



XUPD Tackles Campus Car Crimes

Approximately 10 students' cars have been broken into over last few weeks

BY JESSE DOLOJAN
Education and Enrichment Coordinator

Numerous car thefts have been reported by Xavier student drivers near campus since the beginning of the fall semester. Car-related crimes have been concentrated on Kia and Hyundai cars.

Xavier University Police Department's (XUPD) Lieutenant Adrian Fuller — who is in charge of various staff investigations and policy oversights — stated that as many as 10 cars have been stolen or broken into near or off campus and that two have been recovered so far.

According to XUPD, all cars stolen or broken into on

or around campus have been Kia or Hyundai models.

"This is a national issue. If you weren't aware, this is a design flaw that Kia and Hyundai discovered and reported several years ago," Fuller said.

"The University of Cincinnati actually put out a public safety notice just like we did. What we're being led to believe as this is a roaming gang, plural of juveniles, who are targeting all Kias and Hyundais," he said.

"If you're a Kia or Hyundai owner, contact your dealer and make sure that your car isn't susceptible. Go get the update. They fix the problem, but you have to bring your car to them for them to fix it. Hide all your valuables and

make sure that there's nothing in the car that's attractive," Fuller said.

Additionally, XUPD has sent out several campus announcements via email informing students of the break-ins and offering a steering wheel lock device for students with Kia or Hyundai vehicles.

One of the 10 students who had their car broken into, junior biomedical sciences major Victoria Schildknecht, shared the details of the experience.

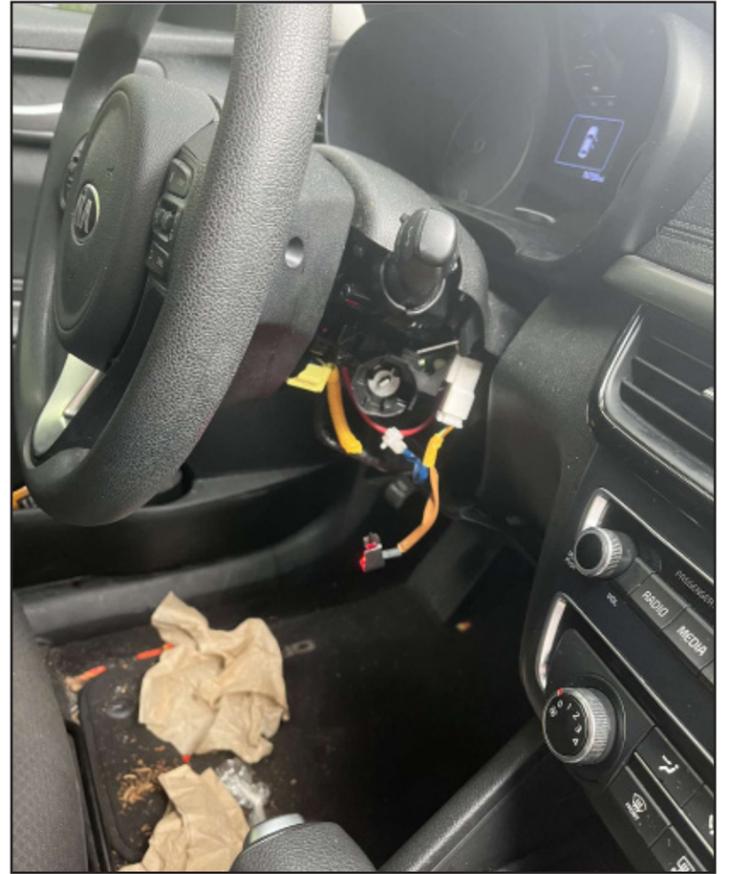
"Two minutes right before I had to leave for work (my friend) Abby called me. She said, 'Hey just want to let you know my car got broken into, and I went to go check your car and I saw it was broken into.' And, I'm running down the stairs and, yeah, the window was smashed in," Schildknecht said.

After reporting the break-in to Norwood Police Department, Schildknecht was notified by Angie Kneflin, Xavier's Director of Care Management, about her vehicle. She was then directed to the Student Emergency Fund Application, a fund worth up to \$1 thousand available in order to meet financial issues that arise for students.

"I need \$1000 for my car repairs because they're \$4,000, and I don't have the money for that. I have to pay for living, I have to pay for food. I have to pay for electricity. I have to pay for all that," Schildknecht explained.

In response to the break ins, XUPD has increased its patrols in order to prevent more vehicle break ins on and off campus.

"We are aggressively pa-



Newswire photo courtesy of Kyra Ennis

Junior health services administration major Kyra Ennis's car was stolen from a University Station lot. It was recovered, but with damage.

trolling our parking lots. Now, we always have, but we've stepped up our patrols and even added additional staffing in order to keep patrols in those parking lots," Fuller said.

Schildknecht noted that this response was delayed.

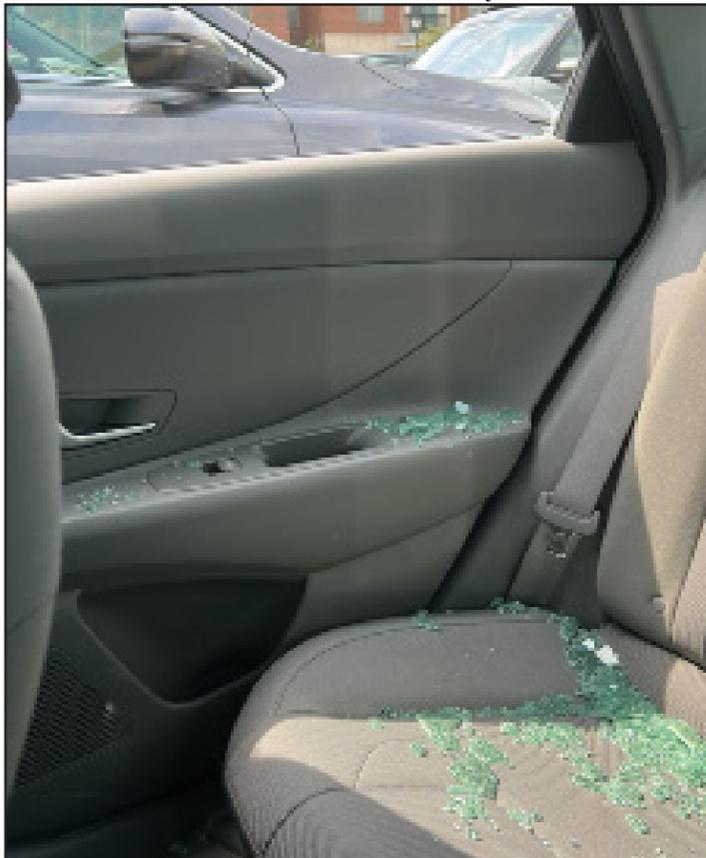
"I feel like it's a little bit late for that because, the majority of students that I know who have Kias and Hyundais, their cars got broken into," Schildknecht said.

"I feel like XUPD is doing the best that they can with the resources that they have. And I feel like the fact that they're teaming up with Norwood PD should give students a peace of mind," Schildknecht said.

