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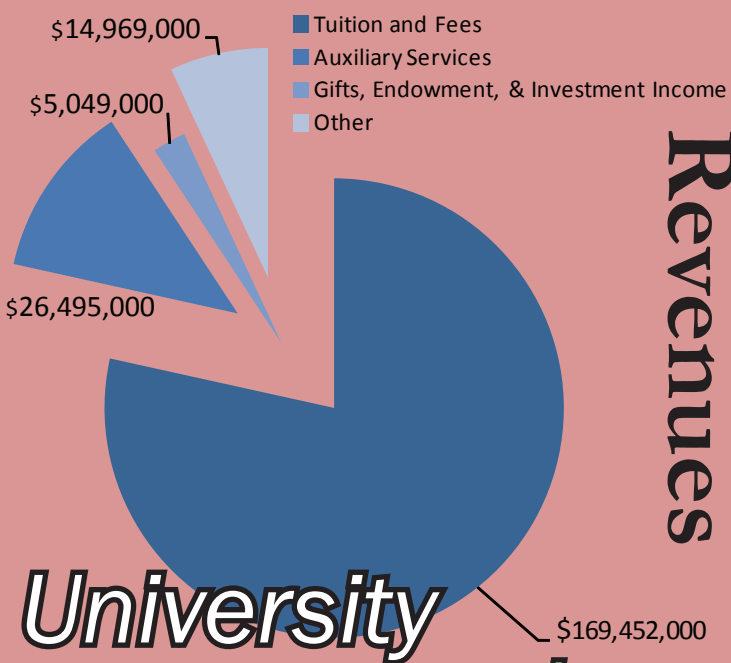


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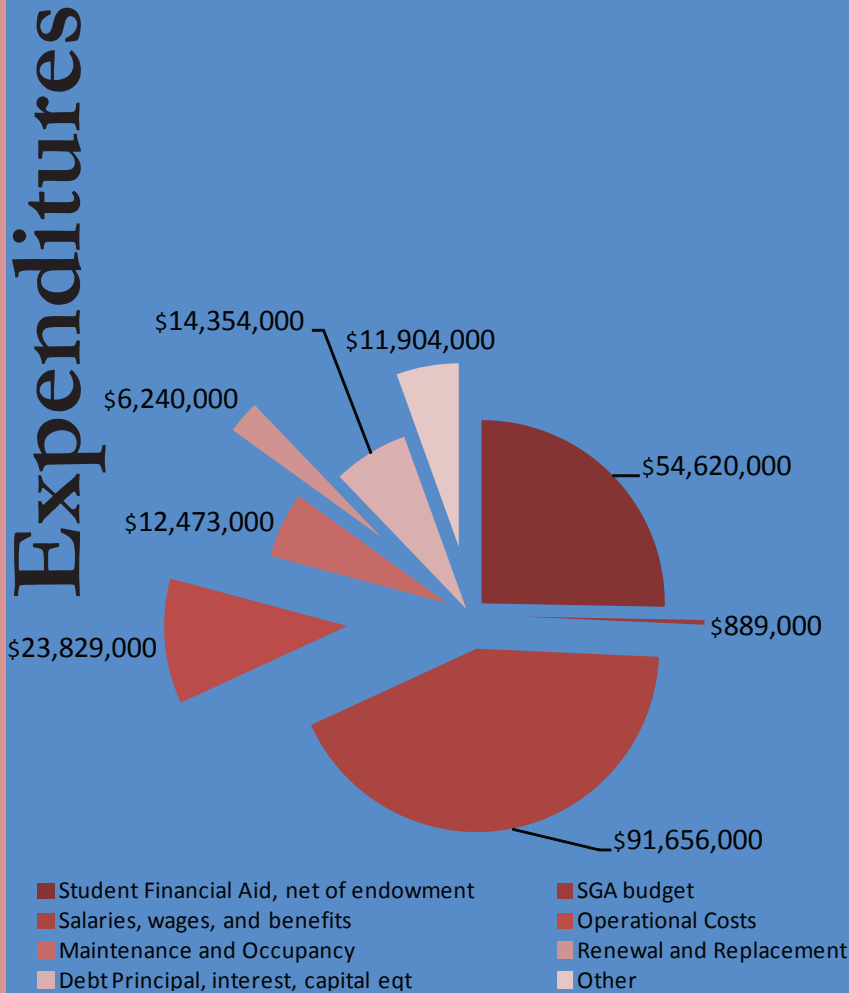
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University announces \$12 million budget increase



Baseball field sees repairs, turf



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BY JENNY MENDOZA
Staff Writer

The XU baseball team is looking forward to new improvements on its home field that will benefit both Xavier's baseball and the soccer stadiums.

