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Winter Week of Welcome Commences

BY MO JUENGER
Editor-in-Chief

Xavier students have a lot to celebrate coming into 2023. The Bengals are in the playoffs. The Xavier men's basketball team is on its ninth consecutive win. Students, staff and faculty across campus are embarking on a brand new semester, and the vibes have never been better.

That's why we're holding our first ever Student Engagement Giveaway. This week, snap a selfie at a Week of Welcome event and earn the chance to win a gift card to an on-campus eatery. Just submit your photos to us by emailing them to newswire@xavier.edu before Jan. 14, and three students will win!

In 2023, our New Year's resolution is to get involved on campus, and we challenge you to join us. Thanks for reading, and Happy New Year!



Rec Sports Rope Pull

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Recreational Sports
Where:
Rec Center at the HUB
When:
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Make Your Own Painting

Hosted by:
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Where:
GSC Ryan's Landing
When:
Thursday, 3-4 p.m.



Book Speed Dating

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When:
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Setting Your Tone: Vision Boards

Hosted by:
Black Care Club
Where:
Alter Hall 310
When:
Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Grocery Bingo

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Where:
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When:
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Cards Against Hypnosis

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Student Activities Council
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GSC Theatre
When:
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Welcome to spring semester, Musketeers ❤️



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Baggy Xav @BaggyXav · Jan 8
Hang it baby!



Barstool Cincinnati @UCBarstool · Jan 8
Bearcats only lost by 13 to a team that'll be #1 tomorrow.
We also out rebounded the best rebounding team in the nation 39-34.
A lot to improve upon but not too shabby.

Barstool Villanova @BarstoolNova · Jan 7
Just heard someone in the crowd say, "Let's go XI!"
Like you're really cheering for a letter in the alphabet 🤪

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Classy Xav @classyxavier
Replying to @BarstoolNova



Barstool Xavier @XuBarstool

.@XavierMBB jumps to #12 in this weeks @AP Top 25 !!



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Photo-op: What Did You Do Over Winter Break?

BY ROBBIE DZIERZANOWSKI
Campus News Editor



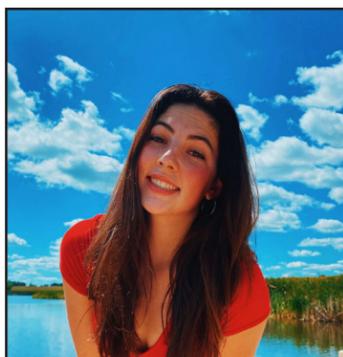
Nate Pinon
Senior
Finance major

"Over break I went back home and spent time with my family. We're moving to a new house, so a lot of it was moving. But, I was able to catch up and visit some of my friends and attend some NBA games."



Caden Seraphine
Junior
Biology major

"Over break, I got to go home and relax which was really good for me. Seeing family that I haven't gotten to see much this year was a really good time, too. I was even able to come to Cincinnati for New Years, celebrate the end of 2022, and watch the Muskies take down UConn."



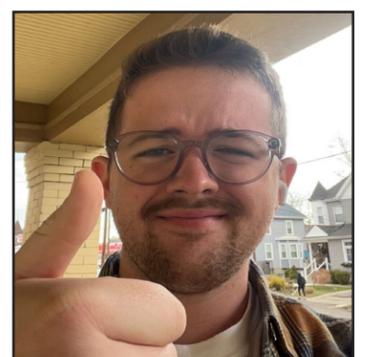
Alaina Gilsinn
Sophomore
Management major

"Over break, my youngest brother and I surprised my family with random items from around our house on Christmas. We wrapped six items and placed them under the tree. Christmas morning, we got up and began gifting the house items and food to my family. I made a Tik Tok about it!"



Adri Stoner
Senior
Special education major

"I did a lot of working over break, but it's always worth it because I love my job. I also spent a lot of time with my family, which is always nice to see and catch up with. I also worked as the Blue Blob at most of the Xavier women's basketball games!"



Jack Deddens
Junior
Marketing major

"Over winter break, I was able to spend Christmas with some of my extended family! Thankfully, I was also able to relax, watch some movies and catch up on shows. I was also able to spend time with friends for much of the break, and for New Years, I went skiing!"

McCarthy Wins Tense Speaker Bid

BY MICHAEL DEMENTJEVS
Staff Writer

After Republicans gained a narrow majority of 222 seats in the House of Representatives with Democrats winning 213 following the 2022 Midterm Elections, Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy was nominated by the House Republican Conference with Democrats nominating Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y. to replace outgoing speaker Nancy Pelosi.

While Jeffries was unanimously nominated, McCarthy faced opposition from members of the far-right House Freedom Caucus with Rep. Andy Biggs, R-Ariz., challenging McCarthy for the nomination. Despite this challenge, McCarthy won the nomination.