Junior health services administration major Kyra Ennis had her car stolen and later recovered last month with significant damage done to the vehicle. She suggested that University Station increase their surveillance of their parking lots to address the crime taking place.

"University Station needs to have added security measures in their parking lots, whether cameras or other measures, anything is better than what they have now which is nothing," Ennis said.

"XUPD is on the right track with providing resources to those who need them, but I feel like it's not as publicized as it could be," she continued.



Newswire photo courtesy of Victoria Schildknecht

The window of junior biomedical sciences major Victoria Schildknecht's car was smashed, causing \$4,000 in damages.

In this issue...

Campus, Page 2

SGA's Aunt Flow Initiative expands to CLC and the McDonald Library.



Opinion, Page 4

Manresa Core member Emily Croft responds to previous opinion piece about orientation.



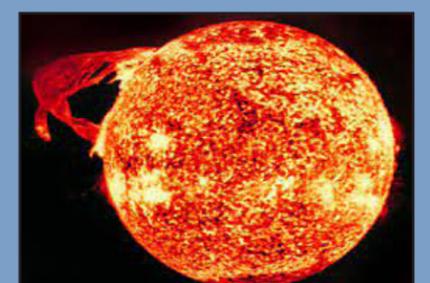
A&E, Page 7

Guest writer José María Gámez-Lamadrid praises representation in new DC movie.



Back, Page 8

The sun melts unsuspecting students. Apply sunscreen, wear sunglasses or bring a mop.



SGA Expands Aunt Flow Initiative

Free menstrual products have been added to more restrooms across campus

BY JUSTICE DICKEY
Staff Writer

With the return of students to campus for the fall 2023 semester, some might have noticed free menstrual products in bathrooms around campus.

In the spring of 2020, an initiative was introduced by the Student Government Association (SGA) to provide free period products to students across campus. Through a collaboration with Aunt Flow, a female-owned company based out of Columbus, Ohio, SGA purchased 10 product dispensers and seven units each of pads and tampons.

Initially, the dispensers were dispersed between the women's restrooms in Gall-

agher Student Center (GSC) and the Health United Building (HUB).

Due to COVID-19 and product changes from Aunt Flow, the dispensers were delayed until April 2021 and were not installed until Sept. 2021 due to staffing gaps. Installation was completed March 2022.

The cost for the dispensers and products totaled approximately \$3,700, which was pulled from SGA's executive fund. This purchase was expected to last three years. However, the product stock lasted less than nine months.

With the initial launch of these products proving more popular than anticipated, conversations began around expanding access to this resource.

"There has been a lot of good feedback on (the installation of the products)," SGA Vice President Rebecca Thomas said.

Thomas spearheaded the expansion of the project to purchase and install 12 additional dispensers over this past summer to be distributed among women's restrooms in Conaton Learning Center (CLC) and the McDonald Library due to their central location on campus.

Sparking from a request from Xavier's LGBTQ+ Alliance, the expansion also included the purchase of five display boxes to be placed in the gender neutral and men's bathrooms in GSC.

Junior criminal justice major Leo Fowler highlighted this being a step towards a more inclusive and accepting campus.

"Having period products in the men's restroom helps me feel visible on campus. Especially because trans men are such a small portion of the student population, having those products available communicates to me that my needs are seen and addressed," Fowler said.

"It's a small gesture, but it shows a commitment to supporting our trans community on campus," he added.

This particular expansion has stirred some concern that products available in the men's restroom may be ill-received. However, Thomas suggests



NewsWire photo by Justice Dickey

Aunt Flow dispensers, containing free menstrual products, can be found in women's, men's and gender neutral restrooms on campus.

that this can be an opportune moment for learning.

"If you hear anything negative about them being in the men's restroom or in the gender neutral restrooms... it's an educational opportunity," Thomas said.

"I think respectfully letting them know that there are male-identifying students who get periods, and whether

you like it or not, it's not really up to you," Thomas continued.

Junior finance major Aaron O'Loughlin addressed the new resource, stating, "I'm sort of indifferent on it, but I feel that if it can be a valuable resource to those that need it, it's good in that aspect, and for those that don't like it, they can just wash their hands and leave."



NewsWire photo by Jackson Hare

XU Dining Welcomes Students With More Options

BY CLARE MCKINLEY
Staff Writer

From extended hours to updated mobile ordering, Auxiliary Services has made many updates to campus dining.

Students with meal plans this year should take note of Hoff Dining Commons' extended hours. From Monday through Thursday, the dining hall will be open an additional hour and close at 9pm.

The decision was made with the intention to better accommodate students with classes later in the evening.

While it will not be full service, it will give students a more reliable option for dinner, according to Director of Auxiliary Services Bill Moran.

"We did run the numbers with registrar information and looked at how many people are in classes Monday through Thursday nights," Moran said.

"Then we looked at how many of those students have meal plans, and it was a good amount— a very significant number. So we thought, may-

be there is a real need there."

In addition to the new hours, the Caf traded their old plates for a sleek gray set to match the fresh paint job it got last spring, giving it a more modern and updated feel.

There are also a number of new food choices, including a made-to-order pancake station, a more personalized pasta station and the addition of rice to the cantina stations, allowing the option for burrito bowls.

The next addition to dining options on campus is the new 24-hour food delivery system, Just Baked.

Located near the Pizza ATM in the Justice Hall atrium, Just Baked is a food vending machine that produces hot and ready to eat items in just 30-45 seconds. It has sweet and savory options and is another accessible option for late night snacking.

"During the day we have many venues that are open on campus, but the later you get into the evenings, things start to close down. We wanted to have as many options as possible... we felt like people like

to interact with that kind of technology and want the 24/7 services," Moran said.

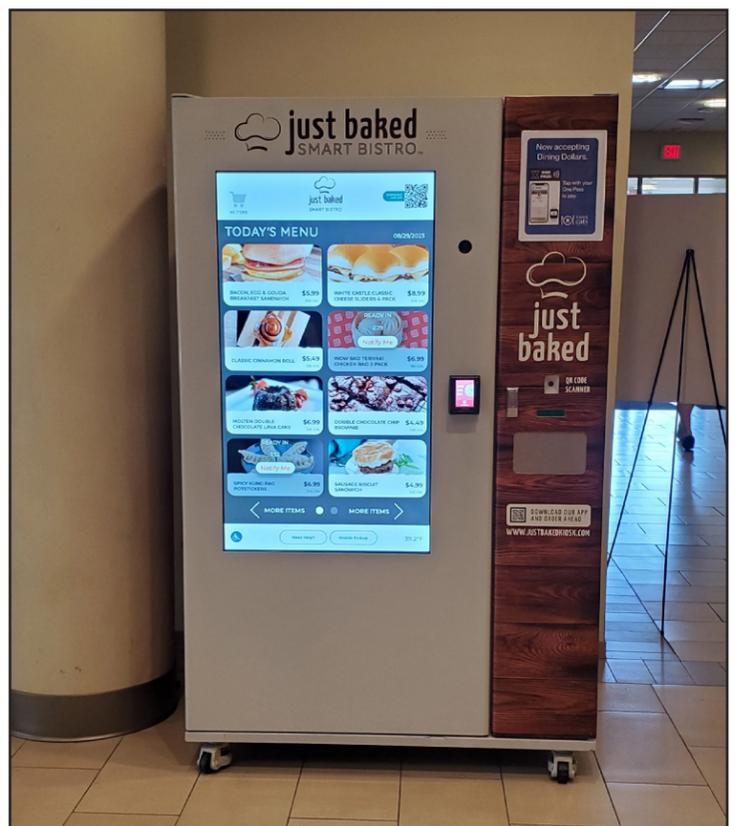
Just Baked has been so popular these first couple weeks, Moran and Auxiliary Services are already considering adding another one somewhere else on campus.