This past year, a shed was added on the left field line.

In addition, the soccer field will be receiving new turf. The old turf from the soccer field will be transferred to the baseball field around the newly installed shed, and will likewise cover the gravel that currently surrounds the baseball diamond.

This replacement turf will enable the baseball team to better practice pitching and catching ground balls, especially when the field is too wet due to rain, allowing for more productive practices.

"Our facilities have gotten unbelievably better over the last year," redshirt junior pitcher Alex Vice said. "The new turf will add to that."

After the installation of the turf, there are no future plans for any additional changes to the baseball field according to Jim Bergen of the Physical Plant.

The team is currently 9-15 on the season after defeating Indiana University 11-3 last night in Bloomington, Ind. The Xavier baseball team opens Atlantic 10 conference play with a three-game home stint this weekend versus Charlotte. Games begin Friday at 3 p.m. and continue on Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 12 p.m. at Hayden Field.

BY ED MORLEY
Campus News Editor

Xavier University has announced a budget of \$215,965,000 for the upcoming fiscal year, an increase of almost \$12 million from the last budget.

Most notably, financial aid for students will increase by 10 percent, the funds used to renew and replace facilities on campus will increase by \$1.5 million and salaries, wages and benefits will rise by almost \$3 million.

The budget, which was formally approved last month, emphasizes the need to focus on the people and the possibilities of the University. This includes an

improvement in mobile technology and technology in the classroom.

The goals of the University are separated into three different categories of importance: mission critical, mission central and mission beneficial.

This year's budget is based predominantly on the "mission critical" issues – the immediate opportunities that Xavier University has to take advantage of in the next 18 months to maintain a competitive advantage and the threats that have to be neutralized in that same time frame.

According to Provost and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Scott Chadwick, the budget is full of "new initiatives and great ideas to implement."

Chadwick believes that this year's budget reflects the University's aims to build an intellectual community with possible faculty/student research and likewise form international relationships with universities outside of the United States.

"I have great confidence in the faculty, staff and students at Xavier University and I am pleased with the way that our budgeting process increasingly relies on their good ideas," Chadwick said.

Tuition prices will be increasing for the forthcoming year by around 3 percent, a lower rate than other private schools in the area such as Thomas More College, who will increase their tuition by around 4 percent.

Almost, Maine a success with audiences

BY BRITT NYGAARD
Staff Writer

"Almost, Maine, a small town in northern Maine that doesn't quite exist...." Is the setting for this past weekend's Xavier Players' show *Almost, Maine*. This show, written by John Cariani, consists of eight 15-minute segments interconnected by the location of this unincorporated Maine village. As noted in the playbill, each story "takes place at nine o'clock on a cold, clear, moonless, slightly surreal Friday night in the middle of the deepest part of a northern Maine winter."

The play opens with two young lovers, Pete and Ginette, sitting on a bench looking at the stars. Their short story serves as both

the prologue and epilogue to the play, and also brackets the intermission. Cute as it is, the stories in between are the ones that really pull on your heart strings.

My particular favorite was "This Hurts." In this segment, Steve, played by senior Ollie Birkhead, is a mildly mentally disabled young man with a congenital insensitivity to pain. His older brother, Paul, mentioned but never seen, is teaching Steve what should hurt and what he should be afraid of in order to prevent him from harm; Steve writes all of this down in two notebooks.

Marvalyn, a young woman in an unhappy relationship living in the same apartment complex, is the first to point out to Steve that pain is not always physical, but some-

times emotional. The tale of their charming friendship captured the show. Birkhead's performance, in particular, was authentic and heartwarming.

My only critique of the play was that all characters stayed on stage during their entire half of the play (four skits), even when their scenes were not performing. While I cannot fault the abilities of all the Xavier Players to stay frozen at the end of their scenes, it gave the skit that was performing limited mobility, and made the stage feel slightly claustrophobic. Overall, however, I loved Xavier's rendition of *Almost, Maine*. The play itself was delighting and funny and was enhanced by the excellent performance of the Xavier Players.



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Sustainability club plans Earth Week

BY REBECCA BAYENS
Staff Writer

An event that is usually constrained to a single day in celebration of Earth is being celebrated this year for an entire week on campus.

The Sustainability Club invites Xavier to celebrate Earth Week, April 16-22.

The week's kick-off on April 16, will include live music, sustainability bingo, herb planting and food from Chipotle. Students will also learn how to make homemade composting bins.

Other events throughout the week include the showing of the documentary, *Wasteland*, tours of the Rumpke landfill, composting demonstrations at the NEXUS community garden and community trash pick-up, as well as "SustainabilTEA," a discussion hosted by Student Activities Council.