The 118th Congress began on Jan. 3, and the first order was the election of a new speaker. On the first ballot, Democrats were united behind Jeffries, but 19 Republicans voted against McCarthy. Because no speaker was elected, members of the House had to vote on a second ballot for the first time since 1923.

On the second to 14th ballots, members of the House Freedom Caucus nominated other Republicans of the House such as Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, Byron Donalds, R-Fla., Kevin Hern, R-Okla., and Republicans who are not a part of the House, most notably former president Donald Trump. McCarthy failed to win a majority with Jeffries winning support from all Democrats.

On the 12th ballot, McCar-



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California Congressman Kevin McCarthy won a hotly contested battle for Speaker of the House of Representatives after quelling attempts to prevent him from winning the gavel. His win comes as Republicans take control with a narrow majority.

thy received Republican votes from those who had previously opposed him for the first time since the election began. However, he was still short of receiving a majority.

The 14th ballot gave McCarthy exactly 50% of the votes, yet the other half supported Jordan, Donalds and Hern with Reps. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla. and Lauren Boebert, R-Colo. voting present or abstention, lowering the threshold. This led to a heated exchange between McCarthy and Gaetz.

Soon after, a motion to adjourn until Monday, was made. While adjournment seemed likely, many Republican switched their vote from YES to NO — moving the election to a 15th ballot. This final bal-

lot finally gave McCarthy the necessary majority needed to win the speakership due to his remaining opposition voting present.

“We will address America’s long-term challenges: the debt and the rise of the Chinese Communist Party,” McCarthy remarked in his inaugural speech as the 55th Speaker of the House.

“I will work with anyone, everyone who shares our passion to deliver a better future for the nation,” he added.

Democrats are concerned that chaos will reign.

“Well, our general concern is that the dysfunction that was historic that we saw this week is not at an end, it’s just the beginning,” Jeffries said.

Biden Delivers Remarks in Cincy

BY ETHAN NICHOLS
World News Editor

President Joe Biden traveled to Covington, Kentucky, this week to deliver remarks regarding a \$1.6 billion investment to upgrade and improve the Brent Spence Bridge. The funding is a part of a nearly \$1 trillion investment in infrastructure spending passed by Congress and signed by Biden in 2021.

The bridge improvement plan involves building a companion bridge alongside the existing Brent Spence Bridge spanning the Ohio River and connecting Cincinnati to Northern Kentucky.

Biden spent his visit delivering remarks alongside Sen. Mitch McConnell R-Ky., Sen. Sherrod Brown D-Ohio, former Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH), Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine (OH) and Cincinnati Mayor Aftab Pureval.

“I believe it sends an im-

portant message... to the entire country,” Biden said of the new infrastructure bill that is providing the majority of the funding to make the project possible. “We can work together. We can get things done. We can move the nation forward.”

In total, the project is estimated to cost roughly \$3.6 billion. Funding will come from multiple sources. In addition to the \$1.6 billion provided in federal grants provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Ohio and Kentucky will provide a mix of state and federal dollars to cover the rest of the project.

“After years of politics being so divisive, there are bright spots across the country. The Brent Spence Bridge is one of them,” Biden said.

In a demonstration of the bipartisan nature of the project, DeWine spoke in support of the project and expressed his gratitude for the federal support and dollars.

“The truth is this bridge cannot be built without these federal dollars. We’re rolling. We don’t have too many days to go until we really kick this thing off,” DeWine said.

Portman, has long supported efforts to fix and repair the bridge and other related infrastructure improvement projects along the Ohio River.

“We’re finally going to get it fixed, folks,” Portman said.

In addition to Biden’s visit to Ohio and Kentucky last week, Vice President Kamala Harris spoke on similar infrastructure issues in Chicago. Harris discussed “how the President’s economic plan is rebuilding our infrastructure, creating good-paying jobs — jobs that don’t require a four-year degree, and revitalizing communities left behind,” according to a White House announcement.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg delivered similar remarks in New London, Connecticut on Wednesday.

Science Simplified

By Reagan Oliver
Guest Writer

Published on Dec. 1, 2022, a study conducted by I.H. Gotlib, studied the impact of COVID-19 on a neurological level for adolescents.

The study initially began in 2016, aiming to examine stress levels across different stages of puberty by collecting data from 163 adolescents. This data included results from self-reporting to the 10-item version of the Children’s Depression Inventory and results from a series of magnetic resonance images (MRI).

However, the COVID-19 pandemic shut down in-person assessments at the beginning of March 2020. This was when the researchers decided to pivot their research from the effects of puberty on the adolescent mind to the impact of the pandemic on the adolescent mind.

