanding proposals.

In order to deal with such requests, Senator Ryan Allmen, chair of FAC and other FAC board members have limited the number of times a club or organization can be approved for funding to four.



New Economics professor Dr. Bree Lang specializes in urban economics.

times during my undergraduate education, so I had taken a number of classes in various fields. When I took my first economics class, I realized that economics was extremely versatile. Because I have an interest in many different topics, I was attracted to the fact that economic tools can be applied to almost any subject. Whenever an action is taken, you can use economics to explain why it occurred.

XN: Can you share a little bit about your family?

BL: My husband and I have been married for just over three years. We have no children or pets, but have a few plants that we try to keep alive. My parents, one brother and his family live in Salt Lake City. I have three adorable nephews, ages 10, 2 and 1. I also married into a wonderful family and gained another set of parents, two more brothers and a sister.

XN: What's currently on your iPod? Favorite music?

BL: I was raised on 50s through 70s rock and roll (Beatles, Grassroots, Temptations), which evolved into a taste for folk rock (Jim Croce, Tom Petty, more currently Guster) as I got older.

I also found a love of 80s hair bands somewhere along the way (Van Halen, Scorpions) and have currently settled on country music (Blake Shelton, Toby Keith). I usually like anything that has a beat and a decent melody.

XN: What is your favorite book or movie?

BL: My favorite movies are "Shawshank Redemption" and "Gran Torino". The majority of books I read are related to economics and behavior. Recently, I enjoyed reading "The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell.

XN: What do you find most intriguing about teaching?

BL: Every time I teach a topic, I learn something new and start to think about it on a deeper level. It makes teaching fun, even if I am teaching the same concepts as I have before.

XN: Do you like Xavier so far? Why or why not?

BL: So far, it has been a wonderful place to work. The people here at Xavier are some of the friendliest and most helpful that I have ever encountered.

XN: Is there any advice you'd give to students to start off the school year?

BL: Realize that your time at Xavier is perhaps the only time in your life that you can dedicate your energy to learning about what you choose. Take this opportunity to learn about everything you find interesting and investigate the world as deeply as you can. As I look back at college, I wish that I would have appreciated the unique opportunity and taken advantage of it more often.

ies significantly from the past or a unique opportunity that arises.

This requirement is to encourage clubs to apply for additional funding through the budget process to cover annual events. All clubs were informed well in advance of the change.

"All of the changes that we made were in the spirit of increased transparency, and fairness for all clubs and organizations," said Ryan Alleman.

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Student group supports streetcar and city

BY LIZZIE GLASER
Campus News Editor

When the city of Cincinnati received \$25 million in federal funding through the Urban Circulator grant, its proposed project to build a modern streetcar system became a reality. Now, with \$114.5 million of the \$128 million in funding needed for the project, the city hopes to have the streetcar system running by April 2013. There is a group of Xavier students that could not be happier with the news.

During the spring semester, Xavier's Political Policy Practice class, taught by Dr. Gene Beaupre were asked to select a relevant political issue pertaining to sustainability and urbanism that they would then work on directly throughout the course. After narrowing the issues down to improving the Cincinnati Metro system and installing a modern streetcar system, the group sided with the streetcar. "There was more momentum behind the streetcar movement," junior Maggie Kelly said.

Early in the course, the students attended community council meetings to give brief presentations about the benefits of and facts behind the streetcar system. They promoted the streetcar campaign by meeting with businesses in Over-the-Rhine and Findlay Market and they attended City Council meetings to advocate the implementation of a streetcar system as an issue that young people cared about. "It's about showing people that even if the line doesn't come right to my doorstep, this is only the first step of something that will benefit the entire city," Kelly said.

In March 2010, the students



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Juniors Adam Clark and Sean Comer learn the logistics of the streetcar system in Portland, Orgeon. Clark and Comer visited Portland with a group of students to learn more about a functioning streetcar system.

visited Washington, D.C. as a class, meeting with groups such as the Federal Transit Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and several congressional offices to learn as much as possible about the logistics, funding, and probability of a Cincinnati streetcar line. "What we really took away from D.C. was a more holistic approach," junior Sean Comer said. "You can't just put in an entirely new public transportation system and expect it to have no effect on the city; you need to look at other aspects of urban life as well."

The proposed streetcar route is roughly 3.9 miles long and stretches from the Riverfront through downtown and Over-the-Rhine to uptown and the University of Cincinnati. The streetcar will operate seven days a week, with an

average of 18 hours of service per day. Though Phase 1 of the project is slated to cost \$128 million, a study by HDR Engineering, Inc. estimates that for every \$1 invested, the city will gain approximately \$14 in new economic activity, including space for new housing, restaurants, and shops along the line. As Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory said in his State of the City address, "When a city puts rails in the ground, economic growth follows."

By the end of the semester, there were several students so invested in the streetcar project that they wanted to continue working throughout the summer, and were given the opportunity to do so through internships. "We felt that there was a lot left to do on the streetcar project. It was just hitting its stride; there were im-

portant meetings and discussions this summer that we wanted to be a part of because we felt we had valuable input," junior Adam Clark said.

The students began the summer by creating their own blog site, VisionCincinnati, which served as an outlet for all those involved with the streetcar and invested in moving Cincinnati forward. The students wanted to create a presence with the public, and during the summer they blogged almost daily about everything from streetcar updates to Findlay Market to Play Me, I'm Yours.

They next headed to Portland, Oregon, with Protransit.com, a Cincinnati-based group that promotes improving the city's public transit system. "Portland is the model city for public transit, so we went there to see what a work-

ing public transportation system actually looks like," Comer said. "We got a better sense of where Cincinnati can go with the streetcar, using it not as an end, but a means to an end of creating a more livable city."

The group concluded the summer with another trip to Washington, D.C., where they met with groups including the D.C. Department of Planning and D.C. Surface Transportation and took a tour of D.C.'s streetcar line on H Street. They have also spent the summer planning a forum on livability in Cincinnati slated for late 2010. "We wanted the summer to culminate in something concrete and to continue the grassroots public discussion that was created by the streetcar. Our goal was to take public discussion and make it tangible," Comer said.

In the coming months, the group hopes to keep pushing discussion about a livable Cincinnati. "Our goal is not just to get the streetcar built but to help move us towards a city that is more sustainable, where parking garages and cars aren't as much of a necessity, where people want to live downtown and can easily get around to experience it," Kelly said. "We want to create a city that keeps people and attracts people."

"People always say, 'you're just a student, you've only been around academics, you don't know what the real world is like,'" Clark said. "But we've been out in the real world for the past year, and we can see the impact we've made."

The streetcar team consists of Adam Clark, Esther Cleary, Sean Comer, Scott Holzman, Maggie Kelly, Alyssa Konermann and Nick Reinel. Their blog can be found at visioncincinnati.wordpress.com.