At an event called "Taste of Xavier," local "restaurants, businesses and resources will be on campus to educate students on ways to support the local community," junior Elle Ross, sustainability intern and co-president of Sustainability Club, said via e-mail.

On Earth Day, Sunday, April 22, the Bellarmine Chapel Mass at 10 p.m. will take on a special sustainability theme.

"Earth Day is important to celebrate...because it's a chance to step back and appreciate the natural beauty the world has to offer, which is sometimes overlooked in [our] everyday routines," Ross said.

Ross noted that there has been an increase in student interest in Earth Day as well as sustainability in general.

"We would love for this to be the highest attended Earth Week to date," she said. "Earth Week will hopefully be a wonderful spark in educating campus, while also showing students other ways to get involved either individually or through the Sustainability Club."

She also said that it is important to remember that the word "sustainability" does not just apply to the environment.

"Sustainability...also speaks to social and economic sustainability," she said. "I try to live a sustainable lifestyle every day, but Earth Day is a humble reminder that we only have one Earth to share."

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March 24 3:02 a.m. – Xavier Police and Residence Life responded to a smoke alarm in the Manor House apartments, investigation revealed that food cooking on the stove caused the alarm.

March 25 12:15 a.m. – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police in breaking up a large disorderly party in the 1900 block of Cleneay Avenue. One student was arrested for underage consumption, possession of a fictitious ID and resisting arrest.

March 25 12:42 a.m. – Xavier Police assisted Norwood Police in moving several groups of disorderly persons from the 2000 block of Wayland Avenue.

March 25 2:30 a.m. – Three students smoking marijuana in the wooded area next to Hayden Field were cited for drug abuse.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

Dude, this is not Project X...

March 25 2:50 a.m. – Xavier Police and Residence Life investigated the report of a non-student and student were throwing chairs off of the balcony of Xavier Yard in front of Fenwick Place, causing approx. \$5,000 damage. The student involved will face internal disciplinary action.

The polls are in

Meet your 16 new senators



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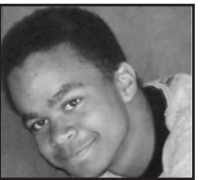
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SGA positions

Apply by April 4

The new SGA executives, Seth Walsh, Kristin Sanfilippo and Matt Morefield, announced the release of applications for the 2012-13 SGA appointed positions and student representatives on the University Committees.

These positions consist of eight appointed positions, namely: the Students' Rights Representative, the Jesuit Catholic Identity Representative, the LGBTQ Training and Support Intern and a position as one of the five members of the Board of Elections. In addition to the appointed positions, there are 31 available University Committee appointments.

The applications are due April 4 by 5 p.m. in the SGA office. After the Easter holiday, the new executives will hold interviews and make their appointments.

Applications are available in the SGA office and online at <http://www.xavier.edu/student-involvement/sga/Appointed-Positions.cfm>.

For more information, send an e-mail to walshs1@xavier.edu or stop by the SGA office.

Report by Molly Boes
News Editor

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Mena Botros
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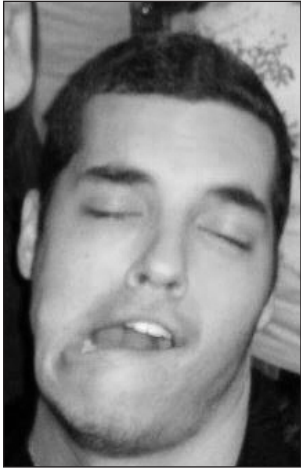


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Your favorite expletive bids fare-average

This is my last column and that would make me sad, if I wasn't so apathetic. Although it has been the downfall of all of my more serious relationships, my apathy is something I hold dear so I hope it is not offended when I put it aside for a moment to think about the following question: How do I want to be remembered?

I think this is something that festers in everyone's mind when they are about to move on to something else. Whether it's a job, a new school or death, being remembered for our graces and not our faults is the general goal (I assume). That being said, I don't know if I want that. In my experience, faults are what make us and they're how we learn. There are definitely some people on campus I would get rid of, change in every way possible and even wish I hadn't met all to-



CONOR GALLAGHER

Copy Editor

gether but, those select few aside, I think that the faulted are much more interesting than the perfect.

With those sappy words said, I'll show you below how I want to be remembered: the same as I was when I was here. Insert your favorite explicative_____:

Regrets from a Xavier Life

The time has come the walrus said, or so he would have, had he been able to speak. It is the end my acquaintances, and like so many before me, I leave Xavier an unfinished man. We (and when I say we, I mean you) will all have our (again, just you. I'll be fine) laments come graduation day but, lingering in our hearts, I'd say there are a few things we all wish we could have done at Xavier that just weren't meant to be.