After receiving approval from the Stanford Institutional Review Board, they continued the study by collecting the same data from participants they had prior to the shutdown.

The researchers concluded that adolescents had higher levels of internalizing mental health problems, reduced cortical thickness, larger hippocampal volume, larger amygdala volume and more advanced brain age after experiencing COVID-19 related shutdowns compared to before.

To explain some of the results, a reduced cortical thickness is associated with lower levels of emotional processing. A larger hippocampal volume is associated with increased environmental harshness, therefore demanding a higher memory level. A larger amygdala volume is associated with higher rates of depression.

The results of the study display the psychological changes adolescents experienced over the past few years. While shutdowns may be over and life may be returning to the “old” normal, the pandemic has changed everything — even for those who have never contracted COVID-19.

No More Thoughts and Prayers

As a kid, I thought summer was undeniably the best time of year. No homework, no bedtime and no structure for a solid 12 weeks. My only obligation was to keep my little sisters alive while my parents went to work, and I usually just kept them content with the cheapest popsicles on hand. But this summer, 19 fewer children enjoyed summer in Uvalde, Texas. Nineteen families without sticky kids playing in the sprinkler out back. Last year, at least 796 children didn't know that Summer 2022 was their last.

This nation says it feels their absence, and millions of Facebook users among thousands of politicians send up their "thoughts and prayers."

Well, yes, I think about the state of this nation every single day. I think to myself in a movie theater, "That man has

used the bathroom three times so far. Is that odd?" And I pray to our God fervently, begging for Him to take me back to the summer days when I couldn't be concerned with anything except for whether the ice cream truck was going to come that afternoon. I pray that He will protect my 9-year-old and 14-year-old sisters in their classrooms as they go back to school.

Sometimes my wish is less specific than that; sometimes my wish is solely for a Supreme Court that hears the needs of its nation and not just the needs of its own members.

I just turned 18. And I have never felt more like an adult than I have this past year. My mind is occupied, all of the time, filled with anxious thoughts about the future possibilities of our political

climate and its ever-changing policies.

Considering that I have grown up in a cycle of tragedies, the events of 2022 feel different. The Instagram story posts of Generation Z will not quit after a week. This generation has lost too much, seen too many deaths and opportunities stripped before our own eyes.

We will not sit. We will not be quiet. We will fight for our states to choose people over power. How funny it is, that the Supreme Court decided that states can make decisions about their own governing bodies, and yet women were stripped of that liberty.

What are the motivations of the court, anyway? Is it not the entire premise of the court to be unbiased and unaffiliated? Clearly, we are disillusioned if we believe that

the intentions of the original writers of the Constitution are being kept. The court has always been a mode of presidents to stack political power. Once these judges are approved and working together, little can be done to check the power of the court. When I was a kid, just studying the Constitution and American history, I always wondered why there were so many state sovereignty clauses and how they could even be applied. But now, my only hope is that states choose to use these protections against the recent decisions of the Supreme Court.

And now, a 6-year-old child has shot his own teacher in an elementary school in Virginia. Yes, this is almost entirely the result of neglect of their parents, and this child should have been taught better. Luckily, the teacher is now in stable

condition and was the only person shot. However, a gun was made too accessible to this child. Proactive action must be taken against gun violence. Putting guns in the hands of teachers will not solve this issue. Teaching children to be kind will not solve this issue. Thoughts and prayers will not solve this issue. Doing nothing is not solving this issue. Doing nothing is not a viable solution.



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Club Penguin Leaves a Legacy

The name *Club Penguin* alone is likely enough for Xavier students to recall a simpler time in their lives. Whether it was mining for coins around the iceberg or caring for your puffles, *Club Penguin* was a cultural phenomenon for Gen Z. Five years after its end, the game has been unfairly forgotten as a relic of the past. We should remember it as the online pastime it was for millions of children in the early 2000s.

Upon its initial release in 2005, *Club Penguin* allowed its users to customize a penguin avatar and explore an iceberg through minigames. It also provided a space for kids to chat with new and old friends alike. Gen Z-ers, who were children and adolescents at the time, were a market that was generally untapped; a website where kids could hang outside together had unprecedented success. *Club Penguin* was also hailed as a pioneer for online child safety with the "safe chat mode," and the website's largest legacy is a foundation for children's safety on the internet.

After only two years of the website running, *Club Penguin* was sold to Disney, which made the website more mainstream. Disney was able to connect the *Club Penguin* intellectual property with other franchises such as Marvel or Star Wars which continually garnered interest in the game. By 2013, *Club Penguin* had more than 200 million active accounts, becoming one of the largest games for children to play.

