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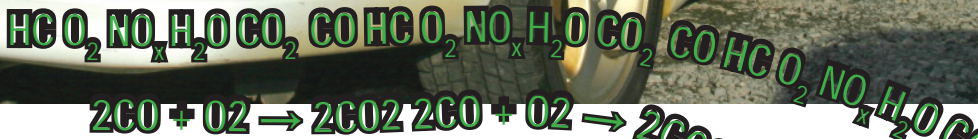


# The Xavier University NEWSWIRE

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## Catalytic converter thieves caught

Arrests made on car part thefts

BY ED MORLEY  
Asst. Campus News Editor

Xavier Police arrested and charged two suspects on Nov. 21 regarding the recent wave of catalytic converters on campus.

The suspects were found guilty of stealing four converters, all of which were recovered from the trunk of their vehicle, from cars in the A parking lot.

Officer Petachi observed the suspects, who used a piece of cardboard to cover the rear license plate of their car, acting suspiciously.

Upon approaching the vehicle the passenger and driver both bailed from the vehicle, but other police units were on hand to cap-

ture them.

Xavier Police arrested the two individuals and charged them with receipt of stolen property, possession of criminal tools and criminal trespassing.

The arrests brought a sense of satisfaction to Chief of Xavier Police Michael Couch, who was proud of his employees in bringing an end to the recent flurry of vehicle crime.

"I think it was great work on the part of our third shift officers and our community oriented policing initiatives," Couch said.

Both of the suspects, who hail from the Price

**Catalytic Converters:** a device located on the underside of common large automobiles that converts toxic exhaust into non-toxic exhaust.

— Why? —

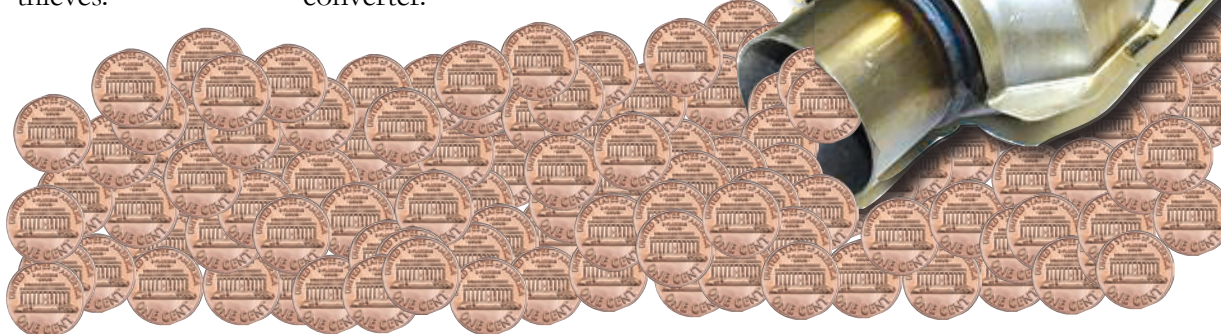
Catalytic converters contain precious metals such as platinum, palladium and rhodium, making them targets for thieves.

— Where? —

They are most easily stolen from late-model trucks and SUVs, or any vehicle with a high ground clearance and a bolted-on converter.

— Worth? —

Catalytic converters can cost up to \$1,000 to replace, and sell for about 10 percent of that given the right market.



## Meet City Councilman Chris Seelbach

BY MOLLY BOES  
News Editor

The *NewsWire* recently sat down with Xavier graduate and newly-elected City Councilman Chris Seelbach to find out a little more about his XU ties.

XN: Did you grow up here in Cincinnati?

Chris Seelbach: I grew up in Louisville and moved to Cincinnati when I was 18 to go to Xavier.

XN: What brought you to Xavier?

CS: I wanted to go to a smaller school, a smaller private school, and I narrowed it down between Xavier and Centre College, which is in Kentucky. It ultimately came down to wanting to be in a city. I visited Xavier's campus, which was totally different than what it is today and I loved it – it was just a great college campus, I liked the feeling of it, the vibe.

XN: What was your major?

CS: I majored in Business and Human Resources. It was a BS/BA and focus in Human Resources.

XN: One of our co-workers said



Chris Seelbach

Photo courtesy of Chris Seelbach

you helped to found Xavier's Alliance, how did that happen?

CS: When I came to Xavier, there was basically no tolerance of any kind of issues dealing with sexual orientation. The first thing that happened is that there was some sort of forum

that President Hoff put together where he brought in members of the archdiocese to talk with faculty and some students, including me, about what the Catholic Church's

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## Women fall to top 10 teams

Hard-fought games leave Muskies empty-handed

BY KYLE ISAACS  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Xavier women's basketball entered the toughest part of their schedule last week when they played two top ten teams in two games. The Musketeers traveled to Louisville to face the University of Louisville Cardinals on November 20. Xavier struggled out of the gate and fell to the No. 9 ranked Cardinals 62-44. The Musketeers returned home this past Friday and played host to the Stanford University. The women played the third-ranked Cardinal close but couldn't overcome a tough second half, losing 80-64. Following the Stanford loss, the women are now 1-3 on the season.

The Musketeers were looking to avenge last season's NCAA Tournament loss to Louisville when they traveled to the KFC



Newswire photo by Greg Rose

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# Students venture to Georgia for protest

By MOLLY BOES  
News Editor

What started as a handful of students and faculty traveling to Ft. Benning, Ga. to partake in a protest has evolved into a group of over 30 students and faculty coming together to stand up for something they believe in.

On Nov. 8, this group hopped on a bus for a 10-hour ride to its destination.

Ft. Benning is home to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as the School of the Americas (SOA).



Newswire photo by Andrew Matsushita

People at the protest used different methods to try to be heard, from passing out flyers to “crossing the line.”

WHINSEC is a school run by the U.S. military that trains soldiers sent by countries in Latin America.

SOA Watch hosts the protest annually every mid-November.

The SOA Watch started in 1990 after the 1989 massacre of six Jesuit priests, their co-worker and the co-worker’s daughter. According to the SOA Watch website, a U.S. Congressional Task Force reported that the people responsible for this massacre were trained at the SOA.

“The goal of SOA Watch is to close the SOA and to change U.S. foreign policy in Latin America by educating the public, lobbying Congress and participating in creative, nonviolent resistance,” according to [www.soa.org](http://www.soa.org).

Throughout the years, the SOA Watch has grown from a small group of people working out of an apartment in Ft. Benning into a large movement.

The people present at the protest vary from college students to nuns and feature various speakers including Martin Sheen and the Georgia NAACP State President, Edward DuBose.

On Saturday, the protest consisted of multiple speakers, some speaking about their personal experiences and others retelling the stories of families and friends, live

music, dancing and a performance by the puppetistas – large puppets controlled by volunteers.

That evening a teach-in was held at the Columbus, Ga. Convention Center, where attendants could pick from a selection of informational sessions.

On Sunday, the call “¡Presente!” filled the air as a funeral procession marched through the barricaded area of the protest and to the main gate of Ft. Benning.

During the procession, names of the people killed in Latin America were read and protesters lifted crosses bearing victims’ names.

These crosses were then placed on the fence that was built in front of the main gate after 9/11.

After the funeral procession, protesters at the fence chanted and sang various songs and offered words of support as one of their fellow protesters set a ladder against the fence and “crossed the line” — an act of civil disobedience — and was taken away by stationed officers.

Not everyone at the protest was in support of the closure of WHINSEC/SOA.

A small group of men from Pennsylvania wove through the crowd, passing out sheets of paper arguing for the preservation of WHINSEC/SOA.



Newswire photo by Andrew Matsushita

A group of Xavier students went to Georgia to join the protest against WHINSEC.