Jumping into the middle of Gallagher

I don't know about you, in fact, I probably don't even know you at all. What is your name? Coffee later? You can buy. No, really, I in-

sist. Anywho, I can't help but notice that Gallagher is in large part a circular building and that it just begs to be jumped into.

The strategically placed flower boxes acting as graspable ledges. The bounce houses brought in for MAD each month. The fact that there is ALWAYS something hanging in the middle. Please do

not misunderstand, I am not aiming to hurt myself; I want to do this for the right reasons. I want to save someone from falling to their doom by jumping in slightly after them, grabbing onto one of the things hanging from the ceiling, grasping their hand at the last moment and suffering only

a minor skin burn to my palm. Is that too much to ask?

I took a dry run one night by fake-jumping over the railing on the third floor. My foot barely made it across the railing before I pulled myself back due to a screech let out by a girl sitting near the edge. It's nice to know she cared, and if you're out there stranger, let's get coffee. You buy. No really, I insist.

Cornhole...to the extreme!

As soon as I heard that the new res hall would have an outdoor green on top of the caf, one thought came to mind: two-story cornhole.

Being from the East, I had never heard of this game until I came to Ohio and admittedly, my skill at it is still nothing to write home about. I've even attempted to punch the bag over to the opponent's board. This resulted in nothing less than one of the players being hit in the back of

the head with said bag and falling over in surprise. Hannah Baker, I apologize again.

Something about playing the game on multiple levels, the fact that it would require pure luck and no skill for the team throwing from the bottom level makes it so attractive to me. If you feel up to it, please feel free to get in contact with me.

That's it, two final quips to sum up my life at Xavier. Little stories about nothing where I try to turn a phrase, whatever the hell that means. In any case, please remem-

ber me as the following, and see my examples as to how you have no choice not to:

1. **Young and Fine.** I'm pictured on the Caf murals a minimum of two times, twice on one wall. The third picture is still up for debate.

2. **A member of the Xavier community.** You live in me, Xavier. Every time you go to Gallagher Student Center, O'Connor Sport Center or the Joseph building, know that you're inside part of my name.

3. **The Embodiment of**

Xavier; mind, body and soul. I have expelled some sort of bodily fluid in the following places: Kuhlman 502's sink, Kuhlman 502's toilet, Kuhlman 502, the new brick walkway from Dana's to the circle in front of William's College of Business, the sand volleyball courts, the woods behind the sand volleyball courts, the Caf, the Gallagher fireplace, the lawn behind Hinkle Hall and Kuhlman circle. For details on any of these, please feel free to ask. At the very least, it'll be an easy way to keep in touch.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



— Letters to the editor —

Behind the salad

After reading last week's article "The Guerrero Salad Bar Theory," I realized that while the author made an excellent point about the glass hanging over the salad bar, he was misguided in his articulation of other issues at Xavier. Though I agree that the endowment should be larger, the size of the current endowment is directly related to financial decisions made by past administrators who are gone from Xavier. While current administrators are trying to increase the size of that endowment, in an economy such as this one, an endowment is hard-pressed to grow quickly (unless anyone happens to know an alum or two willing to donate millions of dollars tomorrow).

He also argues that Xavier should be renovating buildings like Alter instead of starting new construction and

increasing the student population. I will counter this argument by first addressing the issue of increasing student enrollment. First, I would like to congratulate Xavier on increasing its enrollment in a bad economy, while still providing its students with financial aid and scholarships. Secondly, I would argue that one of the reasons Xavier grew its population was in order to help current students absorb inevitable tuition increases. The reasons our tuition increases are this low (even though it was advised to the Provost and CFO that they could be higher) is in part because of the size of the student body. Secondly, once the student body has increased, there must be somewhere to house, feed and teach students—hence the building of Fenwick, Smith and CLC before Alter's renovation. Though I think that author raises excellent points in challenging the institutions policies and viewpoints, I just wanted to provide the student body with a counter argument so that they

could see the real picture this institution is trying to paint.

Sarah Roveda '13

Students Think

After several weeks of visibility on the virtual worlds of Facebook and Twitter, we thought it was time for Students Think to make an appearance on some pages that are a bit more tangible. We've gotten a lot of questions since our initial tweets asking for you to #telluswhatyouthink, and we thought that the *NewsWire* would be a good place to share some answers.

First, we want to be clear that we are students – nothing more, nothing less. We are students who are committed to asking questions, to thinking and to creating dialogue to find out what other students are thinking.