Its legacy continued with the annual event "Coins for Change" every holiday season in which players could donate their in-game coins to charities, and the *Club Penguin* company would donate to three charities based on the amounts donated by players. At the conclusion of the first annual "Coins for Change," *Club Penguin* donated one million dollars divided between the World Wide Fund for Nature, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Free the Children Organization.

The sudden end to *Club Penguin* was done by Disney's

own hand. Et tu, Brute? To help garner players for their new mobile game, *Club Penguin Island*, the company decided to simply shut down all servers on March 30, 2017. Even though I was readying to make the transition from grade school to high school and no longer playing, I recall feeling disappointed that such a foundation of my childhood abruptly ended.

Unofficial boycotts were organized by players, and *Club Penguin Island* subsequently failed to ever take off, shutting down the same year due to a lack of players. We are approaching the fifth anniversary of its end, and as far as I can tell, *Club Penguin* has since been forgotten. Multiple efforts were made to start up new servers — mainly *Club Penguin Rewritten* — yet these websites have been stopped short by Disney's legal team.

In an era where the idea of nostalgia is heavily romanticized in film and literature, I cannot help but wonder why *Club Penguin* does not get the same treatment. It can feel foolish to say as it was not a

groundbreaking piece of cinema or literature that defined a generation. However, it was a website that millions of people resonated with and found comfort in.

I am not arguing for the return of *Club Penguin*. I personally subscribe to the belief that all good things must come to an end. However, I believe that the game's legacy that the game left behind is something that ought not to be forgotten or dismissed simply because it was a children's game.

While Disney is remaking countless of their 20th-century films such as *Pinocchio*, *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*, I am content to see that *Club Penguin* was spared from such a fate, cementing the legacy that it left behind.

The legacy it leaves behind was both uncommon and unprecedented. It revolutionized child online safety, serving as an outline for hundreds of other games to follow. *Club Penguin* imparted a sense of philanthropy to its users, encouraging players to take a first-hand approach to charity.

Kids from around the globe were able to meet and talk with one another in a friendly environment.

Thus, simply disregarding the idea that *Club Penguin* had any lasting cultural significance due to it being a children's game entirely neglects what it left behind after its end. *Club Penguin* was the staple of a generation and deserves to be remembered for what it achieved and helped revolutionize.

Waddle on.



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Bengals Extend Winning Streak to Eight

A dominant defense versus Baltimore carries Cincy's inconsistent offense to victory

BY PAT GAINOR
Staff Writer

In the regular season finale, the Cincinnati Bengals held off the dilapidated rival Baltimore Ravens 27-16 at Paycor, securing the third seed in the AFC ahead of this year's playoffs.

Sunday's win came at an emotional time for not just the league, but for the Bengals specifically. Last Monday night, Bills safety Damar Hamlin went into cardiac arrest during the Bengals vs. Bills game and was quickly transported to the University of Cincinnati hospital.

Following the NFL's decision to declare the game a no-contest, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL Player's Association drafted plans for a potential neutral-site situation for the AFC Championship game should the Chiefs, Bills or Bengals meet each other there. However, this statement not only made Cincinnati's possibility of claiming the No. 1 seed impossible, but it also leaves home field for their Wild Card playoff game to a coin toss should they have lost the game.

"There's several instances this season when a club is fined or people in our building are fined and we're being