The group was from the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP), whose message was “A Call to Gratitude: who will thank our heroes?”

“We’re protesting the protesters,” one of the TFP protesters said.

Each person at the protest had his or her own reason for being there. Some had lost family members in one of the massacres.

Others were there to protest the protest itself.

“Every year the protest is a source of much hope and renewal for me,” senior Anna Robertson said.

“Seeing so many people in one place who share my values and hope for the same changes fills me with energy that sustains me in my own journey of coming to know my place in solidarity with others.”

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## Seelbach: Interview with Xavier grad and first openly gay City Council member

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exact position was on sexual orientation. The entire presentation, which was incredibly offensive and there were comparisons to bestiality and necrophilia and all these things, and it just kind of really sparked the rage, the kind of interest in me and others of “this is not right.” Talking to Fr. LaRocca, he kind of guided us towards putting that energy into an effort, which we did. We collected, I think, a fourth of the student body’s signatures in like a week for a petition for the administration to either issue a welcoming statement to gay/lesbian faculty and staff and students, everyone, or include sexual orientation in the discrimination policy. So, that went to Fr. Hoff’s desk, and we didn’t think we’d have a chance of doing anything, but later that year he did issue a welcoming statement which is now in the student handbook, which was a huge step for Xavier. In the following year, we said this is great, but we’re going to make it mean something. So that’s when we said let’s do a gay/straight alliance. That’s when we started the Xavier Alliance. I think it was the first gay/straight alliance at a Catholic university.

XN: From graduation, how did you get involved in Cincinnati politics?

CS: After Xavier, I went to law school. I didn’t know what I want-

ed to do. I wasn’t ready to work full-time and my interests were in issues of justice and things like that. I went to the University of Dayton School of Law and I moved up to Dayton for about nine months and hated living there so I moved back and commuted every day. During law school I had three jobs – I worked for the former Vice Mayor David Crowley, for a plaintiff-side law firm in town and for a federal magistrate judge. Going back just a little bit, in 2001, I met David Crowley, who was running for City Council at the time and I was immediately drawn to him. He was an older white guy with four kids, two gay, two straight, and he didn’t care about any of that, and I just wanted to be a part of whatever he was doing. After law school, I managed his third campaign for Council. The following year I managed another campaign for a guy that was running for the court of appeals named Jim O’Reilly. After that, I decided I didn’t want to manage campaigns for the rest of my life because every November you’re out of a job, whether you win or lose, because the campaign is over. I took a couple of months to figure out what I wanted to do and eventually chose to join a marketing consulting firm where I’ve been for almost five years, and I’m now the vice president and chief financial officer. I made the decision to start running for office

almost two years ago, so it’s been a long haul, and we won.

XN: What encouraged you to make that step up into running for office?

CS: I was really inspired by David Crowley, but I was always interested in politics. I played Bill Clinton in my seventh grade mock debate, but I didn’t know if I wanted to run for office, or that I would ever have the opportunity to run for office. So many things have to come together to really have a shot at running for office for the first time. You almost can’t work, so you have to be at a position where you can either quit your job or your boss is incredibly helpful and lets you devote much of your time to campaigning. Being inspired by Crowley, and then running Council campaigns before, working in City Hall in the Council office – knowing what the job takes and what it takes to get there – and having a boss that basically said I could do this, all of those things came together.

XN: Has being openly gay affected your campaign at all?

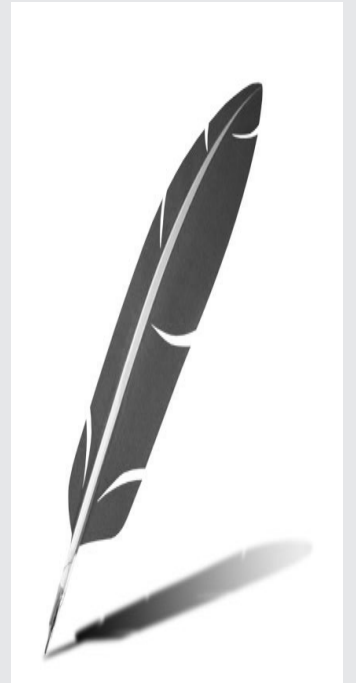
CS: I haven’t had any issues so far really. The day of elections, someone at a poll said something to my dad about it – it was bad. They said, “Your son’s a queer,” but it was the first time in a year and a half that I’ve been campaigning that I’ve heard anything. I’ve been doing the “honk and wave,” standing at intersections with volunteers saying “Honk

for Seelbach” for months and I thought, of course, someone would yell something out a window, but it’s never happened. I’ve been very pleasantly surprised and proud that it hasn’t happened more than once. I don’t want it to happen at all, but I think the fact that it has only happened once is a good indication that Cincinnati is a place that, regardless of who you love, will accept you.

XN: In the past few years, Xavier Alliance has been rather active on campus. They have established a faculty position and has been pretty widely accepted. Since it is a Catholic campus, how does that make you feel?

CS: I think it’s great. So much of this movement is about age, so as every year someone gets older and younger people get older, our movement advances. It’s advancing because more people are coming out and having conversations with family, so it feels great to know that this is something that is becoming bigger and bigger. The goal is that we have full equality and that it doesn’t matter who you love, people will respect you for your hard work and your intellect and what you bring that’s different. I think that we’re on that path. I don’t think that if you talked to people a decade or fifteen years ago that they would have ever thought that we would be this far on this path as we are today. There’s a lot of work still to do to be done, but it feels good.

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## Pell grant funds pending SGA proposes resolution to fight for need-based aid

BY KEVIN TIGHE  
Campus News Editor

Xavier University’s Student Government Association (SGA) took a stance on Nov. 21, requesting the United States of America’s Congressional Leadership to heed their cries against the national budget cuts, which could end Pell Grants and other need-based financial aid for next year.

SGA President Ryan Alleman and junior Senator Ryan Martin are the students sponsoring the official resolution.

These need-based financial aid cuts are a result of the current national budget cutting.

A committee, the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, was commissioned to charge these budget cuts.

Last week, the Joint Select Committee was unable to finalize a decision on the federal deficit.

Despite this, and because of the Budget Control Act of 2011,

\$1.2 trillion in deficit cuts have been automatically triggered.

However, these cuts have not been finalized and Pell Grants are not considered a part of that automatic trigger.

Regardless of the ambiguous nature of these cuts, SGA still feels obliged to call upon Congress.

“For a large portion of our undergraduate population, these grants are critical to their attendance at Xavier.”

Ryan Alleman,  
Student Government President

“From a Xavier standpoint, we want to continue to monitor this issue to see if any further action will be needed in the future,” Alleman said.

Additionally, these cuts could affect Xavier students directly.

“Last year, more than 1,000 Xavier students received a Pell Grant. Most importantly, Pell Grants are a form of need-based financial aid. For a large portion of our undergraduate population, these grants are critical to their attendance at Xavier,” Alleman said.

## Converters: Students fall victim to theft

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Hill area of Cincinnati, had extensive criminal records for similar offenses and were wanted for the theft of similar thefts all across the city.

The four stolen converters hold a retail value of more than \$4,000, although the suspects had intended to sell them for scrap, Xavier Police Chief Michael Couch said.

“These senseless crimes are attributed to the subjects scrapping the catalytic converters for approximately 75 to 80 dollars in cash,” Couch said.

The four cars affected by the thefts included two identical Honda Elements, a Chevrolet Malibu and a Chevrolet Cavalier.

Despite the arrests, Xavier Police asks if anybody witnesses suspicious behavior in any of the campus parking lots to inform them immediately at 513.745.1000.

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# SGA hires LGBTQ Intern

*Senior Luke Beischel hired to assess University needs*

**BY MOLLY BOES**  
*News Editor*

The Student Government Association voted to have senior Luke Beischel fill the new position of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Training and Support Intern (LTSI) on Monday.