POLICE NOTES

Sept. 13, 3:57 p.m. – A Xavier employee of Xavier reported being the victim of a hit and run by a Xavier-owned vehicle on Dana Avenue, near University Drive. The suspect was last seen traveling from Dana Ave to Woodburn Ave. Cincinnati Police were notified.

Sept. 18, 1:03 a.m. – A student urinating in the bushes outside of the Commons Apartments and lying to officers was cited for underage consumption and failure to cooperate.

Sept. 18, 1:19 a.m. – Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with the search of a dorm room in a residence hall. Marijuana and drug paraphernalia were confiscated. Two students were cited for drug abuse.

Sept. 19, 12:12 a.m. – Xavier Police and Cincinnati Police responded to a large party and possible fight on the 1500 block of Dana Avenue. The party was ended and the hosts were advised of the consequences of their actions. The Dean of Students was notified.

Sept. 19, 12:26 a.m. – A student hiding in the bushes near the McGrath Health and Wellness Center was cited for underage consumption and possession of alcohol.

Sept. 19, 2:44 a.m. – Xavier Police were flagged down by a motorist, who advised the police that two subjects in a truck had pointed a gun at him or her, at the intersection of Dana Ave and Herald Avenue. The truck was located at the United Dairy Farmers at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Dana Avenue. Xavier Police assisted Cincinnati Police when apprehending the suspects and confiscating a loaded firearm in the passenger seat.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

Sept. 14, 5:18 p.m. – A student reported the theft of a Blackberry at a desk in the Conaton Learning Commons. 90 minutes later, the student used the cell phone of a Xavier Police officer to ask the suspect on the other line to sell the phone back to him or her. Xavier Police arranged a meeting between suspect and an undercover officer posing as the student to retrieve the phone and apprehend the suspect at United Dairy Farmers at Dana Avenue and Montgomery Road. The suspect was apprehended and the phone was returned around 8 p.m.

Rodgers to fill vacant senator's seat

BY SARAH WIETEN
Managing Editor

After some deliberation, junior Sam Rodgers has been confirmed as the newest member of Senate, and will take the place of senior Daniel Francis, who resigned his seat at the beginning of the semester.

Rodgers was selected from a pool of eight candidates, through an application and an interview by Student Government Association leaders for the vacant seat in the Community Affairs Committee.

"There were a lot of good candidates which made this a really hard decision," SGA president Kevin Contrera said. "We deliberated for almost four hours."

The Community Affairs Committee is undergoing more changes than just a new member. New definitions for the committee place more emphasis on working to build relationships with the surrounding communities, rather than being concerned with service projects or spiritual development.

"I look forward most to being a liaison between the City Council of Norwood, the Community councils of Evanston and North Avondale and the students," Rodgers said.

Rodgers plans to focus on community projects involving the Evanston Community Center



Newswire photo by Jade Sanders

Senator Sam Rodgers is the newly elected senators

and student relations with Xavier Police, but these plans have not yet been formalized by the committee.

Senior Daniel Francis, whose vacant seat Rodgers is filling, is currently in Washington D.C. for the semester. He is working as an intern for the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

"Walking away from Xavier during my senior year was one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make. But this was a once in a lifetime opportunity, one I couldn't pass up," said Francis in an email.

Ex-senator Francis was confident in the ability of his replacement.

"Sam doesn't need any advice from me; I have all the confidence in the world in him," Francis said. "His previous experience on SAC, great attitude, personality and work ethic make him a natural fit for the Community Affairs Committee and Senate in general. He'll thrive," said Francis.

Rodgers is a junior Honors Bachelor of Arts student who has been a part of the Student Activities Council during two academic years.

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EDITORIAL | XU Alert Me

XUCP: police, not spin doctors

In perhaps the least stunning revelation since Bill Clinton admitted to the Lewinsky affair, the *NewsWire* announces its support for the XU Alert Me system. Recently, Xavier Police announced that enrollment in the system will become compulsory.

Aside from the mundane benefits that University officials seem to be obsessed with, like the ability to alert students of hypothetical gunmen hypothetically rampaging through campus shooting hypothetical on-lookers with hypothetical bullets, XU Alert Me has a number of useful features. Most importantly, XUCP uses the system to inform students of snow days. Now, instead of Googling the emergency closure sight, one can simply glance at the screen of one's cell phone to assess the viability of that 11th hour of sleep. In addition, the system has been utilized effectively in the past to warn students of a virus attack on the school's computers, and of last year's H1N1 outbreak.

As usual, we would like to suggest a more, shall we say, tactful approach for XUCP to take. Instead of announcing "compulsory" enrollment deadlines, we recommend that the University post an announcement on the Portal (which apparently only faculty and that one annoying student read) alerting students of the new "automatic enrollment" policy to take effect immediately, whereby the university would exploit the privilege likely granted to them in one of many forms every student signs before setting foot in a classroom to mine cell phone numbers from say, Manresa, to enroll in the XU Alert Me system.

Not only would this policy save the trouble of tracking down delinquent students, it would also spare the university from the negative connotations associated with the word "compulsory". Clearly, the XU Alert Me system is on balance a good thing. Of course, so is health insurance, but quite a few people seem to be upset about the idea of "compulsory" health insurance.

EDITORIAL | Improvements to Dana Avenue
Make-work that makes sense

Here at the *NewsWire*, we frequently get ideas from students on what they would like to see journalistically explored in ensuing issues of the newspaper (hint, hint). While we get the occasional request for a story about campus safety, resident assistants and an expansion of the Police Notes of the Week, it is not strange to hear about the dangerous pedestrian crossing of Dana Avenue near the Village Apartments, either.

The crossing has reared its ugly head in the past, sending a student toppling headlong over a vehicle in 2007, and leading previous editors of the *NewsWire* to dub the area the "Dana deathtrap."

So it is with all of this background information on the dangerous nature of the stretch of road, that the *NewsWire* happily greets the news that the state of Ohio will help the University make the street safer with increased visibility, more signage and a grass partition in the middle of the road (making the terrifying dash across Dana a two-part venture).

While the straightening of the road may only encourage drivers to hover closer to the accelerator, negating the safety updates, the response at the state level—with insistence from the University—is reassuring.

Of course, the Dana Streetscape project will do a lot more for Xavier than merely lowering the blood pressure of students living south of campus. We assume many students can still recall the sour first impression the lead-in to campus left, as they passed dark streets on a crowded four-lane road and pulled hurriedly into campus. We hope that the project's stated goals of brightening the roadway and reaching out to some environmentalists with greenery and plentiful bicycle space come to fruition.

If they do, perhaps the Dana Streetscape project will reduce some crime around campus, along with saving the lives of some sleepy sophomore walking to an 8:30 a.m. class. In that case, the only downside will be a lot of quiet time at our office hours.