If you don't like waiting in line, Starbucks mobile ordering and Absurd Bird are two ways to get food without the hassle. Starbucks, located by the All For One Shop, has added the mobile ordering feature. Additionally, the point of sale has been updated to allow students to cash in their Starbuck Rewards, instead of just collecting them.

Absurd Bird is the permanent ghost kitchen option this fall. It's the only dining option that doesn't have an actual storefront, and therefore, no line.

It will be open until midnight and carry chicken tenders, chicken sandwiches, salads and drinks.

Students can download the Xavier Mobile Ordering app to get grub from Victory Perk, Burger 513, Jersey Mikes and now Absurd Bird.



NewsWire photo by Jackson Hare

The Just Baked vending machine offers a plethora of fresh and warm food, including a variety of baked desserts, bao and sandwiches.

"Overall, we want to enhance service deliveries you know... and adding these kinds of features, and then having late night venues, like a mobile ordering ghost kitchen

or Just Baked, is to just expand on what we're trying to do. Have as many services as possible to get food to as many students as possible," Moran concluded.

Georgia Charges Trump, Former Allies

Indictment lists 19 co-defendants and 41 total criminal charges in the election case

By PAT GAINOR
Staff Writer

Former President Donald Trump was booked into the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta on Aug. 24 after being indicted by Georgia on charges that he participated in an extensive illegal scheme to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

On Aug. 14, Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis published a 98-page indictment charging Trump and 18 associates with 13 counts surrounding his alleged attempt to falsely overturn the 2020 election. The charges include filing of false documents, conspiracy to commit forgery and conspiracy to impersonate a public officer.

The indictment contained 19 co-defendants and 41 criminal charges in total. All of the defendants were charged with racketeering, and most are expected to be arraigned at the Fulton County Jail next Wednesday.

“Trump and the other defendants charged in this indictment refused to accept that Trump lost, and they knowingly and willfully joined a conspiracy to unlawfully change the outcome of the election in favor of Trump,” the indictment reads.

The first co-defendant in the case is Georgia-based at-



Photo courtesy of commons.wikimedia.org

torney Ray Smith who formerly worked for Trump. Smith waived his arraignment and entered a not guilty plea in writing, court records show.

The accusation of conspiracy is the fourth criminal charge brought against Trump in four months.

The former president has denied all charges, posting his mugshot on X with the caption “NEVER SURRENDER.” This is his first post on X since he was banned from the platform in 2021.

The case stems from an alleged phone call on Jan. 2, 2021 between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State

Brad Raffensperger, with the former demanding that the latter “find” enough votes to reverse his loss in the state. The action would have necessitated the creation of around 12 thousand fraudulent votes.

The indictment also includes allegedly false testimonies from Trump and his associates about election fraud occurring and encouraging officials to breach their oaths of office to alter the results. Experts say that Trump’s “overt acts” promoted the conspiracy pushed by an alleged “criminal enterprise.”

“Overt acts can be anything that is done that’s for the pur-

pose of advancing the goals of the conspiracy, but they don’t have to be necessarily criminal themselves,” Morgan Cloud, a professor of law at Emory University in Atlanta, said.

“Overt acts ‘can be anything that is done that’s for the purpose of advancing the goals of the conspiracy,’” she added.

Before being booked, a judge came to an agreement with Trump’s lawyers to set his bond at \$200,000.

In exchange, Trump has been disallowed from communication with co-defendants and witnesses. Trump was

at Fulton County Jail for approximately twenty minutes before departing back to New Jersey.

In Fulton County, trials regarding the 2020 election are set to begin on Oct. 23, when Kenneth Chesebro, who formerly served as Trump’s attorney, will face trial for racketeering charges.

Trump’s lawyer, Steven Sandow, has alerted the District Attorney’s office of Trump’s intent to “sever his case from that of co-defendant Chesebro, who has filed a demand for speedy trial, or any other co-defendant who files such a demand.”

Many experts believe that other co-defendants will follow suit in severing their cases from the other defendants and seeking a separate trial in federal court.

“I think most of them will want to stand on their own. That will allow them, I suspect, to blame others and to attempt to shoulder responsibility to third parties,” Anthony Michael Kreis, a Georgia State University law professor, said.

Despite his absence from the first Republican Presidential debate last week, a Reuters poll has the former president leading Republican respondents with 52%, a 39-point advantage over slumping contender Ron DeSantis.

Plane Crash Kills Wagner Leader Prigozhin

By CARTER ROOS
Staff Writer

Wagner military group leader and powerful Russian businessman Yevgeny Prigozhin, who helped orchestrate a brief mutiny against the Russian government in June, died along with nine others after a private plane carrying them crashed on Aug. 23. De-

tails surrounding the accident remain unknown.

The plane’s passenger manifest listed Prigozhin and several other members of the Wagner private military force, including Wagner’s top leader Dmitiri Utkin, as passengers.

Russian authorities confirmed on Sunday morning that, after conducting genetic

testing on the recovered bodies, they all “conformed with the manifest,” confirming the death of Prigozhin and the others on board the flight. Prigozhin was buried in a private funeral last Tuesday in St. Petersburg, his press services said.

The plane, an Embraer Legacy 600 business jet, reportedly left Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport on Aug. 23 bound for St. Petersburg and crashed in a wooded area in the Tver region of Russia, less than 100 miles northwest of the country’s capital.

Prigozhin, who owned a successful catering company in Russia and was a former close ally of Putin, built the Wagner private military force after being assigned several tasks by Putin that were handled close to the Kremlin.

Though the cause of the crash is still unknown, U.S. and Western officials have stated that Prigozhin was “very likely” the latest victim in Putin’s “long history of trying to silence his critics,” citing preliminary intelligence reports.

Putin and Prigozhin had reached an accord in the months following Prigozhin’s day-long insurrection in June. While Putin and his ad-

ministration initially labeled Prigozhin’s actions as treason and vowed to punish the guilty parties, they made an agreement that allowed Prigozhin to walk free on the condition that he relocated to Belarus.

The Kremlin has launched a criminal investigation into the crash, though there are allegations that the Russian government may have ordered the accident to remove Prigozhin and other vital members of the private military group.

On Wednesday, President Joe Biden stated that he believed Putin was responsible for the crash, but was unable to verify that belief.

“There’s not much that happens in Russia that Putin’s not behind,” he said.

The Russian-backed investigation is yet to indicate any discoveries from their investigation. Pentagon spokesman General Pat Ryder said that initial reports of a surface-to-air missile hitting the plane were inaccurate. He declined to comment when asked if the U.S. believed the crash was an assassination.