The LTSI position was created after the proposed idea for a full-time LGBTQ faculty member or established center was denied.

Vice President Lydia Gerlach started researching what other schools have done to create support for the LGBTQ community on campus as well as the Allies. Gerlach saw that many schools had a program called "Safe Zone," or a program similar to Safe Zone, and decided to look further into the program.

The Safe Zone training program is designed to help educate people about LGBTQ and help them to become more at ease on the subject of LGBTQ issues. The program also makes people who identify with the LGBTQ community feel more comfortable. Xavier had a program similar to Safe Zone a few years ago, but it died out.

Part of the LTSI's responsibility is to kick-start a similar program again.

The LTSI is a 16-week posi-

tion which starts the first day of classes next semester and ends on the last day of classes. Beischel will work with Tamika Odum, director of the Women's Center, who will serve as Beischel's advisor, along with Gerlach, Cheryl Nunez and Dustin Lewis.

A majority of Beischel's time, around 60 percent, will be spent on re-initiating Xavier's program and finding a place for the program to be established. The other 40 percent of his time will be spent conducting a needs assessment on Xavier, which can involve issuing surveys and other methods of determining what exactly Xavier needs.

For the training program, Beischel will find a professional to lead the sessions.

Gerlach also said that Beischel should not be looked to as a counselor; his work is strictly project-based.

When choosing the intern, SGA members looked at the five submitted applications and conducted an interviewing process.



Photo courtesy of Xavier.edu

**Senior Luke Beischel is excited to implement his plans for assessing the necessity of further LGBTQ resources at XU.**

"Beischel is highly qualified for the position," Gerlach said.

"The thing I am most excited about with this position is actually the fact that Xavier is fully supporting this initiative," Beischel said. "I am excited to be the first person to hold this position to lay the ground work for some amazing changes in the LGBTQ community at Xavier."

Beischel is a psychology major with a minor in gender and diversity studies and is currently the president of Active Minds.

He also had an internship at the Stonewall Organization in England, an organization that aims to achieve equality and justice for members of the LGBTQ community.

# D4D hosts unique concert

*Xavier's best vocal performance groups sing for charity*

**BY JENNY MENDOZA**  
*Staff Writer*

Distance 4 Dreams (D4D) gathered the most prominent vocal performance groups on campus for a concert in the Gallagher Student Center (GSC) Theatre on Nov. 17.

The event was held to raise money to grant children with life-threatening illnesses their wishes of going to Disneyworld and drew more than a hundred audience members to the atrium of GSC.

During the annual trip, the par-

ticipants will have a choice to run either a half marathon, full marathon or both.

The performance in GSC was held by Xavier University's acBellas, Harmon-X and Singers.

The acBellas sang "When You Wish Upon A Star," "Sweet Dreams," "Kaleidoscope Heart," "Slow Me Down" and "Teenage Dream."

Harmon-X sang "Africa," "Kiss Dee Girl," "Sorry" and "Just a Dream."

The Singers sang "Eye in the Sky," and "Boogie Fever."

The final song was "I'll Make

a Man Out of You," and was performed by The Distance 4 Dreams Officers.

D4D was founded at Dayton University and Xavier is the home of the second group.

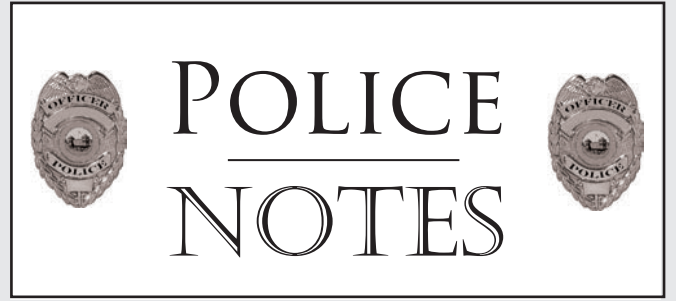
"D4D is a great group that allows me to exercise and do service for others at the same time. I'm so excited to head to Disney in January, it is my dream job to work in the marketing department at Disney World," freshman Allie Allen said.

The club hopes to send two or three families to Orlando this year.



Newswire file photo

Pictured above are the members from last year's D4D trip. They began this year's fundraising with a concert in GSC.



**Nov. 17 2:56 p.m.** – A student reported the theft of an iPod cord from his/her unlocked vehicle in the Village Lot.

**Nov. 18 5:17 p.m.** – A student reported that he/she was assaulted at an off-campus house party approximately one week ago. Norwood Police have been notified.

**Nov. 18 11:30 p.m.** – Xavier Police assisted Residence Life with investigating a report of a loud party in the Village Apartments. Eight students were cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

**Nov. 19 12:04 a.m.** – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police with the investigation of a loud party on the 2200 block of Cleaneay Avenue. One student was arrested for obstructing official business.

**Nov. 19 7:12 p.m.** – Xavier Police, Physical Plant and Duke Energy investigated a report of a strong smell of gas in the A.B. Cohen Center. A faulty boiler was identified and will be repaired.

**Nov. 21 4:01 a.m.** – Two non-students were arrested for stealing catalytic converters in the A parking lot and were charged with receiving stolen property, possessing criminal tools and obstructing official business.

**Nov. 21 5:11 p.m.** – Xavier Police assisted Norwood police in a search for four prisoners during a drug task force raid on Allison Avenue in Norwood. A bag of unknown drugs and drug paraphernalia were found during the search.

**Nov. 22 1:59 p.m.** – A student reported the theft of a catalytic converter from his/her car, which was parked in the A Parking lot shortly before the arrest of the

two theft suspects from Nov. 21. Additional charges are now pending on the suspects.

**Nov. 22 6:00 p.m.** – Xavier Police investigated a report of a dispute between two students in front of Currito. The matter has been handed over to Residence Life.

**Nov. 22 9:43 p.m.** – A student driving through campus without his/her headlights on near the Manor House apartments was cited for the possession of a fictitious ID which was found during the traffic stop.

**Nov. 26 3:20 a.m.** – A student who was observed acting suspiciously and running up the grassy hill by Cintas Center was cited for underage consumption of alcohol.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK

### Catch!

**Nov. 20 12:05 a.m.** – Two students reported that someone had thrown a rock into their house on the 3800 block of Winding Way. A window was broken and both students were injured. A suspect was identified and admitted to the offense. Cincinnati Police were notified of the incident.

### Scrooge

**Nov. 21 9:46 a.m.** – An employee reported that somebody had caused approximately \$630 worth of damage to the Christmas lights attached to the lampposts poles on the academic mall.

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## Summary on SGA

### Clocktower turned blue

On Monday, the Gallagher Student Center Clocktower turned blue, beginning junior senator Needom Mitchell's project to celebrate large Xavier men's basketball games.

"Keep any eye out for the blue clocktower during men's game nights," Mitchell said.

### SAC has seen an improved semester

Earlier in November, Student Activities Council (SAC) attended the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) regional conference, during which NACA awarded Xavier with the best Late Night Program of the year: the first Muskies After Dark (MAD) won the prize for SAC.

"In comparison to last year and my previous experience, we've really improved by twisting our events to attract more students," junior SAC Chair Morgan Zuziak said. "We have made it an initiative to collaborate with more clubs and have done so through events like the Multicultural Foodfair,

Stress Relief Day and Xavier's Got Talent."

"Next semester, we hope to reach out to more populations we haven't focused on before and hope to keep collaborating with more clubs,"

### No Spring Club Day in GSC

Though it has been a tradition to witness GSC stuffed to the brim at the beginning of the Spring semester with antsy clubs trying

to increase their club member list, SGA's Club Relations Committee has decided to cancel the event this year.