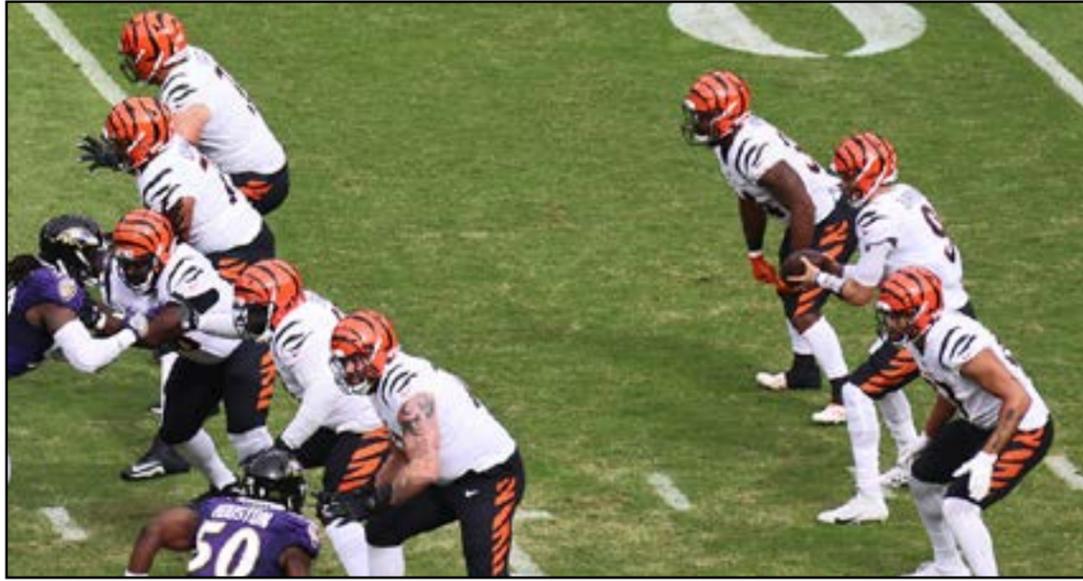


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After a difficult, emotional week waiting to hear about the health status of Bills safety Damar Hamlin, the Bengals performed well against AFC East rival Baltimore, ending the season winning eighth straight.

told, 'Follow the rules. It's black and white. It's in the rulebook,'" Bengals coach Zac Taylor said following the approval of the neutral site plan. "So now when we point out the rules and you're told, 'We're going to change that.' I don't want to hear about fair and equitable when that's the case."

The players showed disdain for the decision as well, and runningback Joe Mixon made it clear with a Chad Ochocinco-style celebration where he pulled a coin from his glove and flipped it following a touchdown. This came in the middle of a very

strong first half containing just under 200 yards of offense and a defensive hold that scored on a fumble in the end zone to amass a 24-7 lead.

However, the offense went cold after halftime. Cincinnati only had two drives longer than 10 yards in the second half, and one of them was a turnover on downs.

The defense held their own, with Bengals safety Jessie Bates ripping the ball out of Ravens wide receiver Sammy Watkins' hands and Bengals safety Vonn Bell recovering to end the game.

After the game, Bates credited Hamlin's progress in re-

covery as a source of energy throughout the game.

"Any time you go through something like that as a team, I think it's good that you talk about it as a team and go through it as brothers," Bates said. "And I think we did a really good job of handling that."

With this win, Cincinnati officially wins the AFC North and secures home field advantage for their rematch with the Ravens on Sunday night in the Wild Card round. The Bengals have opened as favorites to win, as the spread for the game is currently -7 in their favor

Week 18 NFL Recap:

Titans 16, Jaguars 20:

After a 3-7 start looked to doom yet another season for Duval, Jacksonville got hot at the right time and met the collapsing Titans in their house to determine the champion of the AFC South. Titans quarterback Josh Dobbs fumbled after a sack and Jaguars defensive end Josh Allen returned it to the end zone to send the Jaguars to the playoffs.

Patriots 23, Bills 35:

Everyone who saw Nyheim Hines' opening kickoff return touchdown, their first play since Damar Hamlin's collapse, knew that this game was something truly special. Hines would do it again later in the game, helping propel the Bills to one of the most emotional wins in franchise history.

Lions 20, Packers 16:

After Seattle defeated the Rams in overtime to eliminate them from playoff contention, Detroit could either take the Seahawks down with them or break the hearts of their fierce rival. The Lions chose the latter, with by two touchdowns from running back Jamaal Williams.

Women's Basketball Struggles in Big East Conference Play

Bright spots remain for the Musketeers as winless season in the Big East continues

BY JUSTIN MALONE
Staff Writer

After a disappointing performance against a competitive No. 4 Connecticut team last Thursday, Xavier women's basketball showed improvements in their road loss against St. John's on Sunday.

Xavier suffered a 73-36 defeat at home and were outpaced early in the game, as the Huskies raced out to a 12-2 lead to begin the first half.

Graduate guard Taylor Smith led the way for Xavier, posting a team-high 13 points, two rebounds and one block, marking her 19th career double-figure scoring game.

Senior forward Nila Blackford also had a career milestone, as she joined the 1,000-point club by recording four points, a team-high eight rebounds, two blocks, one assist and a game-high four steals.

Xavier's offensive woes emanated from a smothering Huskies defense, who only allowed the Musketeers to shoot a season-low 21.5% from the field, including 19.2% on three pointers and outrebounded Xavier 56-27.

Impressively, the Musketeers' defense forced 22



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Musketeer guard Mikayla Scarlett played well against Big East rival aquad St. John's, finishing the contest with 16 points and eight assists.

turnovers and produced 10 steals against a fierce Huskies offense, which was Xavier's fifth game of the year with 10 or more steals and the second-most turnovers by UConn in a game this season.

On the road, Xavier put together a stronger performance in a 71-52 loss to St. John's. The game was back-and-forth throughout the first half, as the Musketeers

were only down by one point with 4:24 remaining in the second quarter.

However, the Red Storm offense was invigorated before the break, initiating a 10-4 run to take a seven-point lead at the end of the half.