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Letters to the editor

Too little, too late

I feel as though it has not been long since our last correspondence, a trend that saddens me a bit. The Sept. 15 *NewsWire* published an article in which Sgt. Grossman said that parking is available to students behind Smith Hall between 5 and 11 p.m. during the week and all day on Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, the article seems to brag, "faculty lots are now open to students after 8 p.m. on weekdays." But wait, there's more! "Make sure to lock your car." This provision of common sense on Sgt. Grossman's part is hardly ground-breaking, and fails to address the real problem: Resident students will have to move their automobiles after 11 p.m. on weekdays. I choose a more Ronco-esque approach to my parking; that is, just SET IT AND FORGET IT! By allowing students the privilege of parking in the new Smith Hall lot for a scant six hours during the week, the administration is providing a dose of aspirin when more drastic measures are needed. Moving my car at night to the dark abyss of R-2 seems less than safe, but I suppose that is a risk I have to take in exchange for the awesome new basketball courts that currently occupy my former parking spots.

Lee Little | '13

Hear, hear!

I am writing in regard to Adam Frazier's editorial about the lack of a 24-hour computer lab on campus. I completely agree with his statements and feel something should be done immediately to address this issue.

Xavier's new facilities are obviously impressive and I'm sure students will enjoy the educational benefits for years to come. It is reassuring to know that the

University is willing to make the necessary investments to ensure the continuation of such a fine liberal arts tradition.

In the face of such dramatic improvements, the lack of a 24-hour computer lab is almost laughable. The lab in Gallagher was by far one of the most useful and productive hubs on campus. In my three years at Xavier, I can never remember a single time that I was unable to find an open computer. The printer was fast and reliable and the lab served as the perfect place to work on papers, e-mails, and projects when other on-campus locations were closed.

Now, students hoping to print off their readings or papers before class are forced to either try their luck at one of the CLC computers hooked up to a printer (which there aren't enough of) or wait in line at the front desk of Gallagher. Late night options are even more limited. In an attempt to consolidate its technological resources into one location, Xavier has inadvertently made the everyday computing needs of students even more inconvenient.

Again, I applaud the University's expansion efforts and facility upgrades. With all the improvements, it would seem maintaining another lab in GSC would be a nominal expense. It is time the University focuses less on new logos and statues and more on the everyday needs of real, current students.

Steve Boller | '11

Freedom, freedom, everywhere, nor any word to speak

In response to Peter Fricke's column (15 Sept.) "A republic, if you can keep it" and the accompanying comic by Matt Kroeger, Terry Jones' attempted Quran burning is indeed protected under the freedom of speech. However,

by criticizing Jones' plans and urging him to cancel them, Barack Obama, Robert Gates and others were exercising their own rights to free speech. In accordance with constitutional rights, no one in the government did anything to forcibly coerce Jones to stop expressing himself. He was not censored, jailed or killed. Freedom of speech means that you can say almost anything you want, but it is not meant to protect you from criticism, as Kroeger's comic suggests.

Last week's editorial also implies that there is a risk of the United States becoming like one of those countries that we know suppresses civil liberties. This is absurd because the actions taken by U.S. officials in the Jones incident were in line with the Constitution and do not remotely resemble those of a true authoritarian government. This is not Russia, where critics of the Putin-Medvedev regime are routinely assassinated. This is the United States, where the expression of people like Jones as well as people like Gates and Obama are protected under the First Amendment. Free speech may mean that you can burn any book you want, but it also means that I have the right to tell you that I think that what you are doing is idiotic, offensive, and a danger to our country.

Ellen Atkinson | '13

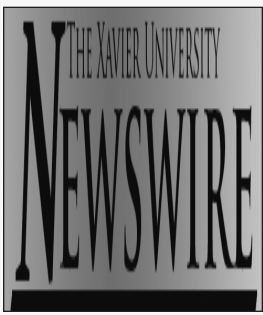
Peter Fricke responds: I feel compelled, both rhetorically and by the inconvenient little white space that these words are now filling, to offer a clarification in response to Ellen Atkinson's letter. Whatever inferences Ms. Atkinson may make, I did not intend to imply that the United States is at risk of becoming an authoritarian state in the mold of Russia or China. I was merely pointing out the contradiction between the advice our leaders give such countries and the advice they give their own citizens.

NOTES & ASIDES

A collection of comments, observations, and general remarks from your friendly editorial staff, intended for your edification and amusement

- “A student (was) observed urinating in the bushes outside of the Commons and lying to officers,” while another student was found “hiding in the bushes” near McGrath. Sheer incompetence... (not to mention incontinence).
- On Monday afternoon, your humble and observant Op-Ed editor was amused to find no less than three parking tickets while walking along the short strip of Ledgewood Avenue which runs adjacent to the Honors Villa. One car was ticketed for facing the wrong direction, and two others were parked in front of a fire hydrant. The first example speaks to the depth of many young drivers’ ignorance, while the second two offer a sobering reminder of the consequences that stem from the lackadaisical way driving licenses are issued in this country. In both cases, bravo to Cincinnati Police; and next time, “book ‘em Danno!”
- Apparently bedbugs are a cyclical pest, like locusts. That can be a good thing or a bad thing, depending on your perspective. Either way, it seems likely that our generation will be the next one to caution its grandchildren against “letting the bedbugs bite” decades after the term has lost all meaning.
- When a U.S. Senate seat is vacated, the governor nominates a replacement to fill the seat. Generally, this results in the selection of a qualified and experienced candidate, as we are sure was the case in the recent appointment of Sam Rodgers to the Student Government Association Student Senate. That said, we must question the need for the appointment process, which is vulnerable to allegations of favoritism, given our ability to hold elections online at (we hope) a fraction of the cost of a national election to give students more say in the composition of SGA.
- Residence Life has reinstated its policy requiring sophomores to live on campus. They will not, however, revoke maximum occupancy policies. Advice to freshmen: have your parents rent off-campus accommodations in their own names, and then register as a commuter.
- Xavier recently announced that the video game alcove in Gallagher Student Center will be converted into a makeshift 24-hour computer lab. We are especially happy about this, because not only are we going to claim credit for provoking that decision, but removing those video games might reduce the number of local kids making Gallagher uncomfortable for actual students.

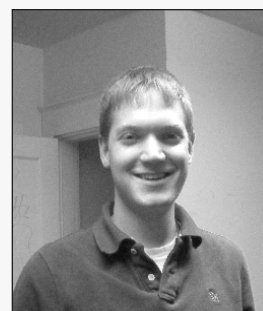
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Riddle me this...

BY MATT ACKELS

Copy Editor

In the past three years, many things at Xavier that have confused me. So today I am making a list of all those enigmatic Xavier mysteries that I hope will become clear to me before I go:

If the first three numbers on every All-Card are 000 and the last four are 5049, why do we even have those numbers?

Why is the ground floor of Gallagher Student Center the only one without a water fountain? And if it's a ploy by the food court to force me to purchase beverages, why am I so lazy that it works?