"We don't think it's beneficial or in the best interest of clubs," senior Club Relations Chair Jared Greene said. "It has become a waste of time for those clubs that don't receive the first floor [of GSC]," Green said.

SGA will reserve the first floor of GSC during the first weeks of the semester so that clubs can promote if they want to.

Report by Kevin Tighe  
Campus News Editor



News wire photo by Andrew Matsushita

## Ethics team places second

*Impressive performance ensures qualification for National Conference*

BY LIZZIE GLASER  
Managing Editor

The Xavier University Ethics Team placed second out of 22 teams at the Central States Regional Ethics competition on Saturday, Nov. 12, qualifying the team for the National Conference, which is to be hosted in Cincinnati this coming March.

Xavier's Ethics Team began three years ago under the direction of pre-law advisor, Paul Fiorelli, J.D. and Xavier graduate Ashley Taylor, and is now under the direction of Dr. Daniel Dwyer, a professor in the philosophy department.

This year's team consists of seniors Eamon Roach, Pat McBride, and Captain Phil Chevalier, junior Chris Dobbs and sophomore Rory McGuire, all students from the philosophy department.

"The students share a solid background in ethics from the philosophy department, particularly the ethics class, Philosophy 100, where they discussed Plato's *Republic* and various other ethical issues," Dwyer said. "They relied a lot on what they learned in that class during the debate and

made the philosophy department proud."

The competition consists of three rounds. In each round, the presenting team, which is determined by a coin toss, gives an eight-minute argument for the ethical relevance of a specific contemporary dilemma. The opposing team then gives a five-minute rebuttal and the presenting team is given five additional minutes to

including teachers, lawyers and businessmen.

The teams were given 15 ethical dilemmas for which to prepare arguments and Xavier's team split the issues by five, so that each team member prepared to argue three different issues. However, Chevalier saw the most action on the day.

"A lot of Phil's cases were called, and he did a great job of spontaneous debate, absorbing large amounts of information in a short period of time," Dwyer said.

Chevalier, who has been a member of the team since its inception in 2009, believes that the Ethics Team is a crucial extension of Xavier's Jesuit ideals.

"The conversation at Xavier right now, as far as I can tell, is a conversation about ethics," Chevalier said. "As a team, I think we were able to wrap our heads around a lot of key issues, and we're very grateful to Xavier for that chance."

Dwyer shares Chevalier's views. "According to Aristotle, without a proper ethical upbringing, one's ethical views will be distorted. Having an Ethics Team at Xavier raises the level of intellectual debate on campus, and shows that there are students who take ethics seriously," Dwyer said.

"They relied a lot on what they learned in Philosophy 100 during the debate and made the philosophy department proud."

Dr. Daniel Dwyer, Philosophy

respond to the rebuttal. Finally, the judges pose pointed questions at the presenting team, requiring it to respond with spontaneous arguments based on its ethical standpoint. The teams then switch places and argue a different case, so that each team argues two cases each round, totaling six cases for the competition.

The teams are judged not on which positions they take, but how clearly and effectively they present their arguments. Judges come from various professions,

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## Photo of the week



News wire photo by Andrew Matsushita

Xavier University's Center for Interfaith Community Engagement literally and symbolically built bridges out of ice cream, cookies and other sugary delights. Not only did the group build the physical bridge, but reached out to create cultural bridges, as well. Rabbi Abie Ingber, the founding director of the Center for Interfaith Community Engagement spoke on the importance of minimizing cultural gaps and celebrating diverse religions and cultures instead.



### Student Sessions for potential New Academic Building All Students are encouraged to attend!

As a part of the planning process for the potential New Academic Building, we are beginning the next round of open discussions. Next week, two meetings have been planned to generate student input.

Wednesday December 7th – 8:00pm  
Wednesday December 7th – 9:00pm

Dr. Scott Chadwick, as well as representatives from Shepley-Bulfinch – the architecture firm assigned to the project – will be available at both sessions. **All students are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

- The 8pm session is co-sponsored by the Provost's Office and the Student Government Association.
- The 9pm session is co-sponsored by the Provost's Office, as well as Residence Life and the Division of Student Life & Leadership.

More information will be sent out in the coming days.

We hope you will consider attending these sessions, to provide critical input on this new project.

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Coach Mack's  
Tweet of the week



Head men's basketball coach Chris Mack is considered one of the funniest tweeters in college basketball. @NewswireSports picked their favorite for the week.

@CoachChrisMack: ATrain back at the X house. Like its 1993 all over again minus my hair...

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# Xavier wins in overtime thriller

By SABRINA BROWN  
Sports Editor

The Xavier Musketeers remain undefeated after winning a thriller in overtime at Vanderbilt University on Monday night.

The Musketeers overcame a ten point deficit to come back and beat the Commodores 82-70.

Though Xavier out-rebounded Vanderbilt offensively, posting 25 to contrast Vanderbilt's nine, the Musketeers scored only 15 second-chance points, one of their primary faults of the game.

The true Achilles' heel for the Musketeers, however, came in the form of their free throw shooting.

In the first half, Xavier went 3-6 from the line, bested by the Commodores' 70 percent. In the second half, the Musketeers improved to 9-13, 69.2 percent, then improved further to go 8-8 in overtime.

Xavier's free throw shooting had a strong correlation to its game performance. The Musketeers were down by five at the end of the first half, tied at the end of regulation and came back to win by 12 at the end of overtime.

Senior center Kenny Frease missed all four of his free throw attempts, fouling as many times in his 20 minutes of play. One of the 7-footer's fouls came in the form of a flagrant foul early in the first half.

The Musketeers saw quite a bit



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Andre Walker returned to Nashville to play against previous teammates.

of graduate student Andre Walker in the paint. The ex-Commodore played for all but five minutes of the game, receiving a warm welcome back to Nashville.

Walker led the Musketeers in rebounds, posting 14 boards. He also added six points and one assist, recording only one turnover.

While in his final season at Vanderbilt, the 6-foot-7 forward

averaged 2.6 assists, three points and three rebounds in his average 17.7 minutes per game.

Walker chose to transfer to Xavier this summer, and because his major is not offered at Vanderbilt, he was eligible to play this season as a Musketeer.

Xavier also saw strong front-court play from redshirt junior Travis Taylor.

Taylor was Xavier's third highest scorer with 11 points. The forward also posted seven boards and one block.

Xavier's success can be attributed to the performance of its backcourt guards Mark Lyons and Tu Holloway.

Holloway led Xavier with 24 points, going 9-10 from the line. The senior also recorded five rebounds and four assists.

Last season, Holloway led Xavier in scoring with 19.7 points a game, playing nearly 40 minutes per game all season.

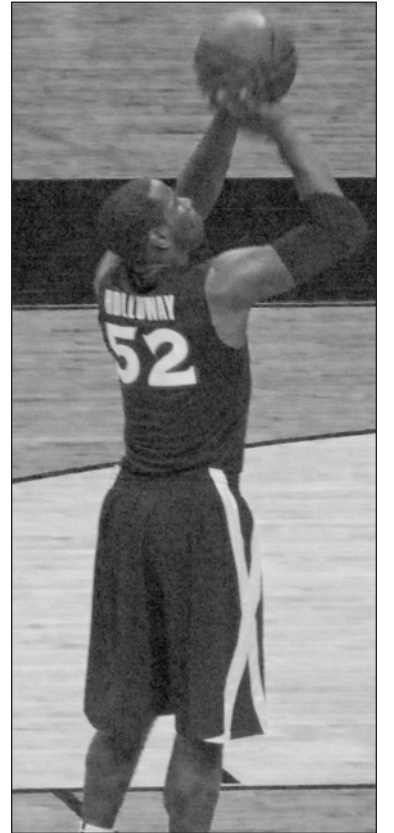
This year, the senior Musketeer is averaging 35 minutes per game. While Holloway's motivation and skill clearly still drives this Xavier team, it is clear that the senior is leading a very different team this season.