Individually, we come to this whole idea of dialogue with our own set of

assumptions about the direction of the University. We are concerned that Xavier University is failing to live up to its Jesuit ideals and that it is privileging business models over a student-centered educational model. According to the Jesuit ideal of *cura personalis*, the function of a Jesuit university should be to educate the whole person. In mainstream education this would be a radical idea. It shouldn't be radical here. We understand the purpose of a Jesuit education as paving the way for something set apart. We have spent the semester reading stories in the *NewsWire* about the University's business model, the impracticality of new buildings and the legitimacy of the core. Now we are asking how we the student body might move beyond criticizing the University to holding it accountable.

You might wonder, then, why you see us asking questions on the worlds of Twitter and Facebook instead of taking concrete steps toward challeng-

ing the University. We have had many conversations with other students and professors that have led us to believe that our concerns are shared, but we see no space for those conversations to grow into dialogue with transformative power. Therefore, our course of action is not to speak for the student body, but to experiment in facilitating the creation of a public space. We hope this would be a space where students could speak and listen. Without such a space, we cannot know what students think.

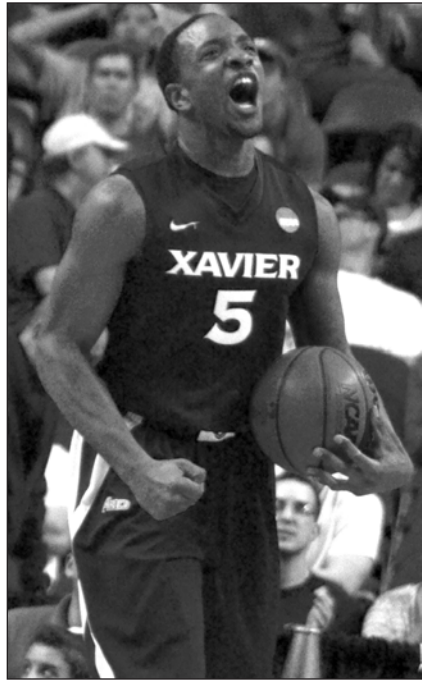
So now we turn to you, our fellow students, and ask that you help us to create this space. Every day we see fragmented attempts at change, but we can only begin to imagine the power of a movement driven by the collective student body. Next time you open a computer, #telluswhatyouthink on Facebook, Twitter or at students-think@gmail.com. How will you use your voice?

Saying farewell to the 2011-12 men's basketball season

Sports Editor Sabrina Brown breaks down her favorite parts of the 2011-12 Xavier season

Best attitude: Dez Wells

This season has been a bit (okay, a lot) of a roller coaster ride, and you have to give a lot of credit to these guys for keeping a good attitude throughout all of that. Dez has had a great attitude all season, but more importantly, it's easy to see the passion he has for this game. He is constantly upbeat, optimistic and involved in what's going on around him. He's a player that enjoys playing so much that it's impossible not to see. Dez has a bright future ahead of him at X, and he has the attitude to match.



Favorite game: Purdue and Lehigh

I'm torn on this one, so I'm going to have to pick two. I'd have to say it's a toss-up between the Purdue game and the Lehigh game, both for obvious reasons. The victory over Lehigh obviously gave us a trip to the Sweet 16, and Purdue was the perfect example of Tu Holloway. I, along with the rest of Xavier Nation, am incredibly sad to see Tu Holloway's career in a Xavier uniform end. Tu's been an absolute joy to watch, especially in games where he got to show off exactly how clutch he is. As for a non-obvious choice, it'd be the Morgan State game, only because it was the first game of the year and the marker that basketball season had officially begun.



Favorite rookie: Dee Davis

While I would be lying if I said I wasn't constantly impressed with Dez Wells, Dee Davis would have to be my favorite rookie on this season's Xavier team. I love Dee's defense. The boy has one heck of a defensive stance, and he hustles after the ball. You can tell that while he doesn't usually see a ton of minutes, he is determined to play whatever minutes he gets with an impressive intensity. Overall though, I was incredibly impressed by both of XU's true freshmen this year.



Favorite player: Andre Walker

My favorite player from game one has been Andre Walker. As someone who is also a little bit of a Vanderbilt fan, I was excited that we had a Commodore transfer coming in to begin with. After watching him play there was really no question. I've always liked players that rebound (Andre was the team's leading rebounder for most of the season), and I like unselfish players. You can tell that those players are out there with the interest of making the team the best it can be, and that's a rare occurrence these days. It's refreshing to see players that are all-around good guys.

For a player that has gone through as much as Andre has, it's an inspiration to see someone fight through it so valiantly. So, thank you Andre, it's been a pleasure to see you in a Xavier uniform, even if it was only for a year.