“It is no coincidence the whole world immediately looks at the Kremlin,” German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said. President Volodymyr Zel-

enskyy of Ukraine echoed this sentiment: “We (Ukraine) have nothing to do with this. Everyone understands who does.”

With Prigozhin’s death confirmed, many have pointed to Andrei Troshev as a potential leader of the Wagner group heading forward.

Troshev previously served as a lieutenant colonel in the Russian military and recently as a contact between Wagner and the Kremlin.

Wagner telegrams and member blogs indicate that Troshev may have been cast out of the group after the June insurrection, citing a betrayal between Troshev and Prigozhin.

“Troshev may be one of the future leaders of the updated Wagner, since the old Wagner is no longer and will not be,” military affairs expert Anton Mardasov said, indicating at least a restructuring of Wagner into a more controlled group.

In a televised statement addressing the families of the crash victims a day after the incident occurred, Putin said Prigozhin “achieved the results he needed both for himself, and when I asked him, for the common cause, as in these last months.”

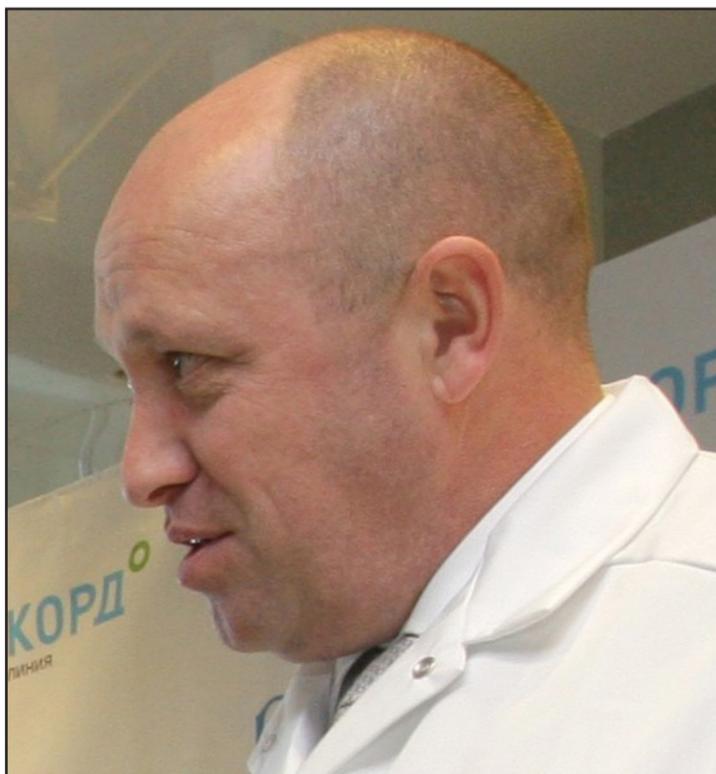


Photo courtesy of commons.wikimedia.org

Yevgeny Prigozhin, a prominent business owner and leader of the Wagner mercenary group, was killed in a plane crash on Aug. 23.

Manresa Isn't the Complicated Part

A Response to : Manresa Makes It Complicated

Manresa isn't for everybody. As someone who served on the Manresa Core this past year, I know that for a fact.

Despite the mixed feelings, Manresa is an opportunity for Xavier to open its doors and welcome 1,250 new students to campus as brand new Musketeers. This opportunity is not only an honor but a privilege, which is why we take the entire year to plan the program.

I served on the Manresa Core with four other talented undergraduates from Nov. 2022 until this August. To be qualified for this internship, you have to have been an orientation leader previously and passionate about the work you do. It involves long hours, hard decisions and being very meticulous when it comes to Excel sheets and how to use EngageXU.

With this job also comes challenges and failures — I won't deny this. It's no easy task to manage a week-long

event that takes up the entirety of campus and cares for a collective 1,400 students.

I will stand by the fact that we should have communicated better to any incoming first-year, any member of our team and anyone just curious about orientation.

What I won't stand for is falsely accusing our team of "not trying." While it is true that University Station switched its management over the summer, making early move-in an obstacle for our team, what was missing from the opinion in last week's edition was a copy of the countless emails, phone calls and physical visits to University Station that our team participated in. We deeply care for each person on our team and would never sit back and allow them to struggle with housing. As a tenant myself, I was in the exact same situation as others on our team. I'm deeply saddened that there are people on our campus who wouldn't

trust that we were trying our absolute best to handle the situation.

On the outside, it may have looked as if our silence was a bad thing. In reality, it was our team working with other parts of Xavier to create a compromise and solution. The members of the orientation team do nothing but serve our school and our peers with their time and resources. We would never leave them out to dry.

Manresa is a program where one must pay attention to detail. You have to take care of the little things, like which group, how much time it will take for students to get from point A to point B before we start the next activity or what events will build community and camaraderie within the

first-year class. All of these details feed into the final goal of making the Class of 2027 feel at home here in Cincinnati and at Xavier.

I hope that you will learn to appreciate the work of Manresa, whether you enjoyed the program or hated it. More importantly, I hope you all will understand the intricacy of the behind-the-scenes and give us grace as our program

I will stand by the fact that we should have communicated better to any first-year.. What I won't stand for is falsely accusing our team of "not trying."

continues to grow. I'd like to personally apologize to anyone who had a negative Manresa experience. While there's only so much our team could have done, we would never want anyone to not enjoy their time in the program. If you ever want to make a change, you can apply to be an orientation leader yourself and eventually make your way onto Core,

where you too can feel what it's like to truly be in this position.

I cannot thank this program enough for our success this year. Our team was made up of gifted and kind individuals, and they are the reason the program is amazing. Each and every one of them has a special place in my heart and the rest of Core's. Thank you for being on our block.



Emily Croft is a staff writer for *Newswire*. She is a Philosophy, Politics and the Public and English double major from Wheeling, West Virginia.

Direct Admission is the Answer

Xavier is officially opening the first Jesuit Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine school in the United States. In order to stand out, this school needs to establish a way to have other competitive factors against the existing top medical schools in Ohio — most famously, The Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati and Case Western.

The answer is obvious and precedented: Xavier's medical school needs a direct admission honors class. Brown University is the only Ivy League — and arguably the most well-known liberal arts school — to have a direct admission program to their own medical school. There are many liberal arts schools that do offer direct admission to a medical school program, but many do not offer admission to a school that is their own.

A proposal such as this could be beneficial to Xavier in two ways: This has the potential to increase undergrad enrollment and applicants to

the biomedical sciences program, as well as getting more positive press coverage for the future osteopathic school.

If potential biomedical science students tour Xavier's beautiful campus and fall in love with the community in hopes of being accepted into the honors direct admission program, they may fall in love so hard that they are willing to accept a non-honors spot in a healthcare sciences program here. This may be possible through specific tours catered to pre-medical students, with emphasis on the research opportunities here and Xavier's exceptional medical school placement rate.

Reporting from the class of 2019, Xavier has a 92% acceptance rate into medical school programs compared to the 40% national average.