Lyons was close behind Holloway in scoring, recording 19 points, more than five points higher than his 13.6 average of last season.

The drive of this powerful duo was considered to be the determining factor for the Musketeers.

In addition to the dynamic team of Holloway and Lyons, freshman Dezmine Wells scored seven points and had six rebounds. Wells also went 5-6 from the line, serving as a boost to Xavier's poor free throw shooting.

Xavier will return to action on Saturday at Cintas Center to take on the Purdue Boilermakers at 3 p.m.



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Senior point guard Tu Holloway recorded 24 points on Monday.

## Xavier takes on the Boilermakers

By SABRINA BROWN  
Sports Editor

The Xavier men's basketball team will take on the Purdue Boilermakers on Saturday, continuing the toughest stretch of its non-conference schedule.

Coming off of a thrilling overtime victory over No. 19 ranked Vanderbilt, the Musketeers should be ready to take on the Boilermakers.

The biggest challenge for the Musketeers will be senior forward Robbie Hummel.

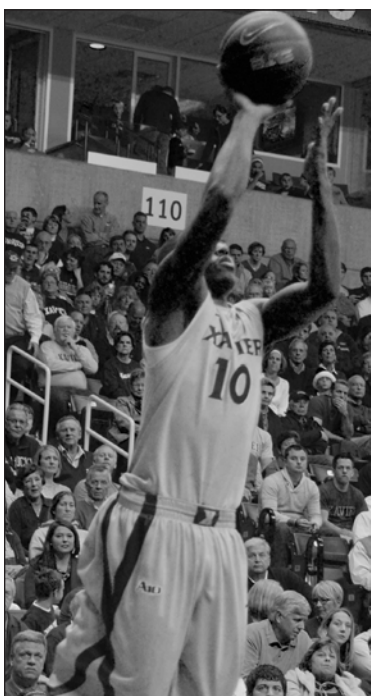
At 6-foot-8, the senior is Purdue's leading scorer, averaging 19.3 points per game this season.

Hummel also leads Purdue in rebounding, posting 4.9 boards per game.

Hummel should pose an interesting battle for Xavier's front-court. Xavier will rely on senior center Kenny Frease, as well as transfers Andre Walker and Travis Taylor, to defend Hummel.

Hummel has a free throw shooting percentage of 78.3, missing only six free throws so far this season.

Xavier's free throw shooting is not as consistent. Taylor's free throw shooting appears to be improving, but Frease missed all



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Junior Mark Lyons is averaging 18 points per game so far this season.

four shots from the line against Vanderbilt.

Senior guard Lewis Jackson leads Purdue in assists with 4.7 and also adds 10 points per game.

The backcourt duo of Mark Lyons and Tu Holloway should be able to contain Jackson and force the Boilermakers to play a different kind of game.

## Sports Opinion: 903 Devilish wins for Dukes's Coach K

By JOHN WILMHOF  
Staff Writer

Former Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel was known for years as a sweater vest-wearing, honest, straight shooter who led a clean, yet extremely successful football program at Ohio State—that is, until he got busted for lying to the NCAA about improper benefits that more than fifty of his players received.

Former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno was universally respected as a grandfather-like "molder of men" figure, embodying all the attributes desirable in a coach or mentor to young men, or so we thought.

Paterno was recently fired in the midst of the worst and most disgusting scandal in the history of college sports: an alleged cover-up and enablement of child sex abuse in Penn State football facilities by former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

The Penn State mess suddenly made the tattoos and other improper benefits received at Ohio State to be not such of a big deal in the grand scheme of things,

but Tressel was still wrong for lying and Paterno fell far short of his moral obligation to do more to prevent child sex abuse at Penn State. Both Tressel and Paterno have each fallen short of the golden reputation that rightfully or wrongfully had been given to them by talking



heads of the sports media.

When will the media ever learn? When Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, affectionately known as "Coach K," recently reached 903 career wins to become college basketball's all-time winningest coach, it made me sick hearing non-stop on ESPN about his character,

his ability to "mold men," and do things the right way.

I've heard the same remarks on Tressel for a decade and on Paterno throughout my entire life. Coach K should be recognized for his wins on the basketball court. Outside of that, he's a regular guy who makes mistakes just like everyone else does.

In fact, Coach K openly broke a recruiting violation while contacting now-Kentucky commit Alex Poythress during a no-contact period last summer.

Poythress, unknowing that the Duke coach illegally contacted him, publicly tweeted out about the conversation, but the NCAA and media simply ignored it.

Bigger things have been ignored surrounding Coach K's program in the past, but when something comes up too big and too dirty not to ignore in the future, nobody should act surprised.

Coaches are regular people who make regular human mistakes, and like Jim Tressel and Joe Paterno, Mike Krzyzewski isn't an exception either.

# Women: Basketball falls to Stanford and Louisville

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Yum! Center. Xavier only scored 12 points in the first half, entering the locker rooms down 31-12.

The Musketeers outscored the Cardinals in the second half 32-31, but the early deficit was too much to overcome.

The Cardinals' defense stymied the Musketeers all game, holding senior guard Tyeasha Moss to only three points and limiting the Musketeers to 23 percent shooting from the field.

"Louisville did a good job of switching things up against us, but no matter what they are doing, we need to do a better job of attacking at all times," head coach Amy Waugh said.

Xavier held its own on the boards, pulling down 46 rebounds to Louisville's 48. Junior forward Amber Gray grabbed 13 rebounds while senior forward Sabrina Johnson corralled 12 rebounds.

On Friday, the Musketeers returned to action against one of the perennial powers in women's basketball — Stanford. Unlike the

game in Louisville, Xavier came out of the gate strong in the first half against Stanford, trailing only by one going into halftime.

Stanford started the second half on a 15-7 run which helped push their lead to 56-42.

The Musketeers pulled to within six with fewer than 10 minutes remaining, but Stanford's All-American center Nnemkadi Ogwumike carried The Cardinal to victory, scoring 33 points and pulling down 14

rebounds.

Sophomore guard Lynette Holmes led all Xavier players with a career-high 18 points. Fellow sophomore guard Shatyra Hawkes netted a career-high 15 points against The Cardinal.