Why are those train tracks still there across Herald Avenue? All they do is make the ride home painfully uncomfortable. Where is the train? And while we're on the topic, what the @#%\$ is Herald Avenue? Is that just Cleneay Avenue? Why is it not just Cleneay? I've had so many awkward conversations with pizza delivery men because of this ambiguity.

You know who the big loser is amidst all this construction: the first floor of the library. Where did all the sweet stuff go? Why is it now filled with hand-me-down waiting room furniture? It looks like the lobby of a Comfort Inn and Suites but without the complimentary continental breakfast.

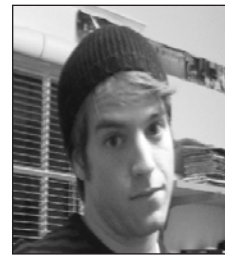
Who is the voice for the XU Alert Me system and how did she get the sexiest voice ever? I might just be wildly attracted to the fact that she tells me at 7 a.m. that snow is everywhere so instead of going to class I just have to go get three thirties from the Asian station,

but there's something about that voice... authoritative yet tender.

If we have to call the Caf the Hoff, why don't we call the library McDonald's?

Why is there not a weekly weather forecast in the *NewsWire*? Seriously, that's just periodical basics. The worst part is, even though they're printing this right now, there won't be a forecast in the paper next week.

Why are people calling the new



Williams College of Business (WCB) the “Warm Cheese Burger?” Well actually, that's better as

a statement. People are calling the WCB Warm Cheese Burger. Thank you for that gift.

What is the actual purpose of the room occupied by Flix in Gallagher? The sign says Flix, but above the door is written “Xavier Entrepreneurship Center/Xavier Student Investment Fund” and above that is a sign that says “The Max/SBDC.” I really shouldn't make fun, since according to the new student handbook we can't insult the room based on its identity choices, no matter how varied.

How can Cohen be home to the Social Work, Nursing, Art, Hospital and Health Administration, Education, and Criminal Justice departments? It doesn't look much bigger than Bellermino Chapel. Oh wait; I have an answer to this one. It's because when you go in there it

expands like one of those Harry Potter witchcraft tents. You don't notice it because the inside is built like Pan's Labyrinth to disguise the size. You have to get to the building 20 minutes early just to traverse the maze and escape the Minotaur before class.

Why don't we have a drive through complimentary continental breakfast at the first floor of McDonald's?

The visitation rules in dorms are decidedly hetero-normative in their implementation. Though it may be technically part of the rule, I've never heard of anyone getting in trouble for members of their own sex visiting late at night. Why haven't the straight students figured this out and protested?

If we have an Honors Villa for smart students, why don't we have a Dishonors Villa for the rest of us? Or maybe a villa is too nice, more like a Dishonors RV. Once a month they could serve Franzia and Mild Cheddar Kraft Singles.

I'm sure readers have their own list of mysteries and problems they can't quite figure out. Feel free to write in to the *NewsWire* with any of your own questions. Together we can learn to understand this wondrous place sitting on the corner of Ledgewood Avenue and whatever that street is called. OK seriously though, what is Herald? Isn't that little street on the Academic Mall called Herald too? And don't even try to Google it, because then this street called Pacific Avenue pops up that straight-up doesn't exist. Someone write in explaining this to me.

I'm sure you have friends

BY PHIL CHEVALIER

Editorial Columnist

I'd say on a typical stroll around campus I offer some brand of salutary motion (ranging from a head-nod to a stop-and-chat) to one out of every 25 students I pass, give or take. Whether you feel that makes me more or less popular than you is irrelevant; you should simply keep that number in mind. Going off of Xavier's website, there are 4,228 undergraduate students at this school. Your standard math equation indicates that I am at least familiar with about 170 of you if I remember how to do math. Follow me; this is going somewhere.

From my experience at Xavier, there are eight streets on which one typically parties. These streets are: Hudson, Cleneay, Regent, Spencer, Ivanhoe, Williams, Wayland, and Dana Avenues. If you party on different streets, that's great—you are who I want to reach out to—but sit tight and just keep track of the information as it stacks. For you, foreign partyer, the point of this column will be all the more mind blowing.

So I know about 170 of you, and I party on eight streets. I go to the one and only Xavier bar, Dana Gardens, which, by the way, sucks.

I usually know most of the people there, or maybe half, but it seems like everyone. Just like one out of every 25 of you feels like all of you. It *feels* like all of you but its not! And that's the point I'm getting to here. There are 24 more of you for every one of you I know. That's quite a lot of you, and seeing as most of the people I know don't flip the *NewsWire* open to the



Op-Ed section, you are probably one of those 24 extra people, the ones I don't know, the other,

potentially known. And when I see each of you, you're not alone; I'm not talking about 24 isolated, wandering, faceless peons here, I'm talking about you! And I'm sure you have friends.

You might even walk around with those friends, and I might pass all of you without a second thought. Or, if you are walking around campus alone, you could be offering some sort of salutary gesture (ranging from a head-nod to a stop-and-chat) to the person right behind me, or five people after me, or the person you saw

right before you ran into me—the hypothetical twenty fourth person, assuming you and I know the same amount of people at this school. I can't escape the fact that there are a whole 4,058 of you that I don't know, when I am constantly telling myself there is no one here left to meet. There is only one solution—one plausible answer to the question I am begging here, which is “where do you all go?” Within the boundaries of the Xavier social sphere, there must necessarily exist a multiplicity of layered, overlapping, parallel universes that only unnatural forces can allow someone to transcend. It is the only way.

We live in different worlds, unless the numbers are lying. But where is *your* world?! Xavier is not that big. There are a limited number of streets. Could it be the case that, on a given Saturday night, you are partying on the very same street as me, but at some cloaked house that somehow doesn't get busted at midnight like my parties do? If so, tell me where that party is. Or, perhaps, you are off partying on different streets altogether. Cooler streets. I can't even imagine where they would be. I need maps of these streets. Someone take me to the doppelganger party.

Soccer picks up shutout

Men still searching for first goal

Women's soccer shutout twice

BY SHANE MULVIHILL
Staff Writer

It has been said that "no news is good news," and that was exactly the case for the Xavier men's soccer team this past Friday when they played the University of Evansville to a scoreless draw.

The Musketeers may not have scored a goal, but by not allowing a goal, they recorded their second shutout of the season, surpassing last year's mark of one.

With the tie, the team has also tallied their second point on the road, something that they were unable to do last season.

Head coach Andy Fleming continues to be proud of the improvements his team is making as it searches for its first win.

"This was a tie on paper but in

several aspects, a small victory," Fleming said. "Evansville is a high-octane, veteran team who will be playing in the NCAA Tournament this year and we, once again, fared very well at what is considered a tough place to play."

Evansville came into the game with a 4-1-0 record and the third ranked offensive attack in the country.

The Musketeers were the first team to shut out the high powered offense, thanks once again to a great defensive front and solid goalkeeping.