Although the University of Cincinnati also has a direct admission program to their college of medicine, they do not have a College of Osteopathic Medicine. This would

make Xavier the only program like this in Cincinnati, and possibly the only program in the tri-state area. This would be an excellent way to market Xavier to students of all levels. Xavier could be a destination institution in osteopathic medicine, and this will be noticed by students considering pre-medical or medical programs. Currently, the average national acceptance rate for medical schools hovers around 6%. If the security of admission can be advertised, even if not guaranteed, many students will be drawn in by the possibility.

This kind of program is very attractive and competitive for students for many reasons. Direct admission offers students security that they will be able to go to medical school based on their high school credentials, barring any trouble or academic blunders the student may face at the university level.

This also gives students the ability to plan for where they

will be living. Many future medical school students are subjected to going to whichever medical school accepts them, no matter where in the world this school may be.

I think the College of Osteopathic Medicine is a good idea, but I want it to be an excellent idea. Xavier has a reputation for excellence in its majors in the healthcare field: health services administration, nursing, biomedical sciences and biological sciences for business all offer students with opportunities that will set them up with success for their entire career.

Our nursing program is already a direct admission program, and this proves very serviceable to Xavier as it is one of our most populated majors. We have been excellent in this field for years now. We need to prove we are not slowing down, and we can do it on a bigger and better scale again.

Potential students cannot understand how excellent

these programs are unless they see it and experience it with their own eyes. An honors direct admission class is only the beginning to attracting more students in the health sciences field. The College of Osteopathic Medicine will be successful, but it has the potential to impact enrollment, retention and acceptance rates in a powerfully positive way if it can be incorporated into one of the many experiences undergraduate students can take advantage of through the university.



Kayla Ross is the Back Page Editor for *Newswire*. She is a health services administration from Wadsworth, Ohio.

THE STAFF

Editor-in-Chief
Chloe Salvesson

Print Managing Editor
Katie Sanchez

Multimedia Managing Editor
Marty Dubecky

Campus News Editor
Jackson Hare

World News Editor
Justin Malone

Opinions & Editorials Editor
Grace Hamilton

Sports Editor
Ben Dickison

Arts & Entertainment Editor
Griffin Brammer

Back Page Editor
Kayla Ross

Newsletter Editor
Ethan Nichols

Head Copy Editor
Tess Dankoski

Copy Editors
Stella DeMarco, Marty Dubecky, Peter Melahn, Kyra Hudson, Laney Konz, Addison Burke

Staff Writers
Christian Cullen, Kyra Hudson, Clare McKinley, Pat Gainor, Justice Dickey, Brianna Dunn, Emily Croft, Carter Roos

Education & Enrichment Coordinator
Jesse Dolojan

Advisor
John Stowell

Mission Statement
The Xavier *Newswire* is committed to reporting the news, as well as explaining its significance to readers. In addition, through publishing opposing viewpoints and opinions, the *Newswire* hopes to foster a dialogue on campus and among students, faculty and staff.

Advertising

All inquiries should be directed to the Business Manager, Savannah Riley, by email at newswire@xavier.edu or at www.xaviernewswire.com

For Your Information
Xavier *Newswire* is published weekly throughout the school year, except during vacations and final exams, by the students of Xavier University, 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45207.

It's a Hard Pass on One Pass

The ALL Card is a central utility to life here at Xavier.

For most of us, this statement is very straightforward — something we're likely to agree with. If you're reading this, chances are that at some point in your time at Xavier you've used your ALL Card three times a day to swipe into the Caf, then another three times or so to get into your dorm and maybe once or twice to get into a building or pay for your coffee. For first-years, however, it probably sounds like a pretty bold claim to make, considering you've likely never had an ALL Card due to Xavier's recent push to remove physical ALL Cards from circulation.

While the idea to transition away from the physical ALL Card towards the digital-only One Pass in order to reduce plastic waste, save money and ensure students always have their ID is nice in theory, it also comes with some glaring issues. Having your access to campus facilities tied to a valuable object such as your phone, the obvious lack of preparation for this transition on part of the university and the failure of

many functions advertised by Xavier and Transact as part of the new One Pass system are all problems.

The first issue with this new system is the problematic nature of having your primary university access tied to a desirable item — your phone. While theft is not a particularly prevalent concern on campus itself, there is no denying that it is much more likely for a cell phone to be stolen than a student ID. A cell phone has an inherent and recognized value in today's society while a student ID does not, making it far more likely that an unattended or misplaced phone will be stolen when compared to an ALL Card.

Furthermore, under the ALL Card system, a student who lost their ALL Card would still have access to their phone in order to contact a roommate in a pinch or could visit Auxiliary Services in order to procure a replacement card. With the One Pass system, however, a student who loses their phone, and by association, their ID, is locked out of many buildings on campus and is also unable to contact campus services or other stu-

dents, leaving them stranded in the event that the Auxiliary Services office is closed.

Another issue with the transition to One Pass is that the university appears to be completely unprepared for these changes.

Beyond posting flyers in residence halls and adding a few informational slides to the Xavier website, it appears that nothing has been done to recognize the change or modernize school policies. The policy guidebook on Xavier's website, for example, still refers to the ALL Card as Xavier's "approved identification card" while also stating that the university "issues one ALL Card to individuals recognized as being affiliated with the institution." It is also worth noting that this document has not been updated since 2018, and yet seems to be the only source of official policy on university IDs.

The digital ALL Cards associated with the One Pass system also notably lack a student ID number, which is not only important for many functions on campus, but also is listed in the ALL Card policy document as information

that will be present on every iteration of the ALL Card.

Finally, many features of the One Pass system do not work how they were advertised.

Firstly, the basic functions such as unlocking doors have been less than consistent in many residence hall card readers, sometimes requiring students to scan their phone multiple times to enter. The "increased security" advertised by both Xavier and Transact — the company responsible for One Pass — is not elaborated on, so it is unclear how the new system is more secure.

What is explained on Transact's website, however, is the capability of their system to track and predict student movements on campus, so rest assured that your data is being collected, analyzed and utilized by a third-party.

The "power reserve" function designed to keep your One Pass functional after your phone dies was a promising solution to some issues the One Pass presents, but like many other aspects of the One Pass, falls short and doesn't work at all on some

devices.

While the ability to have ALL Card functionality tied to your phone is nice, it is clearly not ready to be rolled out yet. Even if it was, there is no compelling reason not to issue a traditional ALL Card alongside the electronic system.

We as a university should take a step back and consider the ramifications of this change and the message it sends about our community, or at least properly prepare for its introduction, before making a change to such a central facet of campus life.



Carter Roos is a staff writer for *Newswire*. He is a English Education from Waynesville, Ohio.

Off Dana Danger

The start of the school year always brings very fun shopping trips: going to Target to get decorations for your dorm, going to Kroger to get snacks for those late night study sessions and going on Amazon to get a steering wheel lock so that your car does not get stolen.

Xavier students returned to campus last week with all the normal worries of an academic year, but for many of us, it's our first year living off-campus. We have to deal with grocery trips, walking or driving to campus everyday and a whole host of new concerns. Chief among these concerns is our safety. Obviously when one is living on campus, one must be concerned about theirsafety. However, it's simply different once you move from Kuhlman to Cleney. Instead of an incredibly well-lit yard, you have dark side-

walks stretching back into the neighborhoods.