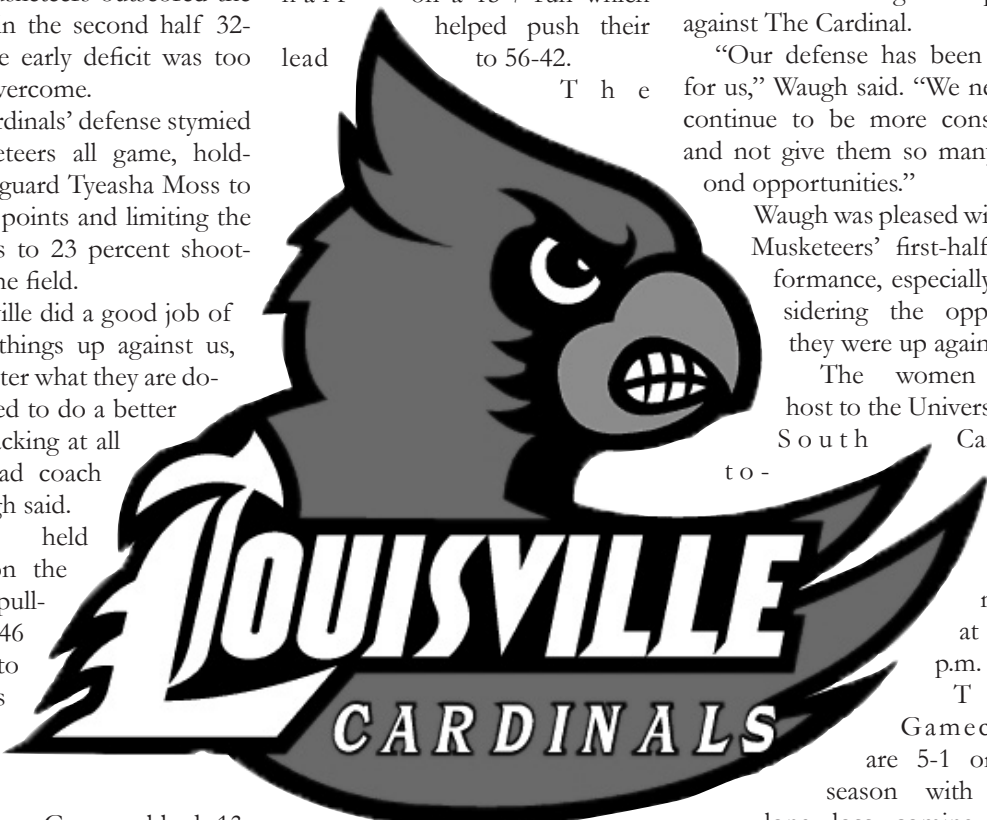
"Our defense has been good for us," Waugh said. "We need to continue to be more consistent and not give them so many second opportunities."

Waugh was pleased with the Musketeers' first-half performance, especially considering they were up against.

The women play host to the University of South Carolina

at 7 p.m. The Gamecocks are 5-1 on the season with their lone loss coming to a ranked team.

Following the South Carolina game, the women will take part in the Crosstown Shootout as they take on University of Cincinnati here at Cintas Center. Tipoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday.



# Xavier volleyball wraps up season

By JOHN WILMHOFF  
Staff Writer

After falling short of their overall goal, an Atlantic 10 Conference championship and NCAA tournament appearance, the Xavier volleyball team had one last chance to end the season on a high note at Cintas Center last Saturday.

Head coach Mike Johnson scheduled an extra regular season home match against Lipscomb, which followed the conference tournament that was played the previous weekend.

The hope was that the match would fill in a time-gap between the conference tournament and the NCAA tournament and would be one last tune-up before the NCAA's.

Xavier's goal of advancing its season fell just short after reaching the Atlantic 10 Championship match for the second year in a row and falling to Dayton in four sets.

But Lipscomb, the NCAA tournament-bound champions of the Atlantic Sun Conference, provided Xavier with one final match against a quality opponent, which they could feel very proud to defeat and Xavier did just that, knocking off the Bisons in four sets (25-22, 16-25, 25-21, 25-17) to finish a perfect 9-0 at home for only the second time in school history.

"I thought overall we performed well [against Lipscomb]. It's a hard game to play mostly because we knew that our NCAA tournament chances weren't real good. We tried to prepare for it

like it was our tournament game against a tournament team, and I thought we performed well," Johnson said.

Johnson cited 21 wins, beating very good teams and getting to the finals of the A-10 again as successes in a 2011 campaign that began with changes in the coaching staff and a roster of younger players taking on increased roles.

"There are a lot of positives here, and there's a lot to build on," Johnson said.

The foundation for the program to build on the successes of the 2011 season is very strong, with many key underclassmen returning.

The top returnees for the Musketeers include sophomore Sarah Brown (led the squad in kills), redshirt sophomore Alex Smith (led Xavier in blocks and was second in kills this season), and freshman setter Aubree Smith (led the team in assists and was third in blocks).

The departing seniors, Michelle Matia, Kathryn Traut, and Emily Mayers, each leave behind a program in better shape than when they first arrived on campus four years ago and all end their careers on a winning note.

"It's very special to end your season with a win. Not many teams have the opportunity to do that unless you're the national champion, so it's a proud moment. We're happy and sad at the same time. It's a little bitter-sweet," Matia said.

# Soccer nets another successful season

By LAUREN VAUGHAN  
Staff Writer

Xavier men's soccer season came to a heartbreaking end when West Virginia scored a goal near the end of the first overtime period on Thursday, Nov. 17, in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

It was the Muskies' second trip to the tournament and the second time they lost in the first round.

This season marked the best season in the history of the program with a final record of 12-5-4 overall, in which they had a penalty kick shootout win, their second Atlantic 10 championship in a row, and a trip to the NCAA tournament.

The end to this year's season was eerily reminiscent of last year's, in which the Muskies lost to the Mountaineers in the first round of the tournament 4-2.

The Musketeers gave up a goal to the Mountaineers in the 39th minute but were able to hold West Virginia to one goal for the rest of regular time.

Xavier didn't back down and finally they were able to score an equalizer in the 85th minute from sophomore Gino Depaoli off

the assist from sophomore Nick Hagglund.

It was Depaoli's sixth goal of the season, and forced the sixth overtime for the Musketeers in seven matches.

The Musketeers were unable to score in overtime, but junior Luke Spencer had the only shot for the team that forced West Virginia goalkeeper Pat Eavenson to make a diving save.

The Mountaineers scored the game-winning goal in the 99th minute off a header from Eric Schoenle.

This year, Xavier's best in its 38-year history, marked the first back-to-back winning seasons for the program.

Xavier held opposing teams to a new record of just 19 goals allowed and had its lowest goals against average at 0.85. The team posted its highest winning percentage at .667 and tied its record for wins in a season with 12.

Since Coach Fleming's arrival last season, the team has more than doubled its games won, has won the A-10 tournament twice and has seen its only two trips to the NCAA tournament in program history.

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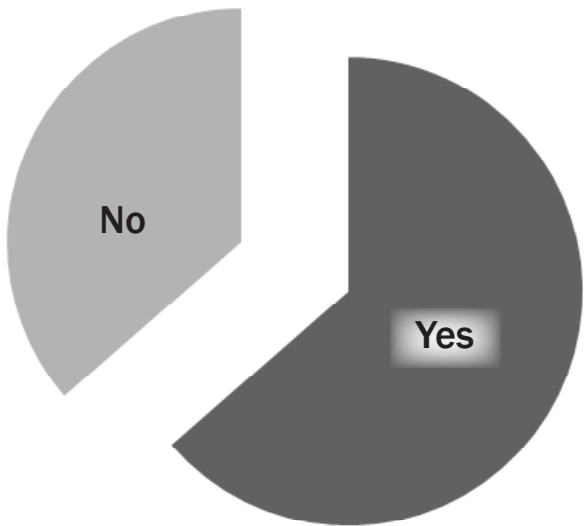
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Letters to the editor  
Priorities, people.

As I was flipping through *NewsWire*, the Letter to the Editor column caught my eye. I must say I was both offended and surprised by the perspective written.

I would like to point out that no matter what way you phrase it, animals are not equal to humans. It's simply a fact. I don't see dogs walking around protesting leash laws, or goldfish demanding jobs.

Don't get me wrong, it is absolutely horrible what some owners do to abuse their pets. I, myself, heard of an instance of an owner cutting off his or her dog's ears with scissors just because they thought the dog's ears were too long. It is horrible, yes, but what gets me is that some humans do not even have a voice, yet we are putting these animals as the priority.

The unborn, the elderly, the poor, the innocent, the victims of war and genocide – do they not get priority because they're not abused animals? At one

point in the editorial, it was questioned why so often people seem to be offended when one wants them to extend their circle of compassion to animals. It is not a matter of being offended. It is a matter of wondering why you are worrying about animals when there is so much more evil going on in the world to our fellow human beings. Plus, a lot of people do not take the cause very seriously due to PETA. It seems like all PETA does is quibble over whether ad campaigns are politically correct or not as opposed to actually doing something about the problem.