Favorite moment: End of Kenny's season

I love to see players finish their careers as student-athletes on a strong note, especially players like Kenny Frease. Kenny has been the butt of every Xavier fan's joke, the easiest player to hate at times, but he truly showed how valuable he was to this Xavier team when it mattered most. Kenny was the X-factor against Lehigh and had a huge role in taking the Musketeers to the Sweet 16. While Tu is credited with being clutch, Kenny showed just how much of an asset he can be. If any Xavier player deserved to go out strong, it's Kenny Frease.



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XU golf travels to Florida

BY KYLE ISAACS
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With the turn of the weather, the Xavier men's and women's golf teams are getting into the swing of things for their spring season.

The men's team traveled to Florida and finished fifth at the Florida Atlantic Invitational.

The women's team stayed in Ohio and placed fourth at the

2012 UC Spring Invitational.

This marked only the second and third spring outings for the men's and women's teams, respectively.

The men's team was led by senior Chris Burger, who was the top Musketeer, finishing in a tie for 11th place in the tournament. Burger's 1-under-par 212 was a result of his impressive performances on the par-4 holes, where he finished first in the tournament with a 3.82 scoring average.

Freshman Korey Ward was only four strokes behind Burger with a final score of 3-over-par 216, good enough for 20th place in the field.

Rounding out the top five finishers for the Musketeers were senior Sebastian MacLean (218), freshman Tanapol Vattanapisit (218), and freshman Connor Tendall (228).

The Musketeers shot a 10-over-par 862 for the tournament, which placed them fifth in a field of 15 teams.

Back in Ohio, the women's golf team notched their fourth top-five finish of the season by shooting a 62-over-par 926.

Senior Michelle Winkler led the Musketeers with a 12-over-par 228 for the invitational, good for 13th place.

Junior Breanna Patz scored 230 for the weekend, earning her a tie for 22nd place. Sophomore Kristin

Tan (234), sophomore Christine Cash (237), and freshman Abby Smith (246) rounded out the top five finishers for Xavier.

The women's team returns to the links on April 9 when they travel to Phoenix to compete in the Cowgirl Classic.

The men's team will jump back into competition this weekend in Charlotte, N.C. at the Irish Creek Collegiate.



Photo courtesy of Greg Rust

Junior Breanna Patz tied at second place for Xavier this weekend.



Photo courtesy of Greg Rust

Xavier senior Sebastian MacLean shot a 218 this weekend.

Record-breaking weekend for Xavier track and field

BY CALEB CHILDERS
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The Xavier track team traveled south last weekend to compete in the Alabama Relays. The Musketeers set a team record and had many big races.

This meet had a considerably bigger field.

"It's a bigger meet and we kind of like to go to a couple of meets like this during the year," head coach Dan Flaute said.

The women's 4x400-meter relay team shattered a school record with senior Brittani Peltz, junior Rachel Clark, sophomore Susannah Shelley, and freshman Samantha Birchfield turned in a time of 3 minutes 56.37.

Peltz added to the school record by winning the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.97.

Clark placed third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:13.82.

Not to be outdone by the relay runners, freshman Audrey Ramos placed sixth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:47.04.

After finishing third in the 5,000-meter run last week, Ramos is continuing to have a successful freshman season.

"Last week was good because it was a smaller low key meet, and it was a good place for them to debut," Flaute said. "Now they're

being thrown to the wolves where it's easier to compete at a higher level."

The women's team took the top three spots in the women's 5,000-meter run with sophomore Ashley Vincent leading the way with a time of 16:52.28.

She was closely followed by sophomore Clare Fischer with a time of 16:59.49 and senior Caylin Howell with a time of 17:03.02.

On the men's side, Senior Nick Williams continued his successful streak in the 100-meter dash. Williams placed seventh with a time of 10.72 in a very strong field and nearly breaking the school record that he already holds.

Freshman Connor Bucholz added to the freshman success at the meet with a fifth place finish in the 1,500-meter run in 4:02.34.

The men's team got a win at the meet from sophomore Tom Ohlman who won the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:09.99. Ohlman won the race by 16 seconds.

Next week the team is competing in the Oliver Nikoloff Meet at the University of Cincinnati.

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Baseball splits weekend

By **DANNY O'MALLEY**
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The Xavier men's baseball team now has a record of 8-15 after winning two of the five games they played this past week.

They split the two games they played against Miami (Ohio) and then went on to win one of the three games they played against Western Illinois.

Freshman Alex Westrick, who has proven to be one of the more effective pitchers this season with an ERA of 2.28

pitched three innings and gave up two earned runs

before being pulled in the 8-3 win over Miami (Ohio).