Instead of the easily accessible and quick response from the blue light system, you'll have to pull your phone out and call an emergency number — XUPD or CPD. Thank God I don't have any classes later than 4 p.m. Otherwise, it would be a long walk back home in the dark.

There are clear steps Xavier students can take to stay safe: Be aware of your surroundings, try not to travel alone and so on. But the impetus should not be completely on us students. I understand that off-campus living is, well, off campus. This affects both Xavier's responsibility and ability to ensure safety. I also understand that a place as safe an environment as on-campus living is never truly possible. But I still feel as though

Xavier should be making strides to ensure that all students feel safe at this university, not just those who live on campus.

Firstly, we must acknowledge the rash amount of break-ins at Xavier and the areas surrounding it. Simply put, it's abhorrent. Multiple students had their cars broken into, including Xavier residential students. While I appreciate the wheel locks XUPD provided for students, it feels like a half-measure. It is a reactive measure to a problem that demands proactiveness. More patrols will help, but there are strides to be made with car protection past roaming the lots and installing locks.

I won't sit here and say I have a solution, but it would be nice to know what steps are being taken, both to help those affected by the break-ins and those who are vul-

nerable to the break-ins.

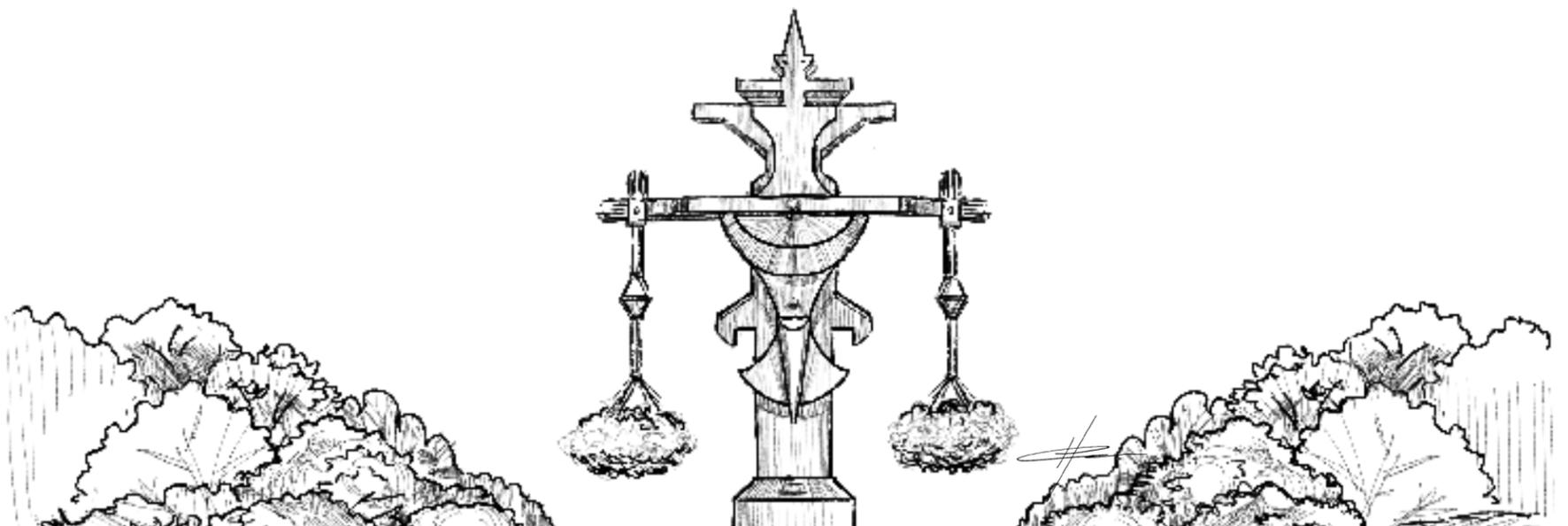
It also should not be too much of an ask to extend the blue light system a bit farther. The blue light system is an essential part of on campus safety but can easily extend off campus. If XUPD can serve people off campus, then they should be able to install blue light pillars off campus as well.

There is also the issue of lighting on the walks, both to the Village and to areas off-campus. There are certainly more hoops to jump through on this front, but I would hope that Xavier could work with others to help make the walks back from class just a little bit more lit. If they cannot get the lighting to improve, even a shuttle up to the All For One Shop — or farther down Cleney — would take a significant bite out of the walk back.

I doubt that some of the ideas I have will end up being implemented. However, the sentiment I expressed will hopefully persevere. Xavier should strive for the level of off-campus safety that I am asking them to hold in this article. I hope Xavier can improve the current situation so that the level of safety students feel off-campus can match the safety they feel on campus.



Christian Cullen is a staff writer for *Newswire*. He is a psychology major from Louisville.



Xavier Soccer's Fast Start is No Lie

Musketeers have amassed wins over Northeastern, Louisville and Western Kentucky

By PAT GAINOR
Staff Writer

Xavier women's soccer has kicked off the season with a scorching hot 3-1 record two weeks into the season.

After a successful campaign last year advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for only the second time in program history, Xavier entered the season with high expectations. Beginning the year ranked second in the Big East preseason poll, the goal for this year is clear — Big East Championship or bust.

As of Sunday, the Muskies, ranked number 17 nationally, kicked off their season with a 3-1 record with back-to-back 2-0 wins over Northeastern and Louisville, a 1-0 loss to Illinois and a dominant 5-1 win over WKU — the latter being the most goals Xavier has scored in a game since 2019.

The early season success is thanks both to excellent play from veterans and new freshmen and acquisitions from the transfer portal that Head Coach Nate Lie secured during the offseason. Despite the departure of players like All-American midfielder Molly McLaughlin, veterans Ella Rogers and Sonia Vargas have

stepped up, with both netting a goal in the 2-0 win against Louisville. Sophomore Maria Galley, whose outstanding defense helped Xavier to eight shutouts amidst their 13-game unbeaten streak last year, has also been excellent. She was selected for Big East Goalkeeper of the Week after opening the year with back to back shutouts and has accumulated nine saves against two goals allowed so far.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of this team is the talent that has emerged from the 2027 class and the acquisitions from the transfer portal and recruiting trail. Most notable from the portal is freshman midfielder Kennedy Clark, who leads the team in points after notching a goal and an assist in the win against Western Kentucky. From the transfer portal, Lie landed commitments from Houston midfielder Samantha Wiehe and Stanford defender Madison Ayson.

Wiehe, a junior who grew up in Northfield, Ohio, made a statement early as she scored the first goal of the season in the opener against Northeastern. Ever since, she's made going unnoticed impossible with her aggressive touches and drives making opponents' lives miser-



Photo courtesy of goxavier.com

Sophomore forward Regan Dancer (pictured above after scoring a goal) was named in this week's Big East Honor Roll after amassing three points in games against Illinois and Western Kentucky.

able when they try to cross midfield. She currently sits at four points after scoring the opening goal on Sunday. On the defensive side, Ayson — who won the National Championship with Stanford in 2019 — has accompanied Natalie Bain, a preseason All Big East Team selection, and Maddie Reed into making the Muskies' defense nearly impenetrable. Thanks to their efforts, Xavier has collectively outshot their opponents 57-29 four games into the season.