The Red Storm built upon their efforts in the third quarter, outscoring the Musketeers 24-12 to take a 19-point lead that Xavier could not

regain, despite their resilient efforts.

The bright spots for the Musketeers included junior guard Mackayla Scarlett, who recorded 18 points, four rebounds and eight assists while going eight-for-10 from the free throw line in her 23rd career game in double figures.

Smith who finished with 10 points, two rebounds and a block, and freshman guard Fernanda Ovalle who added seven points and four rebounds.

Although Xavier had trouble shooting from the field again going 34.5% overall, they went 10-for-16 on free throws and scored six more points in the paint than St. John's.

With the two defeats, Xavier dropped to 7-9 overall and skidded to 0-6 in Big East conference play.

From their victories, UConn ascended to 13-2 on the season and 6-0 in the Big East, while St. John's improved to 14-1 overall and 5-1 in the conference.

It has been a difficult beginning to the Big East slate of games for Xavier this season. The Musketeers hope to rebound from their recent struggles this week, facing Providence on the road and DePaul at home.

Super Wild Card Weekend NFL Playoff Schedule:

No.7 Seahawks (9-8) vs. No.2 49ers (13-4) — Jan.14, 4:30 p.m.

No.5 Chargers (10-7) vs. No.4 Jaguars (9-8) — Jan.14, 8:15 p.m.

No.7 Dolphins (9-8) vs. No.2 Bills (13-3) — Jan.15, 1 p.m.

No.6 Giants (9-7-1) vs. No.3 Vikings (13-4) — Jan.15, 4:30 p.m.

No.6 Ravens (10-7) vs. No.3 Bengals (12-4) — Jan.15, 8:15 p.m.

No.5 Cowboys (12-5) vs. No.4 Buccaneers (8-9) — Jan.16, 8 p.m.

Spotify Wrapped Roast: Top Artists

Discover what your top artist of 2022 exposes about your worst qualities

BY LEIGHTON GAMMAGE
Staff Writer

Last year, *NewsWire* received a few complaints about our Spotify Wrapped article being a little too honest. So, to address those complaints, I will be making this year's article a lot more personal. This is the hard truth you need to hear based on your top artist of 2022.

Taylor Swift: We get it — you love *Midnights*. Is it because you have a severe sleeping issue, or is it because you value the life of someone else over your own? Just because you relate to “Anti-Hero” and “You’re on Your Own, Kid” does not mean you are different from other girls. It means you’re exactly like every other girl out there. You’re not special, and you’re not the main character. Humble yourself.

Rex Orange County: Yeah, we heard the news that the allegations were dropped; sorry you covered up your tattoo drunk on a Friday night. On the bright side, it could be worse. Your top artist could have been...

Kanye: Delete Spotify. As a matter of fact, delete social media. I'm sure you're a good person and you believe that Kanye is just “misunderstood.” Do you know what's not misunderstood? Antisemitism.

Arctic Monkeys: You have a concert shirt by them. So



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stylish. Now stop listening to “505” and start actually caring about their music.

Panic! At the Disco: Brendon Urie has gone downhill mentally and physically since *Death of a Bachelor*. If you are that “down bad” for him, then find a business undecided major. They're essentially the same kind of dude.

Eminem: Just because you listen to a White guy who can rap doesn't mean you like rap. Listen to Wu-Tang Clan, Tupac, Notorious B.I.G. or Dr. Dre, and then we can talk about rap.

Any rock band (because you are all the same): Just because you listen to the same music as your dad does not mean I will call you daddy.

Olivia Rodrigo: It's been

a year. They are not thinking about you anymore.

Drake: Only child energy. Somebody didn't get mommy and daddy's love? It's okay — it won't get better, but you can lie to yourself.

Ed Sheeran: No, it's not. AIN'T NO WAY YOU ARE STILL LISTENING TO THAT CHERRY TWIZZLERS, DEXTER'S LABORATORY LOOKING—

AJR: You are annoying. It can change. You can grow out of it. However, please know — you are annoying.

Chainsmokers: You are annoying, but I don't know if you can grow out of it.

Beyoncé: Let the woman live her life. No wonder you're single — you're stalking your

ex who dumped you two years ago. It's time to let go, babe. If Queen B saw you, she would be disappointed.

Doja Cat: You are not entering your “hot girl” era. How about we enter that “drinking some water for once” era? Your liver is screaming.

Any K-Pop group: I am not writing about y'all, because you guys are the sweetest and scariest group of people I have ever met. Take my wallet, my phone, anything — just please don't hurt me.

Phoebe Bridgers: Cry about it. Also put down your vape, thanks.