The highlight of this game however came from freshman Adam Hall when he pitched five innings while giving up only one hit and no runs.

During this game Xavier had five players who hit over .500 and the team had a fantastic 12 hits on 32 at bats.

When playing Western Illinois on March 23 the team was able to earn an 11-5 victory thanks to some productive offense.

Freshman Derek Hasenbeck went 2-3 with two RBIs and drew two walks. To compliment Hasenbeck, sophomore Tres Eberhardt went 3-for-5 while

scoring three of Xavier's 11 runs in the game.

"Our lack of offense [is a concern]. We are not very productive right now," head coach Scott Googins said.

They made some improvements on the offensive end after scoring 28 runs in the five games over the course of the week.

Junior Jon Richard struggled during his outing against Western Illinois on Saturday when

he gave up six runs in three

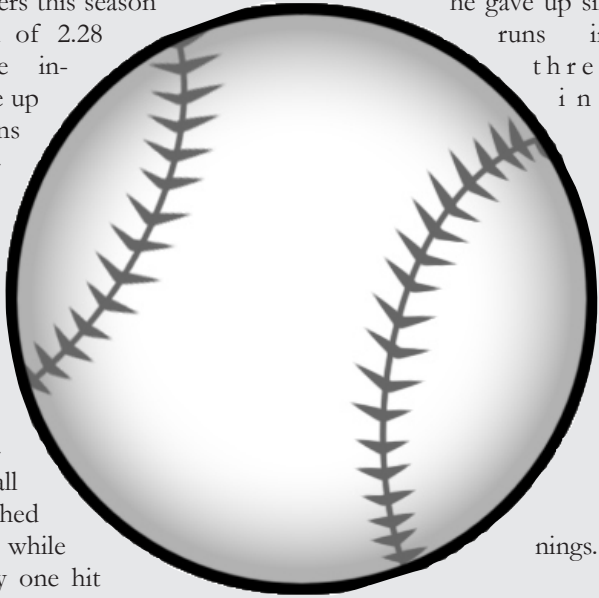
innings.

Freshman

Jacob Bodner and red-shirt junior Tyler Koors both gave up five runs in three innings of pitching as well.

While the team had many bright spots in the offensive side of things as well as in Hall's outing, they will look to improve by scoring more runs and giving up fewer runs so early in games.

The team defeated Indiana University 11-3 last night and then hosts Charlotte at home.



Tennis excels in weekend play

Xavier men's and women's tennis have strong performance

By **KYLE ISAACS**
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After two matches each last weekend, the Xavier men's and women's tennis teams had a much easier schedule this past week.

The men's team defeated Northern Kentucky University on Wednesday by a score of 6-1 to improve its record to 8-8 on the season.

The women's team played a non-conference match with the University of Louisville but fell to the Cardinals 7-0. The loss drops the women's record to 10-5 on the season.

The men's team played their final road match before starting their five match home stand with a rout of the Norsemen from

NKU.

The Musketeers picked up the doubles point and five of the six singles matches to notch their third straight victory.

Sophomore Jimmy Roebker earned a No. 1 singles victory (6-4, 6-2).

Fellow sophomore Mesa Mei won the No. 2 singles match (7-5, 6-1) while junior Brandon MacDonald came out on top in the No. 3 singles match.

Senior Marc Pretorius and freshman Fredday Abunku both picked up victories in the No. 5 and No. 6 matches, respectively.

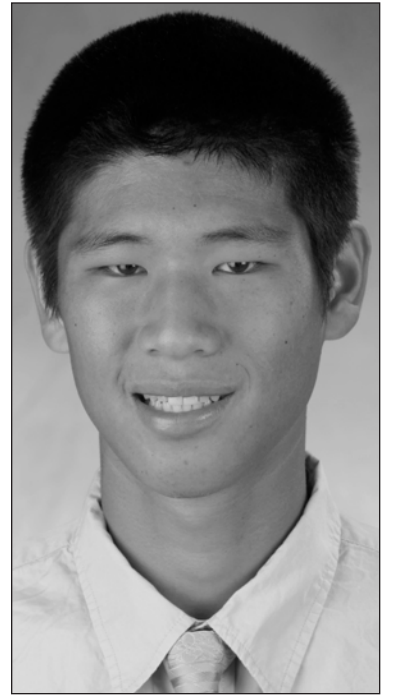
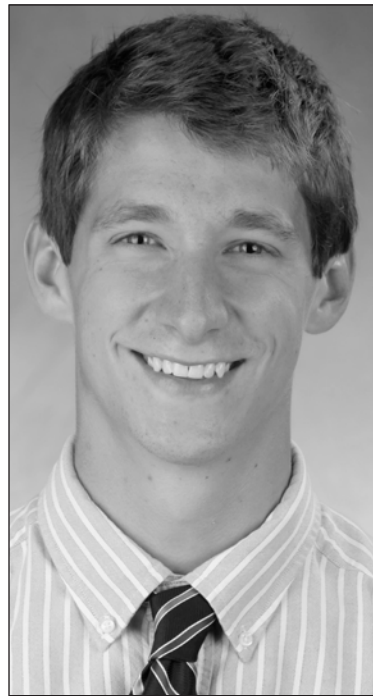
The women's team matched up against a top Big East team in Louisville and failed to earn a point.