Sophomore Justin Marshall returned from an injury suffered on Sept. 4 to start in goal for Xavier. He stopped all four shots that came his way and recorded his third collegiate shut out.

The team has had injury problems since training camp, but Fleming was glad to see his team healthy again.

"This was the most healthy players we've had in the past three weeks and it clearly showed in our standard of play and the amount of guys we were able to use," Fleming said.

Fleming felt that there were chances for the team to steal a victory late in the game, but it was unable to convert those attempts.

"After dodging some bullets early on, we settled into the game and played very well, particularly in the latter stages of the second half and in overtime, where we generated some decent sequences and had some chances to win the game," Fleming said.

The Muskies have faced stiff competition and have fared well. Their opponents' combined record is 16-2-3, with two of the three ties coming at the hands of the Musketeers.

"Above all, we were a together, trusting and spirited team tonight, which was most impressive," Fleming said. "We have committed people who believe and are following the correct process in our preparation, approach and belief. This all points to us soon turning the corner and gaining momentum as we get healthy and head into Atlantic 10 play."

The team will have four more games to prepare for A-10 conference play, which begins in October. The Muskies will begin a three-game home stand starting 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24 against Lipscomb University at the Xavier Soccer Complex. The Musketeers will be looking to jumpstart their offensive attack and net their first goal of the season.



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Senior James Getzen had two of Xavier's six shots against Evansville.



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Junior Andi Meyer and the Xavier defense held Cincinnati scoreless through the first half, but ultimately gave up the deciding goal on a corner kick.

BY JOCELYN TAYLOR
Asst. Sports Editor

The Xavier women's soccer team suffered a setback this weekend with losses to Evansville and No. 15 Cincinnati. The Muskies could not manage a goal in either game.

On Friday, Sept. 18, the team traveled to Evansville, Ind., to take on the Purple Hearts.

Evansville pounced on the Muskies early, outshooting them 7-3 in the first half. Tough defense kept Evansville out of the net in the first half, but the defense could not hold for long.

Before a minute could go by in the second half, Evansville scored off a corner kick. Two minutes later the Hearts scored again leaving the Muskies in a 2-0 hole.

The Muskies were more aggressive offensively and held a 10-6 shot advantage over Evansville in the second half, but no player could connect with the goal.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, the Muskies took on No. 15 UC. The team played a very impressive first half, holding the Bearcats

scoreless. Sophomore goalkeeper Jennifer Perri made four saves in the first half.

The second half was just as intense. Muskie defense was tight until the Bearcats were granted a corner kick. The ball deflected hard off the ground and right into the net behind Perri.

Despite the loss, head coach Woody Sherwood was pleased with his team's effort.

"I thought it was great," Sherwood said. "[Sunday] we were as good as we can be against a team that athletic and plays with three forwards."

Sherwood is also happy with how far the team has come since he took over the program.

"Progress is right on track," Sherwood said. "We always say our season starts with the conference play. We're in great position for that. ... We're ready to tackle the A-10," Sherwood said.

Right now, Sherwood is focused on getting his players to play a more concise game that could lead to more wins for them in the future.

"It's more just fine tuning some things," Sherwood said. "Our thing has been attacking, defending free kicks, and we'll just continue to refine that a little bit. We've created chances in all the games we've played, which didn't happen a year ago."

The women's soccer team returns to action at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1 against LaSalle at the Xavier Soccer Complex. However, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 25, the team will host an alumni exhibition game at the Xavier Soccer Complex.

XC competes in Catholic meet

BY JOHN WILMHOFF
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the Xavier cross country team participated in the 32nd Annual National Catholic Championships at the Notre Dame Golf Course in South Bend, Ind. The Musketeers challenged other prominent Catholic Universities such as Notre Dame, Marquette and DePaul, giving the Musketeers a chance to see how they compared to some of the nation's fastest teams.

It also gave the Muskies a chance to see how they stacked up against Atlantic 10 foes Dayton and Saint Louis.

It was another good showing for Xavier as the men finished fourth and the women finished sixth among the 35 participating schools.

"It was a pretty good day and to finish that high was a nice result," head coach Dan Flaute said.

Notre Dame won first overall in both the men's and women's races. Marquette and Dayton tied for second in the men's race.

Xavier finished just 15 points

below Marquette and Dayton for fourth place.

Marquette was an NCAA Regional Finalist in 2009 and Dayton finished 3rd in the A-10 a year ago.

"It was good for us to compete with highly ranked Division I programs," Flaute said.

Senior Tommy Kauffmann led the Musketeers again, finishing fourth overall with a time of 24:50 in the second 8K race of the year for the Xavier men.

Junior Keith Albrekton ran a personal best time of 25:30 to earn 15th place, and Tom Ohlman was awarded the A-10 Rookie of the Week for the second straight week with his performance at Notre Dame. Ohlman finished third among all freshmen in the field and also third on the team with a personal best time of 25:34 coming in 17th place.

Senior Caitlin Thomas was the first to finish for the women's squad. Thomas finished with a time of 18:43 earning 31st place. Junior Caylin Howell finished



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Freshman Tom Ohlman is the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week for the second consecutive week.

right behind Thomas in 32nd place with a time of 18:48.

Freshman Ashley Vincent finished in seventh place among all first year women runners with a time of 18:58.

With no race this weekend, Flaute said the Muskies will take the down time as an opportunity to train harder and prepare for the rest of the season.

"We'll be putting in a lot of hard work these next 10 days but it won't be seen," Flaute said.

The next meet for the Musketeers will be Friday, Oct. 1 at the All-Ohio Championship at Cedarville University. This year is the first time Xavier has elected to compete in the All-Ohio Championships in several seasons.

"It's an exciting race for our kids," Flaute said, "because we have a lot of Ohio kids. They get to compete against old high school teammates and rivals for bragging rights."

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Volleyball gears up for A-10 play

Defense inconsistent despite two wins in UNLV tourney

By **SCOTT MUELLER**
Sports Editor

In its last non-conference tournament before the Atlantic 10 season begins, the Xavier volleyball team went 2-1 at the UNLV Classic.

Head coach Mike Johnson saw a sharp contrast in the way his team played over the two days of the tournament.

On Friday, Sept. 17, the Musketeers swept San Jose State

3-0. The Muskies did not trail once the entire match.

The Musketeers opened the first set with a 6-1 run and would not let the Spartans get within three points throughout the set.

“On Friday, I felt we played as well as we had all year,” Johnson said. “We really showed that we’ve been getting better in practice. We meet our standards in a lot of different areas.”

The next day the Muskies

came out looking to expand on Friday’s success. The Musketeers opened the match against Cal State Northridge with a first set victory, 25-23. Despite playing the next two sets close, the Muskies dropped both.

The Musketeers lost the second and third sets by a combined five points. In the fourth set, the Muskies could not muster a tie and dropped the set 25-18.