Five non-conference games remain in the schedule, with two of the hardest matches of the season on the horizon for the Musketeers. On Thursday, Xavier takes on Saint Louis, who is just outside the United Soccer Coaches poll, before returning home to host number 21 Pitt in an intense ranked matchup at Corcoran on September 7.

On Sunday, September 10, the Musketeers will meet the Knights of Bellarmine University for the first time in program history. After that

match at Corcoran, the women in navy will take a two-game excursion to Texas for matches against Lamar University (Sept. 14) in Beaumont and Rice University (Sept. 17) in Houston.

Big East conference play commences on September 21 at Corcoran Field against Butler. The Musketeers will battle each in-conference foe once in the regular season. The Georgetown Hoyas, preseason favorite to win the conference championship, roll into town on October 5.

Your Fantastic Football Players and Where to Find Them

Newswire's official guide on how to draft to accumulate fantasy points this NFL Season

By OWEN BARR
Guest Writer

With the NFL season just a few weeks away, it's time for the fantasy football train to get going. As your respective drafts approach, let's run down the depth chart and look at the hottest top players, the best players to trade for, good sleeper picks and the players to avoid.

At wide receiver (WR), there seems to be an absolute treasure trove of talent. Wide receivers Justin Jefferson (Minnesota Vikings), Tyreek Hill (Miami Dolphins), Davante Adams (Las Vegas Raiders) and Cooper Kupp (Los Angeles Rams) are likely to go in the first round of many drafts. These players are talented, and all of them are likely to produce results this year.

Much like wide receivers, there are a lot of running backs (RB) available who are going to be impactful. This includes Christian McCaffery (San Francisco 49ers), Austin Ekeler (Los Angeles Chargers), Nick Chubb (Cleveland Browns) and Josh Jacobs (Las Vegas Raiders), who are all likely to be integral pieces of many fantasy teams.

For quarterbacks (QB), Patrick Mahomes (Kansas City



Photo courtesy of commons.wikimedia.org

Los Angeles Chargers running back Austin Ekeler caught 107 passes out of the backfield last season. His versatility places him among the likes of Justin Jefferson, Ja'Marr Chase and Christian McCaffery in drafts.

Chiefs) is going to be the player most people are longing for, but there are plenty of other great options. Josh Allen (Buffalo Bills), Joe Burrow (Cincinnati Bengals), Jalen Hurts (Philadelphia Eagles) and Lamar Jackson (Baltimore Ravens) are fantastic picks who are going to be very productive this year.

Finally, Travis Kelce (Kansas City Chiefs) might seem like the only real option at tight

end, he is far from the sole pick. Mark Andrews (Baltimore Ravens), T.J. Hockenson (Minnesota Vikings) and David Njoku (Cleveland Browns) are all good options, and are likely to be available in the early rounds of the draft.

In terms of trading, one person's trash is another person's dynasty starter, and there are plenty of formidable targets this season, such

as James Connor (RB, Arizona Cardinals). Connor has been an overlooked running back the past few seasons, despite posting good numbers and being a solid producer. Connor will likely be sitting on a lot of benches, making him the perfect target to be picked up. Another great trade target that has seemingly flown under the radar is Jerick McKinnon (RB, Kansas City Chiefs). McKinnon post-

ed impressive stats in his 2022 campaign in Kansas City, and he had the highest points per touch among true running backs in the NFL. Despite that, McKinnon will probably end up riding the bench or sitting as a third string back on a lot of teams. Therefore, he will make a great trade target for those looking for a good, consistent running back.

Other good trade targets to keep an eye on are Tyler Higbee (TE, Los Angeles Rams), Jerome Ford (RB, Cleveland Browns) and Terrence Marshall Jr. (WR, Carolina Panthers).

Baker Mayfield (QB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers) has looked abysmal throughout preseason and training camp, and he shows little sign of improvement. Another gunslinger that looks primed to fall flat this season is Dak Prescott (Dallas Cowboys), who has looked woeful in training camp and who does not have an exemplary receiving core around him.

Finally, we have DeAndre Hopkins (WR, Tennessee Titans). The aging receiver finds himself on a team that ranked third-to-last in the league in passing attempts last season, and who's QB in Ryan Tannehill has looked mediocre at best.

Tattoo Convention Leaves Mark on Cincy

BY JUSTICE DICKEY
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Cincinnati hosted the fifth annual leg of the international Villain Arts Tattoo Convention. The convention welcomed an eclectic group of people from all across the globe to celebrate artistry, oddities and a culture with an appreciation for pain.

With three days packed with blood, sweat and excitement, individuals were able to come together to show off their tattoos and get inked by a variety of artists.

Walking through the doors of the convention center, visitors were hit with a kaleidoscope of colors. Navigating through rows of vibrant stalls, artists showcased an array of styles. Everything from traditional and neo-traditional to realism, watercolor

and more made up the booths. Attendees saw an up-close view of the intricate process of transforming skin into a canvas as tattooers turned breathing works of art.

For attendees wishing for some fresh ink, each of the booths offered a diverse display of flash art to choose from. Several featured gumball machines loaded with mystery designs stowed away in plastic capsules.

Ava Conti, an artist representing Dynamic Tattoos out of Wauseon, Ohio, is no stranger to the Villain Arts Conventions.

"I've been to the Kansas City convention, Cleveland, back to Cleveland again, and now I'm here," Conti said, while buzzing away at a tattoo.

"I'm having a great time at the Cincy convention. It's a

great vibe all around," Conti said.

While the convention offered a chance to get a new piece of body art, it also hosted a variety of entertainment for those not looking to get tattooed. The convention offered several performances on a main stage in the back of the center. These varied from proclaimed heavy metal magicians, Ringling Brothers stars, contortionists and *America's Got Talent* stars and sword-swallowing sideshow couple Captain and Maybelle.

The entertainment also featured side shows put on by some of the tattoo artists, giving them a chance to share their passions outside tattooing. In one such sideshow, I was introduced to Poundcake and Egg, two falcons that were trained by one of the artists who also works in wildlife education.



Newswire photos courtesy of Griffin Brammer



BY KYRA HUDSON
Staff Writer

- Taylor Swift toured in Mexico for the first time in her career (Aug. 24).
- Meghan Trainor won the Streamy music award for her song "Made You Look" (Aug. 27).
- Greta Gerwig's *Barbie* surpassed *Harry Potter* as the highest grossing Warner Bros film ever (Aug. 28).

Many artists entered competitions where they could show off their work and compete head-to-head with other artists. Artists competed in various categories, including a wide range of sizes, placements and styles. At the end of the convention, it was announced that Best in Show for the whole convention went to St. Petersburg-based artist Roman Grazhdantsev for his full-calf tattoo featuring a vibrant mix of photorealistic dinosaurs and flowers. Holy Trinity Tattoo, the touring Europe-based tattoo group Grazhdantsev belongs to, took to Instagram to express their gratitude not just for Best in Show, but also the oth-

er 20 awards they took home. "Thank you to @villainarts for all your support and invitation to this amazing event," they said.