Xavier was swept in the doubles matches and struggled in the singles matches.

Junior Katie Pleiman narrowly missed out on earning a No. 1 singles victory, losing in three sets to the Cardinals top player (7-6[4], 2-6, 1-0).

"Our girls were pretty good at times today and hopefully can use today as a good learning experience as we get back to conference play next week," head coach Eric Toth said.

Both teams return to the courts tonight. The women's team squares off against rival University of Dayton here in Cincinnati. The men's team plays host to Wright State University at Lunken Playfield.



XU tennis players from left to right: sophomore Jimmy Roebker, junior Katie Pleiman, and sophomore Mesa Mei.

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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: Just had a slice of strange tasting Colby Cheese. Expiration date Jan 28, 2012. A little Colbier than I prefer.... #nasty

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JOSH HUTCHERSON VISITS XAVIER



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Josh Hutcherson, otherwise known as "Peeta Mellark" in the hit movie *The Hunger Games*, came to visit Xavier while promoting the new film. After visiting the cafeteria to help bake bread and decorate cakes, Hutcherson went on a tour of campus. Although his stay was brief, Hutcherson showed his Muskie spirit and plans to attend a Xavier basketball game in the future.

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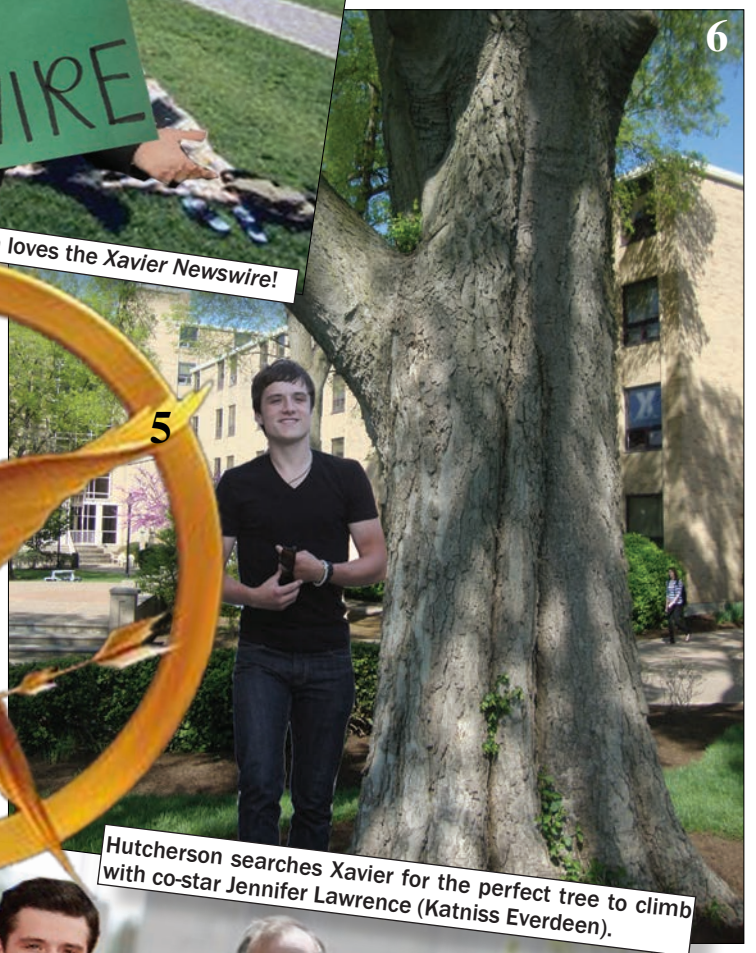
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2
Hutcherson shows his support for Xavier basketball.



7
Josh even loves the Xavier Newswire!



6
Hutcherson searches Xavier for the perfect tree to climb with co-star Jennifer Lawrence (Katniss Everdeen).



3
Josh takes a break and hangs out in Husman Hall with the staff of the Newswire.



4
Even Fr. Michael Graham, S.J. welcomed the star to campus.