“Saturday, I didn’t think we were as good as we could have been,” Johnson said. “It’s one thing to get beaten. It’s another thing to not be completely at your best.”

In the second game on Saturday, the Musketeers showed some resilience and came back from a two set deficit to defeat host UNLV, 3-2.

Senior Shannon Voors posted a match-high 23 kills. Voors and fellow senior Claire Paszkiewicz were named to the all-tournament team. Paszkiewicz had 144 assists for the tournament.

Johnson commented on the difference between the two days of the tournament. “On Friday, we made a much greater commitment to our individual defense,” said Johnson. “Our composure was remarkably better, and that’s an area we’re going to have to continue to improve.”

On Friday, against San Jose State, the Musketeers recorded 14 blocks in only three sets. On

Saturday, the team picked up only four blocks against Cal State Northridge, and recorded 15 blocks in five sets against UNLV.

On the season, the Musketeers are averaging 1.64 blocks per set.

The Musketeers will need good defense in the A-10 opener at Duquesne. Duquesne has two hitters in the top 10 in the A-10 in kills per set. However, Voors is second in the A-10 with 3.85 kills per set.

“We’re excited for the A-10,” Johnson said. “The thing for us is we’ve had matches where we’ve been great offensively. We’ve had matches where we’ve been great defensively. Matches where we’ve been great at serving. We need to start having more matches where we put all of those together on the same night.”

The Musketeers will open the A-10 season at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24 at Duquesne. On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Musketeers will travel to Saint Louis to take on the Billikens.

Johnson continued to stress the importance of unified team play as the team gears up for the

Atlantic 10 Standings

The volleyball team will open Atlantic 10 play this weekend. Here is a look at the standings before any conference games have been played. Number in parenthesis is pre-season predicted finish by the A-10 coaches.

School	W	L
Duquesne (7)	12	3
Dayton (1)	9	3
Rhode Island (8)	9	3
Charlotte (6)	9	5
George Wash. (3)	9	5
Xavier (4)	7	5
Fordham (9)	8	6
Saint Louis (2)	5	7
Temple (5)	3	8
La Salle (10)	4	11

A-10. “I’m not looking for any individual person,” Johnson said. “I’m looking for them all to step up. For us all to get better collectively Monday through Thursday in practice, and for it to translate to the weekend.”

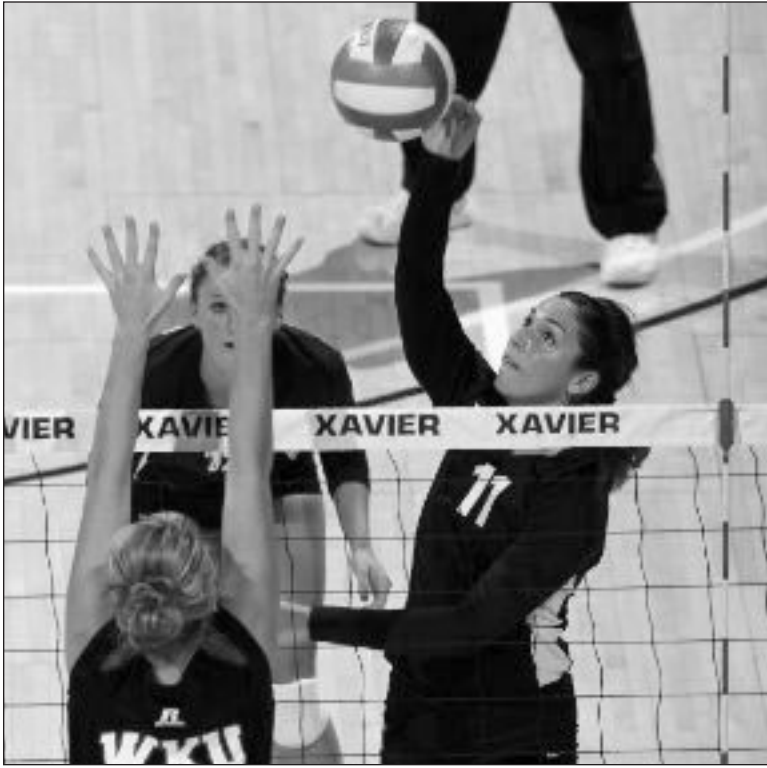


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Senior Shannon Voors is second in the Atlantic 10 in kills per set with 3.85. She is also second in the A-10 in service aces, averaging almost half an ace per set.

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Strong individual performances for tennis teams

By **JOCELYN TAYLOR**
Asst. Sports Editor

Both Xavier men’s and women’s tennis teams were in action this past weekend, and both posted positive results.

The men took part in the Indiana Hoosier Invitational.

Junior Marc Pretorius and sophomore Phillip Diaz grabbed first place in the back draw doubles consolation match on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Seniors Bobby Deye and Brian Starr placed third in the doubles consolation flight.

In singles, Deye won the IU Flight consolation finals.

Freshman Mesa Mei and sophomore Brandon MacDonald made it to the finals of their respective flights, but could not finish with a victory.

Junior Richard Canelas took first place in the Hoosier Flight finals.

“I felt we finished strong today with some solid singles and doubles play. Our first two days of play were pretty ordinary, which is probably what you would expect when taking the court as a team for the first time,” head coach Eric Toth said.

The team will return to Indiana Sept. 24 to 26 to play in the Ball State Invitational.

The women’s team had several members with strong performances at the Bowling Green State University Invitational. Freshman Andrea Wolf won



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com
Sophomore Brandon MacDonald advanced to the final of his flight, but could not bring home a victory.

the Flight Four singles finals championship, 6-2, 6-3.

Senior Christie Pleiman placed third in the Flight Eight singles and her sister, sophomore Katie Pleiman, last year’s Atlantic 10 Most Outstanding Rookie, placed third in the Flight One singles match.

In doubles, seniors Kelsey Kinnard and Tiffanie Treece took third. In doubles consolation play, sophomore Kally Alkire and freshman Allyson Westling placed third and junior Marietta Maffey and Wolf placed fourth.

The team will look to build on its success Oct. 1 to 3 at the Cincinnati Invitational.

SAC to hold meetings to decide fall concert

By Brent Edwards
Arts & Entertainment Editor

In a break with previous years, the Student Government Association is opening up the campus concert selection process to the student body.

The selection process will occur through several information sessions with a variety of aims.

The first session will be to clarify how much of the budget is allocated toward funding concerts.

“Concert Ideas” outline that the meetings will include the cost of various acts and which are in the range that SAC can afford.

There will also be an open question and answer session to get a feel for students’ opinions

about who they would like to see perform.

Finally, students will take a written survey with questions related to favored genres, musical tastes and more.

“What we really want to do is put on a show that caters to the largest student population possible,” SAC activities chair Hattie Delisle said. “I am forever conscious of the fact that these are student dollars that we are working with and they deserve our best efforts. My hope is that the series of forums will provide student input that leads to a show that is well supported by Xavier’s campus.”