I am appalled that the example of the Holocaust was used as a comparison to animal abuse. The two are nowhere near being on the same level.

The Nazis tried to exterminate the Jews and wipe them off the face of the planet all because they were different and were used as the scapegoat. I do not see any groups of people taking animals from their homes, making them dig

their own graves, distribute propaganda denouncing certain breeds of animals, or holding contests to see who could kill the most dogs with the least amount of bullets. The Holocaust was a monstrosity, so much so that it has no right to be compared to something like animal rights or abuse. As to the phrase "They are only," I myself find this phrase frustrating. It applies to any issue today: Abortion—"they are only unborn children," the Death Penalty—"They are only criminals," Euthanasia—"They are only going to die anyways; why can't they chose when?" I understand how one may be enraged over the issue of animal abuse, but at the same time, it's not that animals are only animals and should not be helped; it is just that it should not be our main concern as a country. Yes, it should be dealt with, but it does not hold a higher priority than suffering humans.

—Victoria Tucci '15—

EDITORIAL

A few choice words for the "Super" committee

Word on the street is that because of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction's (colloquially known as the "Super Committee") failure to compromise, Pell grants could get pulled, meaning less Xavier students will have the financial assistance they need to pay for college. We at the *NewsWire* do not want to see anyone lose financial assistance, but the Pell grants are much more screwed up than it may seem at first glance.

While it may seem astonishing, there are legitimate arguments that seek to end funding of Pell grants. Yes, Pell grants give need-based assistance to college students; however, it is very difficult to argue a student should get a federal need-based scholarship at a private, Catholic school that costs \$40,000 a year when he or she has other options. Don't get us wrong, we cherish our beloved University, but c'mon guys. Furthermore, last time the *NewsWire* checked, our country is more than a few pennies in debt and unfortunately can't hand out dollars and cents like it did in 1998. There are more important things to spend money on, like the ballooning debt, funding body armor for soldiers and maintaining the country's massive infrastructure.

As conservative as we'd like to sound, we know Xavier students would be appalled to hear the *NewsWire* bringing out a pair scissors on free money. In reality, the Congressional approval rating is so low that smoking a pound of weed would do little to raise it. They can't agree on anything and suddenly the automatic triggered cuts eliminate need-based financial assistance to college students? That sounds a little backwards. Maybe increasing financial assistance for college students would alleviate the problem.

The failure of the Super Committee undoubtedly hurts the Xavier community and future Xavier prospective students. It would help the University greatly to have the best students. Resources like Pell grants can make this happen. We at the *NewsWire* sure hope someone finds a solution soon to save Pell grants for the immediate future.

# Giving thanks or spending money



With the holiday season in full swing, there are many annual activities that come right along: families decorating the tree, making Christmas cookies, watching Christmas movies and lots and lots of shopping. But when should the shopping begin? That is the question. Each year, Black Friday shopping inches closer and closer to becoming Black Thursday shopping. This year, Thanksgiving has officially been breached



with several stores like Target and Walmart opening at midnight or 10 p.m. on Thursday night. A day of giving thanks and enjoying time with family is becoming a day of stressed out shopping, clipping coupons and fighting for the latest electronics.

Before we know it, we will all be shoveling food in our mouths before the turkey is even done and running out early on Thanksgiving to go shopping.

I enjoy a good early morning shopping spree on Black Friday instead of Black Thanksgiving for a reason. Shopping and saving money are great things when in the right setting, but not when they encroach on the holidays.

Occurrences like these are the things that desensitize us to important holidays, spending time with family and giving thanks for the things we have. Instead, our minds are set on getting the best deals, waiting in lines and buying Christmas presents.

I am not advocating that we all dress as pilgrims and Indians and remember the *Mayflower*, but we should focus on what is important: being with family for the holidays.

However, this is impossible when Black Friday is becoming Black Thanksgiving and Black Week. Stores open earlier and earlier each year to draw in more customers, but in reality, no more money is spent at midnight than at seven in the morning. The only thing spent is the time that could have been with family, rubbing your belly after supper and watching some football, for both

the employees and shoppers at the stores. In all, Black Friday has a place—on Friday. Thanksgiving is the start of the holiday season and how can we start it off right if we are

only concerned with which stores have the best sales and what store to go to first?

While Black Friday is a tradition, how valuable is it when it starts to take away the traditions of Thanksgiving as well? As the holidays near closer and closer, we should all try and remember the important things like family, the shopping bags can wait.



**TAYLOR SPAW**  
*Columnist*

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”  
*Taylor Spaw*

# A Xavier Party



When you walk into a party and scan the people dancing, talking and drinking, you hope to find a scene that’s worth engaging in – more than a superficial humpfest of young adult pheromones and suffocating Axe spray. With the Xavier community, we hope for a similar scene.

Every year a new group of young people walk into our party and change the dynamics of our community just a little, but the hosts of our Xavier party consistently remain the administration. This group decides the “house rules.”

The summit of the administration consists of the Board of Trustees, of which Father Michael

Graham, S.J. is a member. Contrary to possible misconception, final decisions are not made solely by the President. Instead, the Board of Trustees decides which music and games will be played at our party.

Consisting of 42 members, Xavier University’s Board of Trustees is chaired by Mr. Robert J. Kohlhepp, Director of the Cintas Corporation and Parker Hannifin Corporation. Other members include a Vice President of Strategy at McDonald’s Corporation, the President & CEO of Eli Lilly and Company and a Director of the Nike Corporation, the President & COO of The Kroger Co. and other members representing companies like Macy’s, Procter & Gamble, Bluestar Inc., Fifth Third Bank and Gallagher Enterprises.

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*Ryan Lavalley, Columnist*

Joining these representatives are lawyers from firms focused in business law. The majority of the members of our Board are “business” related. The question then becomes where does our Jesuit

Liberal Arts Tradition fit in?

Accompanying Father Graham, seven other members of the Society of Jesus provide the Jesuit presence within our administration. Nevertheless, seven out of 42 is by no means a majority. With this composition, it seems to follow that our University would lean toward a business model because individuals with a business mindset are making the decisions, but does that align with Xavier’s mission and identity?

Let me be clear, I do not intend to make any assumptions about the character of the members of our Board or to imply they are trying to affect the University negatively. I simply recognize that in my almost four years at this University, it seems our community has changed. The house rules have

shifted from Jesuit Tradition to Competitive Market. At my Manresa, our group leaders led screams of “We love the core!” Now, there is debate about the efficiency and necessity of the core.

Instead of fortifying the character and mission that has attracted students for years, we seem to believe plasma screen TVs and shiny buildings will somehow better attract high caliber students. Instead of funding Service Learning opportunities that our University still claims to provide, like a semester in Ghana, we buy stock tickers.

In the heavy business concentration of our Board, have we forgotten the value of the Liberal Arts and Jesuit Tradition? Has the superficial “marketability” of Xavier overshadowed the integrity of our invaluable foundation? Has a “swoosh” next to the X become more significant than what the X stands for?

The beauty of Xavier’s tradition is that it does not sit idly by, hoping that students will challenge themselves to be oriented toward service and solidarity. Instead, it actively moves to empower and educate students in contemplation, action and ultimately justice in their careers.

How do we preserve this identity and mission in light of the



fact that Xavier does and must function as a business? How do we find a healthy relationship between



**RYAN LAVALLEY**  
*Columnist*

justice, identity and profit? How are we expected to maintain the community-based and justice-oriented education of the Jesuit mission when the people making decisions are simply running a business? Xavier is an educational institution meant to form students who

will improve our world but also a business meant to make profit. As a community, we need to decide which our priority is.