Bruno Mars: So, did she hurt you or are you in love?

Joji: She hurt you.

JVKE: You're in love.

Frank Ocean: You like consistency. You are very chill and probably an introvert. I respect that. How about next year we try to branch out a bit, OK? Let's listen to some other R&B artists. You can talk about it in your therapy session — I'm sure your therapist would love to hear about your progress. Oh? You don't go to therapy because you think that you can deal with your issues by yourself? Sure...

SZA: Not gonna lie, I'm tired of hearing “Kill Bill” on TikTok. You are entering

your hot girl era and becoming a self-love queen/king/monarch, and I respect you. You are growing; just make sure this time you don't stop the growth after a minor inconvenience.

Glass Animals: Fire.

Morgan Wallen: You might be listening to “Chasin' You,” but you ain't getting chased. Go to a bar or a coffee shop, and meet some people. Your parents are asking about grandchildren. Maybe it's time to think about meeting someone who can make that wish come true.

The Weeknd: Nevermind, you shouldn't reproduce.

Harry Styles: How about we bring Harry's acting career back to what it was: non-existent. Just like Harry, you, my love, are not a jack of all trades. Focus on one thing at a time.

A videogame soundtrack: Shower. You are not a gamer, you stink. Nobody cares about your Pokémon collection.

Mozart: Classical music does not make you study better. Stop lying to yourself. You really want it to, and that's OK, but it doesn't.

Jonas Brothers or Big Time Rush: I'm glad your inner child is being healed. However, this isn't an excuse to act childish. Fix your posture.

Listermann's Tickles Appetites with Additions

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Just steps away from campus on Dana Avenue across from the Smith Hall parking lot, Listermann Brewing Company is a longtime staple in the Xavier community. Now, with the addition of Tickle Pickle — a Northside-based burger joint — to the taproom's menu, your chance to snag a grilled, music-themed meal is closer than ever.

After opening their primary location in Northside in 2015, Tickle Pickle expanded to Listermann's in November of last year.

Upon entering Listermann's front entrance, you'll notice the long wood bar stretching past you to your right. An unorthodox-looking brewery, you head up a short flight of stairs to your left and find a small walk-up window at which to order. After ordering at the counter, you can find a park bench-style table to sit at and wait for your food.

The Listermann's menu offers a somewhat limited ver-



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sion of the classic menu for which Tickle Pickle has become known.

The Northside location offers a wide variety of burgers, sandwiches and most importantly, milkshakes. When perusing the menu at the new location, however, you'll immediately notice something

key to your cheeseburger experience missing — the milkshakes. While you can still order from a variety of soda or beer options to pair with your burger or sandwich, there's just nothing quite like the classic burger and milkshake combo.

Upon receiving my food,

I honed in on the mammoth pile of fries awaiting me. The fries, which came out piping hot, were heavily seasoned. The copious amount of salt drenching the fries didn't deter me, but certainly didn't help my thirst (which I was unable to adequately quench due to the lack of milkshakes).

I sampled two pieces from the menu — the Bread Zeppelin, a classic cheeseburger heaped with American cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, mayo and ketchup, as well as the Mariah Curry, an aptly named grilled chicken sandwich on a pretzel bun covered in goat cheese, cucumber, spinach, caramelized onions and curry ketchup.

The Bread Zeppelin is a classic. For anyone who appreciates a traditional cheeseburger, this is for you. Oozing juice, this burger certainly made a mess. It was well worth it, though. Unfortunately, the slices of American cheese seemed to have been thrown on at the last minute and were not thoroughly melted.

The Mariah Curry is per-

fect for anyone who likes experimenting with new flavors. The combination of curry and goat cheese causes one to pause. While the mixture of flavors is not something you'd expect on a traditional chicken sandwich, the compilation of toppings does not disappoint. Sadly, the curry ketchup and goat cheese results in a rather slippery surface upon which the chicken sits. Because the bun inevitably falls prey to sliding off the sandwich, you end up finishing the chicken first, leaving almost a quarter of the bun — along with assorted toppings — left in a soggy pile.