Rumor has it...

It has been floating around that some contenders for the fall concert include Lady Gaga, Ke\$ha and Taio Cruz. The acts may be among those requested at a student forum, but have not been booked or decided upon.



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Lady Gaga shows off her “Poker Face.”

Linkin Park disappoints listeners with album “A Thousand Suns”

By John Stevens
Staff Writer

It’s hard to make effective change in the music industry today.

The chances for failure are often so high that it almost isn’t worth it to make any radical adjustments to the sound of an artist’s music, lest they isolate their core fan base.

The biggest market lately has been in the rock arena, where bands keep trying to expand their repertoires and increase their fan-bases by mixing together sounds from different genres.

It’s a risky move and too few bands manage a pay off on switching up their sound.

Sad to say, Linkin Park took a risk, and it didn’t pay off this time.

The band, famous for hits throughout the early 2000s, found their last release, “Minutes to Midnight,” receiving less-than-positive reviews.

They seemed to suggest the direction of the band was aiming too far toward creating a pop-rock album and not enough toward what brought Linkin Park to “the game” as it were.

On this offering, however, Linkin Park seems to regress.

There are aspects of that poppy flashy style that was on the last album, but now it’s as if they tried to take everything they possibly could and shove it into one album...while still appealing to that pop-rock side of things.

Now, that’s not to say that a track or two off the album is not unappealing.

There’s a reason that “The Catalyst,” the main single off the album, has received positive re-

views and a bit of radio success.

It’s a technically-sound track.

However, it’s also an example of the entire record: WAY too much going on.

It’s as if the track signifies just what Linkin Park’s problem is here.

The track mixes pop, rock, electronic, alternative and experimental elements, and it comes out sounding thrown together in mixing.

On a positive note, Mike Shinoda finally finds his voice again (while he was held back quite a bit in the last album), but it’s still too far concealed under strange mixing.

A key example is in “When They Come For Me,” where his voice is often distorted with some weird African drum beats and chanting.

And though some tracks stand out and are at least somewhat sound, there are some definite eggs dropped in the midst of it.

Much of the album falls into one of three categories: Boring (“Waiting for the End”), trying too hard (“The Messenger”) or just plain weird (“Robot Boy”).

It comes off uninspired and lazy sounding, more than anything else, qualities that Linkin Park

rarely shows.

I can’t discredit a band for trying. The concept of the album is well played, with the interludes probably being the best pieces of the album.

This, however, is not the realm Linkin Park should be in.

“A Thousand Suns” is certainly going to polarize fans, and not in a good way.

Who’s to blame for this, in the long run? The mixers, drowning out Mike Shinoda and seeming to make the album more than it can deliver, or Linkin Park trying to live up to their earlier standards while still appealing to pop?

Regardless of who you place the blame on, this is not a sound record. It is too thrown together and does not have enough behind it to make it worth while.

If you’re a fan and you want to doubt that this record is a bit of a flop, check it out.

Otherwise, stay away from “A Thousand Suns,” save maybe “The Catalyst,” and remember that not all change is good.

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Even Linkin Park’s bad-boy image can’t save their album.

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Fine Arts Fund to engage community and paint the streets of Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine

By **RACHAEL HARRIS**
Asst. A&E Editor

Cincinnati's Fine Arts Fund (FAF) will be painting 12th Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 26.

Located in Over-the-Rhine, 12th Street is the backbone of Cincinnati arts and entertainment, featuring many shops, restaurants, theatres and art buildings.

Each year, the FAF campaigns to raise money to donate to local arts organizations.

This money helps keep the arts alive in Cincinnati and helps stimulate the local economy by creating an entertaining environment where people want to be.

Paint the Street is a public arts project meant to show donors exactly what the Fine Arts Fund does for the artsy side of Cincinnati.

"It will illustrate the power of the arts to benefit us all by connecting people and making our city exciting, a place we want to live, work, play and stay," said Margy Waller, vice president of Arts & Culture Partnership.

The project is set up like a giant paint-by-number so that even children can participate.

The actual event will be a festival, with food, water and entertainment (including, a performance by four members of Xavier's jazz band) taking place throughout the day.

Anyone can participate in the



Photo Courtesy of Fineartsfund.org

People from around the city participate in the Fine Art Fund's "SplashDance" on Fountain Square.

painting and only needs to register online.

If it rains, the event will take place on Oct. 2 and 3.

A local videographer company, Lightborne, will be making a video to be shown to all donors for the 2011 campaign.

Last year's video, SplashDance, has received more than 50,000 hits on YouTube, and can be found by searching for "Splash Dance Cincinnati" on YouTube.

It features more than 200

people from around the region dancing to a four-minute choreographed dance in the rain.

According to their website, the FAF believes in "enhancing our community with arts and cultural experiences that offer joy, promote inclusion and inspire creativity for a strong region."

They have been supporting and continuing the arts throughout Cincinnati since 1927.

Xavier Newswire's Liz Glaser and Sarah Wieten have both interned

with the Fine Arts Fund.

Glaser, a current intern on the Creative Team, is working to plan and set up Paint the Street, by figuring out logistics and working with local businesses.

For more information on the event, to donate or to get involved, visit www.fineartsfund.org/paintthetstreet/.

Live Wires

Rick Ross

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. on Sept. 23 at Bogarts (2621 Vine St.). Tickets range from \$33.75 to \$150. To order tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

BarlowGirl

The concert will be begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 24 at The Underground (1114 Smiley Ave.). Tickets range from \$13 to \$25. To order tickets, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

New Releases

(as of 9/22)

Maroon 5

Hands All Over
(A&M/Octone)

Billy Currington

Enjoy Yourself
(Mercury Records)

Liza Minnelli

Confessions
(Decca Records)

Selena Gomez & The Scene

A Year Without Rain
(Hollywood Records)

ACROSS:

1. Winter Olympics host country
7. Olympian Ohno's expertise, with 20-down
11. The whole world, plus outer space
12. Lithium, on the periodic table
13. Jenna Fischer's "Office" persona
14. Fr, Soph, Jr, _____
15. Queen's son
17. "_____ over the rainbow..."
19. Nintendo's handheld game console
21. Obi-wan, in real life
23. Bartlett or Anjou
26. Hysterical person: _____ case
29. Like Edgar Allan Poe's heart?
31. The more you take away, the larger it becomes
32. Denzel Washington's latest role
33. Xavier psych. building, a long walk for some
34. Harry's best bud
35. Lemon or lime drink
36. World's longest river
38. End of a prayer
40. It keeps your head on your shoulders
42. Princess's sleeping frustration
44. A third of Freud's psyche
46. Tranquilize, perhaps
47. 2nd letter of 58-across + 1st letter of 5-down
48. Hospital TV series
49. "___ I had a Million Dollars..."
50. Young boy
52. Actor Patrick Harris
54. Lacking manners
56. Olympic snowboarder White
57. Type of Christmas tree, like Cedar or Spruce
58. Age-old Olympic symbol