Philosophy, Politics and the Public major Abby Koogler attended the convention on Sunday — its final day — adding two new tattoos to her collection. Koogler expressed a strong love of the convention and the community it fosters.

"The tattoo community has always been one I've loved getting to be a part of," Koogler said. "To have a space where everyone can come together and share in the appreciation of the art is so special to me and many others."

Soto DC Film *Blew Minds* and *Beat-All* Expectations

BY JOSÉ MARÍA GÁMEZ-LAMADRID
Guest Writer

I grew up with superheroes — Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman and the like. Paragons of selflessness and compassion, the superhero represents the best qualities of humanity. Superheroes should reflect the people and culture around us. There's something magical about seeing a character on the silver screen that not only looks like you, but speaks the same language, eats the same food and shares the same culture as you, all while being a beacon of the human spirit. In this regard, *Blue Beetle* was magic.

Directed by Ángel Manuel Soto of *Charm City Kings* (2020) fame, the film follows recent college grad Jaime Reyes (Xolo Maridueña), eager to join the workforce and show off his achievement as a first-generation graduate in order to help his family manage their looming rent. While back home in the fictional Palmera City, Jaime crosses paths with Jenny Kord (Bruna Marquezine) — niece of CEO Victoria Kord (Susan Sarandon) and heir to the Kord

Industries throne — who entrusts him with the all-powerful "scarab" weapon, fearful that her aunt might use the bug-shaped alien artifact for evildoing.

The scarab fuses to his spine to transform him into the reluctant hero. Christened as the "Blue Beetle," Jamie must use his new abilities to fight back against Victoria Kord and her second-in-command Carapax (Raoul Trujillo), all while keeping his family and secret identity safe.

On paper, *Blue Beetle* seems a bit by-the-numbers: A protagonist gets powers, fights a villain with similar powers, experiences the death of a beloved, has a motivational heart-to-heart and defeats the scheming, racist villain.

A seemingly tried-and-true formula, Soto sprinkles in a bit of a twist. Carapax says the cliché: "Your love for your family makes you weak." But *Blue Beetle* proves the opposite — this time the family is in on the secret. The Reyes are present during Jaime's transformation, and instead of scolding him to hide his powers, they encourage Jaime to embrace this new role, and seek out ways in which they

can offer support. Uncle Rudy Reyes (George Lopez) takes on the mentor role during Jaime's distress, emphasizing that Palmera City could use a hero that looks like one of its own.

And that's where the movie shines. Besides being a fun

comic book movie, *Blue Beetle* serves as a celebration of Latino culture — the music, the food, the television shows, the habits — all of it. Jaime Reyes listens to the music I listen to. He uses the same slang I do. His name is Anglicized by his peers, just like



Photo courtesy of commons.wikimedia.org
Latino-American actor Xolo Maridueña delivers an authentic portrayal of Latino culture as the titular superhero in DC Comics' *Blue Beetle*.

mine is ("hai-meh" becomes "jay-mee"), and, just like me, he has to correct them.

I didn't just see Jaime on the screen — I could see myself, as well as the rest of my family. His grandma uses Vicks VapoRub as a cure-all ointment. A portrait of the Virgen de Guadalupe hangs above an altar in their living room. Pet names like "cabezón" zip back and forth in conversation. Before he leaves for a job interview at Kord Industries, the Reyes won't let Jaime say goodbye without bestowing him with "la bendición."

I couldn't move back to campus before receiving "la bendición."

In *Blue Beetle*, the Latino representation is real. It feels authentic. Under a less competent director, the references and dialogue would've felt ham-fisted, clumsy, stereotypical, even, especially if the director weren't Latino.

Under the direction of Soto, *Blue Beetle* is a standout entry in the DC universe amid recent box office flops, and delivers a familiar, but joyful and heartfelt romp that few comic book movies have ever achieved.

Like I said... it's magical.



Aries: You are a false fall. You are the cool breeze in the morning giving us empty hope.



Taurus: You are a sunburn. Please wear sunscreen so you don't get cancer or wrinkles.



Gemini: You are dehydration. Always drink lots of water when it is this hot outside!



Cancer: You are the throbbing headache I just can't shake due to the conditions.



Leo: You are the random fit of extreme hunger. Listen to your body. It needs carbs after all the water weight you just lost in sweat.



Virgo: You are humidity that is so fierce, my entire body is disgustingly soaked after just one moment outside.



Libra: You are my poor backpack. She has been through it. She has definitely smelled better.



Scorpio: You are the Hailstones room that remains 55 degrees, even though it is 95 outside.



Sagittarius: You are my lack of motivation due to extreme fatigue.



Capricorn: You are the random fit of nausea from the extreme heat. Just lay down in the dark.



Aquarius: You are the sweaty, musty sock smell that has been lingering around campus.



Pisces: You are the Justice Stank that is unmistakable and amplified in the heat. Avoid the crosswalk at the four-way stop next to Currito.



We Are Melting

BY BRIANA DUNN, STAFF WRITER

I don't know about you, but I currently have beef with the sun. Yes, that big, stupid shining thing in the sky that has made the last week way too freaking hot. I mean, over 90 degrees?! EVERY DAY?!?! As if that is not enough, it feels like 100+ outside! What a way to kick off the academic year!

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for warm weather and laying on the pavement like a lizard just to absorb the heat, but it is a little TOO warm. If I were to lay on the pavement in this weather, I'd melt into a puddle. Seriously. Last week, I was sitting on the yard in the shade, and I STILL got a sunburn. Could that be from my lack of sunscreen? Maybe, but if you haven't realized yet, I will be blaming the sun.

It's not even the heat that's the problem. The humidity is a different story. The air should not be thicker than a Super Shaggy Sandwich. Also, why is it spicy when you're breathing? That's not normal.

I miss the good old days when you could walk outside and not melt like ice cream. What happened to those 75- and 80-degree days? Oh, to sit on an adirondack chair on the yard as you're narrowly missed by a football. Those were the days. Now I just feel like a water bottle covered in condensation.

While you're here, can someone explain to me why the shade on campus is at least 10 degrees cooler than unshaded areas? I understand that it will be inherently cooler, but it's significantly more comfortable and cooler. It doesn't make sense. If you can explain this, please contact *Newswire* while I recover from the weather in my room's air conditioning.

To my point, I'm not saying we jump right into winter or the low 50-degree weather of early November, but a nice 70-degree day with a light breeze would be greatly appreciated. Back to the originally scheduled programming, this week's weather looks like an average high of 82 degrees. I know, but please hold your applause. Over Labor Day weekend, the weather forecast returns to the high 80s and low 90s weather we survived last week. So please, go buy some sunscreen, a hat and maybe a fan for your room. Be safe out there, and don't forget to drink water.

To Ohio, Cincinnati and the Sun, please bring a cooler day in the future. Or plant more trees around campus. I'm begging you.



COMIC BY BRIANA DUNN