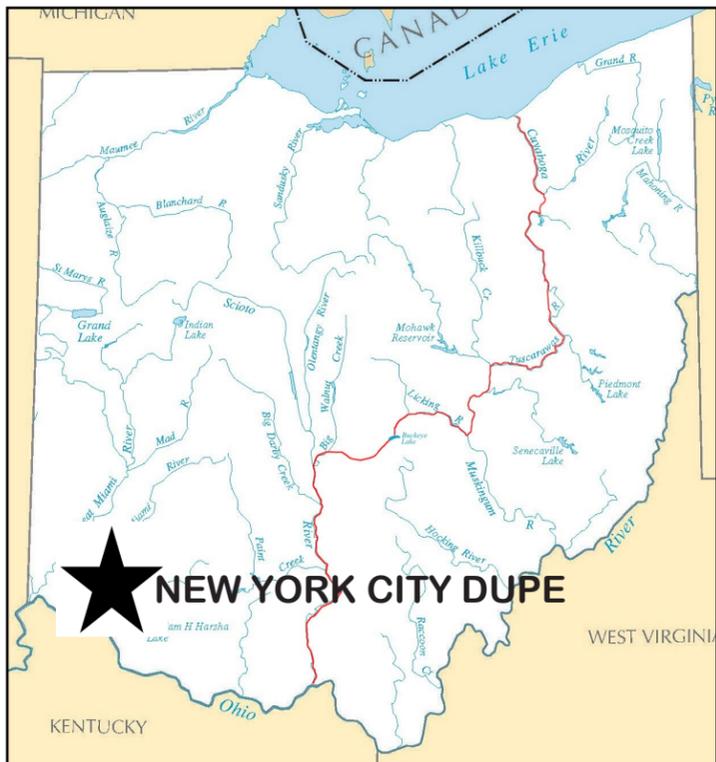
With an array of potential sides and a wide variety of burgers and sandwiches, including vegan options, Tickle Pickle left me satisfied, yet yearning for a milkshake to chase down the salty fries and juicy burgers.

For any Xavier student looking to try something new or find a burger that far exceeds that of Burger 513, Tickle Pickle is well worth a trip.

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HOROSCOPES

- ★ **Aries:** Don't catch mono. I hear it is going around.
- ★ **Taurus:** Crying is not gonna fix it. Dry it up, bltch.
- ★ **Gemini:** It is OK to like country music. Try some Chris Stapleton.
- ★ **Cancer:** Live sylly week to the fullest. Go to your Thursday class hungover; who cares?
- ★ **Leo:** You stink. Take a shower.
- ★ **Virgo:** Watch *Ginny & Georgia* and think to yourself, "Wow, at least I am doing better than this chick."
- ★ **Libra:** Get your ass up and WERK. Be a Kim this week.
- ★ **Scorpio:** Don't get the General Tso's chicken at the Caf.
- ★ **Sagittarius:** At your big age, do not be caught dead at Bottom Dogs of Short Vine.
- ★ **Capricorn:**
I would like to make a retraction. Slay is not becoming cheugy. Slay will live on in 2023, and slay will live forever in my heart.
- ★ **Aquarius:** Make out with a whole friend group in one night. It makes life spicy, and you haven't seen action in a long, long time.
- ★ **Pisces:** Congrats, you got a Stanley cup! Does it match your Uggs and claw clip, too?? Oh, and did you get an oversized puffer vest to go with it?



A MAP OF OHIO WITH ITS MOST NOTABLE CITY, NEW YORK CITY DUPE.

No More Saying DUPE

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Just because one thing resembles another does not make it a dupe. The definition of dupe (noun) is as follows: a victim of deception. You are a victim of deception, a cog in the influencer, capitalist scheming TikTok specified For You Page trap. TikTok is designed so that you never stop scrolling, and LinkTree is designed so that you know where to spend your money in 10 different places all at once. Your e.l.f. lip gloss that was \$3 is not the same as the Dior Lip Oil that costs \$36. Do not post on TikTok and tell your 153 followers that it is the same, because it is not. Similarly, we know your shoes are from Amazon. They are not UGG dupes. You will NOT look like Alix Earle just because some other influencer said you would if you bought everything in their Amazon storefront. The following items are examples of how ridiculous you may sound while calling things dupes:

Cincinnati is just a New York City DUPE. They keep filming movies that are set in New York City in downtown Cincinnati, anyway.

The new Xavier men's basketball blue and white jerseys are just UNC DUPES. Who on the marketing team decided we needed a splash of Carolina blue? I am not a fan, respectfully.

Burger 513 is just a Shake Shack DUPE. Burger 513 consistently gives me cold fries that look like they may or may not have been snacked on already.

Caf orange chicken is just a Panda Express DUPE. Just with a dash of food poisoning, probably more MSG and definitely less real chicken.

Student Government Association (SGA) is just a Congress DUPE. Although to be honest, SGA definitely could have picked a Speaker of the House faster.

Newswire is just a New York Times DUPE. If Cincinnati is a New York City DUPE and Xavier is in Cincinnati, by the transitive property Newswire is a New York Times DUPE. However, Xavier is technically in Norwood, so maybe we aren't completely a New York Times DUPE.

Currito is just a Chipotle DUPE. They are always out of chicken. And it is wildly expensive. And I always wish it was Chipotle in my hands instead.