DOWN:

1. Valentine's Day angel
2. Nurse's organization acronym
3. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of _____
4. AV*
5. Pie, cake, or cookies
6. Ammunition for 1-down
7. Two arrows to the left
8. Soup or Cereal that you can read?
9. Most cars have a spare one
10. XII + VI - IX
16. Colin Ferrell, Liam Neeson, and Bono are all...
18. National symbol for 1-across
20. See 7-across
22. Cantaloupe or Honeydew
24. "Juno" actress Page
25. Boxing legend
27. Homeland of Olympic figure skater Kim Yu-Na
28. Andrew Jackson dollar bill
30. Vote for
35. UFO passenger
37. Homeland of disappointed Super Bowl fans?
38. First name of 7-across
39. Olympic gold, silver, or bronze
41. Muppet frog
43. "Smile! You're on Candid _____!"
45. Girly wardrobe item
46. Caesar, Cobb, or Garden
51. Kitchen appliance (with "washer")
53. 9th letter of the alphabet + 8th letter
54. "___ I were the king of the forrrresst..."
55. Not an amateur

Going for Olympic gold

By **CHRISTINE NADERER**
Staff Writer

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THE STORY OF WAYNE "CATMAN" WILKE

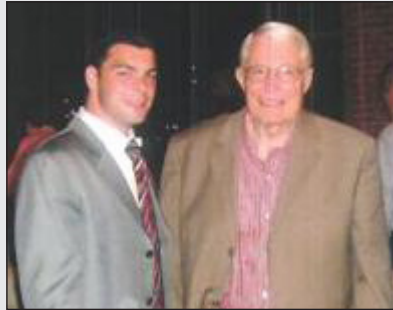


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Brady Eyer (left) and Wayne Wilke (right).



Wilke's home on Ledgewood Avenue, located across from Brockman Hall, is one of the few houses remaining on Xavier's campus.
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BY DOUG TIFFT
Editor-in-Chief

Surrounded by Judge, Tommy, Yum-Yum, Handsome, Blackie, Fluffy and Fluffy's Sister, seated in front of a statue of the patron saint of animals, the oldest student housed on Xavier's campus launched into a gem from his bottomless well of stories.

This was a tale Wayne Wilke loved to tell. It occurred before he spent 40 years in public service—becoming one of the most powerful judges in Ohio—before he hosted television shows and taught law school classes about bankruptcy law, before he acquired three law degrees from institutions as distant as Southern Methodist University and before he became

in Wilke's childhood neighborhood. The car door opened and out stepped Henry Ford himself, shaking hands with Wilke before the excited young boy ran off to tell his father.

"Yeah, he's got a hundred of those stories," said Brady Eyer, Wilke's personal assistant. "He's the most interesting man I've ever met. Most people don't realize that when they walk by. They only see the cats."

For generations of Xavier students, those cats have defined the large brick home wedged between a handful of dormitories that Wilke has never stepped foot inside. Yet, for more than half of Wilke's 70 years on Ledgewood, his life has been less about tending to felines than it has been about absorbing legal briefs and maintaining his two homes on the block.

Wilke, now 80, has always

some and not the others," Wilke said. "I guess God said, 'Wilke, you take care of those cats.' So I did."

By the time he retired from his post as Hamilton County probate judge in 2002, Wilke had more than 40 cats roaming the property, leading him to spend \$1,000 per month on chicken and IAMS cat food.

his residence. His current home sits nearly 100 yards south of the French Victorian house Wilke's father, Harry, bought when he moved to Cincinnati to become a Cincinnati Police Department detective after his days playing catcher for the Detroit Tigers.

After selling the Victorian home on cash to a Dutch couple in the 1970's, Wilke permanently moved into his second property on the street. He expanded the humble structure to a 10-room home including double-brick walls to combat the noise from the neighboring college, dozens of cat houses and a movie theatre to watch his more than 18,000 films—192 of which feature his uncle, actor Robert J. Wilke.

These adjustments allowed Wilke to find comfort next to the growing Xavier campus between trips to his 500-acre farm in Decatur County and lunches with powerful Cincinnati politicians.

Along with the physical changes, Wilke had to fiercely negotiate with the University for written, legal rights surrounding his property as the University made his portion of Ledgewood Avenue a residential mall. The physical change stripped him of basic services including mail delivery and garbage removal.

"Oh we had long talks about making sure boneheads don't park in front of his driveway, and assuring that he does not lose the rights he had," John Kucia, Xavier administrative vice president, said. "He is an attorney and a judge, so he was very good with all of that."

Even with a relationship that once bordered on adversarial, Wilke has maintained that he is

appreciative of the college campus at his doorstep. He regularly attends basketball games with Kucia, has recently passed an astronomy class and broke down in tears when former-President Fr. James Hoff, S.J. died in 2004.

"I have never had a problem with the kids at Xavier," Wilke said. "Sure, they get loud sometimes, but all I have to do is go inside. And I enjoy talking to them—that's why I sit outside a lot."

While Wilke's latest medical reports show reasonable health, the disappearance of the buildings and residences around him have forced him to confront his own mortality.

Many passersby have assumed the brick home would fall into University hands some day, becoming the site of a cornerstone for yet another towering dormitory. Yet, Wilke and some in the University do not see it that way.

"I'd like to see it turned into its own residence hall," Wilke said, a sentiment echoed by friends like Kucia. "There are eight rooms in there that could be bedrooms. And it would be nice if they could keep some of the cats around—kind of like a sanctuary for animals."

As he finishes telling another story, this one about how he filed a legal motion that saved Union Terminal from demolition upon his return from the Korean War, Wilke leans over in his fabric lawn chair, places his carton of Graeter's ice cream on the ground and begins to think about his to-do list.

He looks to Eyer and says that they had better get to work. It is time to feed the cats.



With the help of his assistants, Wilke cares for over 40 cats that roam the Xavier campus.
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infamous in the Xavier community as "Catman."

This particular story takes place in 1940, mere steps from his current location at 3830 Ledgewood Avenue, as he played outside the home of silent film star Theda Bara. A young Wilke watched as a Lincoln Zephyr parked in front of the home of the Vice President of Ford Motor Company—another landmark

been an animal lover. Dogs once roamed the house before Xavier completed Kuhlman Hall in 1967. An influx of students and relaxed rules about pets in the dorms brought dozens of cats to campus—animals that Wilke often found on his front lawn when the school year ended.

"They looked pretty darn hungry, and the cats would not really understand if you feed

He spends even more than that employing Eyer and two other assistants that help feed the cats.

While Wilke had many of the animals neutered to help control the population, the wealth of cats allowed him to feed his architectural hobby, adding a heated patio to accommodate the animals during harsh winters.

The addition was merely one result of Wilke's tinkering with