# Xavier Players Perform *Voices for Change*

**PATRICK CLARK**  
Arts and Entertainment Editor



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Senior Nate Fisher, freshman Laura Birkhead, junior Rachel Drotter, sophomore Johari Idusuyi, sophomore Zachary Julian, senior Ollie Birkhead and junior John Prigatel perform in skits in Xavier Player's *Voices for Change*.

Recently, Xavier Players presented *Voices for Change*, a theater production in which students are given the chance "to stand up and be heard," said this year's producer senior Jay Cusick. Presented in the small and intimate space of the Gallagher Student Center Studio Theatre, audience members were up, close and personal with the cast of *Voices*.

The basic premise of the production was for students to bring social justice issues into a new light and give them, as the name suggests, a voice. The whole show is a combined effort of many students with a total of nine separate, short skits compiling the entire production.

Each skit was written by a student, directed by a different student and performed by one or more actors. This semester, *Voices* discussed issues such as bisexuality, human trafficking, self-image, domestic abuse and eating disorders.

"I have never been this proud at Xavier before. Producing *Voices* reminded me why I love theater,

and I thank the entire cast and crew for that," Cusick said. "The only thing I regret is that more people couldn't have seen the show, but that's what makes *Voices* so special."

Considering the intimacy of the Studio Theatre and the small audience capacity, only a limited number of people were able to see the show despite the production being presented four times. According to Cusick, *Voices for*

*Change* has done its duty "if [audience members] can come out of *Voices for Change* talking about the issues, whether they are shocked by the pieces, didn't know someone had that talent or simply weren't aware of one of the social issues."

Theater is an art form that must be convincing in its presentation. It differs from all other types of visual or musical arts in that it often, as in the case of

*Voices*, portrays real life situations so well that the audience may see fit to place him or herself in that position and feel the same emotion. As a whole, *Voices* succeeded in this endeavor.

In particular, the skit entitled "Traffic" which portrays the intimate moments of a young victim of human trafficking, was one of the most engaging and emotional pieces that I have ever seen on any stage.

Actress Jessica Howenstine made me believe that she herself had gone through this terrible ordeal of being treated as nothing more than an object of pleasure and something to be tossed aside at the whim of an undeserving man. It was not until she left the stage that I realized that it was an act and needed to clap.

Also deserving of a round of applause was the skit "Unpretty/Pretty," directed by Jackie Hart and performed by Caroline Saxton and Abigail Hamilton. This was theater combined with dance, creating a different type of emotion that can not be expressed in words.

I was personally moved by all the performances at *Voices for Change* and am infinitely glad that I was able to attend.

It isn't until one sees a piece of artwork such as this that there is a realization of the many issues that surround our everyday lives. If I were able, I would give *Voices* four and a half stars. Such as it is, I am maxed out at four.

**Newsire Rating:**



## Russian Voices Fall Flat

**PATRICK CLARK**  
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The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO) performed a series of concerts over the past two weekends entitled *Russian Festival*. The idea was to perform great works by Russian composers. I attended the latter of the two called *Russian Voices*. The two works performed at this concert were Tchaikovsky's first symphony, "Winter Daydreams" and Prokofiev's "Alexander Nevsky," conducted by Pinchas Steinberg with soloist Sasha Cooke.

The CSO is a great force when it comes to producing a quality sound and has a great reputation for performing with precision and accurately representing that which the composer intended. However, this past weekend I did not feel as though the pieces performed were done justice. There is an expectation when it comes to performing

great works of Russian composers. Specifically, Tchaikovsky's pieces are expected to have some force and bombastic nature to them. Now, being the composer's first symphony, the expectations are somewhat less because the composer was still growing into his own. Yet, there was still a stifling feeling while listening to this work. I do blame this on the orchestra rather than the guest conductor for the evening Pinchas Steinberg. I felt as though throughout the entirety of the piece the orchestra was on a short leash. Steinberg would not allow the players to exhibit the true essence of Tchaikovsky.

"Alexander Nevsky" is a suite that was re-orchestrated for a concert setting from a movie with the same name produced in the 1930's.

"There has been a wonderful suite extracted from [the movie]... and it is still absolutely wonderful

and epic music," Paul Frankenfeld, associate principle violist, said in the pre-concert video.

This piece requires the addition of a chorus, whose role was filled by the May Festival Chorus under the direction of Robert Porco. By all accounts, this piece was more enjoyable than the symphony and one could feel the sense of nationalism from the piece. However, I still felt as though the orchestra and chorus were being held back. That being said, the diction and the tone quality of the chorus was admirable.

The CSO will perform next on Dec. 2 and 3 under the baton of Maestro Andrew Grams at Music Hall. They will be playing Rimsky - Korsakov's "The Snow Maiden," Dvořák's "Violin Concerto" with soloist Ray Chen and Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake Suite."

## Xavier Students Perform in Cincinnati's Got Talent

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Presented by Redsfest, this year's finalists of *Cincinnati's Got Talent* will receive the opportunity to perform at a Cincinnati Reds 2012 home game.

As of now, three Xavier students may be among those five performing. Senior Katie Giuliano and juniors Taylor Brown and Johnathan Long have been advanced to the semi-finals round at 9:15 p.m. on Friday on the Redsfest Main Stage for a panel of judges.

They will be performing an arrangement of Adele's *Someone Like You* for harp (Giuliano), voice (Brown) and violin (Long) which was arranged by Xavier senior Timothy Grauly.

When asked about their ad-

vancement to the semi-finals and impending performance Brown said, "I am extremely excited for Friday's semi-finals. The final product and performance is worth every ounce of work we put in. Having the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd willing to listen is a musician's paradise. These are the moments I live for."

The grand prize for the eventual winner, which is to be determined at 4 p.m. on Saturday, is \$1,000 with \$500 going to the runner-up. When asked what she would do with the money, Brown said, "I would like to spend the money on a trip New Orleans for the sweet sixteen competition to cheer on my muskies...or I will probably save it for spring break."

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# CROSSLTOWN CAMPOUT

The Crosstown Shootout is quickly approaching. Students' anticipation of the game, on Dec. 10, grows with each passing day. However, there is one thing that may be even more highly anticipated than the game itself: the Crosstown Campout. Although watching the raging battle between the Bearcats and the Musketeers will be the highlight of many students' semester, you can't attend the game unless you have a ticket. How do you feel about camping out for tickets in the freezing cold? Read on to find out how students are preparing for the game.

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## What are you most looking forward to about the Crosstown Shootout?

"Bragging rights against my boyfriend who goes to UC when we win."  
- Freshman Becky Henry

"My family members are all Bearcat fans, so I want to rub it in their faces when we beat them."  
- Freshman Maddie Fessler

"I've never done the Campout, but I'm really excited for it. It's a great way to show support for your team, and it's one of the few traditions Xavier has."  
- Junior Jake Burlew

## How do you plan to show your school spirit at the game, or on the day of the game?

"I plan on wearing a ton of Xavier gear, maybe even painting myself blue. I am definitely looking forward to it."  
- Sophomore Nikhil Jelaji

"I will wear everything I have that says Xavier or is our colors and if I don't make it to the game, I will definitely find a TV and cheer the whole game as if I am in the student section."  
- Freshman Kathleen Bosse

## Are you planning on participating in the Crosstown Campout?

"Of course I will be participating in the Campout. It is like peanut butter and jelly...you can't have the Shootout without the Campout. To keep myself warm, I will be wearing shorts and my North Face warm jacket and drinking hot chocolate."  
- Sophomore Jack Sullivan

"I am planning on participating in the Crosstown Campout because it is an exciting game. UC and Xavier are big basketball rivals, and camping out all night is a way to make new friends."  
- Freshman Sarah Tortorella

