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New SAC Officers Elected

By Logan Winé



Hamilton



Dornfeld



Shewmaker



Sheffer



Ryan



Laffoon

With the school year coming to a close, the senior class leaders will now pass the torch to the current junior class and the underclassmen. For the first time in three years, the SAC elections were open to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors, with 60.2 percent of the students voting in the primaries and 64.4 percent voting in the final election, including 73 percent of the junior class.

The new SAC leaders are: President, Matthew Hamilton; Vice President, Trey Dornfeld; Secretary, John Shewmaker; Treasurer, Sam Sheffer; Junior Class President, Patrick Ryan; and Sophomore Class President, Gavin Laffoon.

The elected officers are led by

faculty members Mr. John Jefferson and Mrs. Mary Jefferson.

According to new SAC leader Hamilton, “I will try to lead the school by definitely keeping the school spirit alive. I want to also reach out to the sports that don’t always get as much attention. I promise to always try my hardest in anything I do.”

Hamilton’s goals for the year include a big celebration for St. X’s 150-year anniversary. He hopes to impress the alumni with this event.

However, with great power comes great responsibility. “Being the SAC President is certainly a very daunting and difficult task,” Hamilton said. “There is a lot of pressure, especially being a leader that underclassmen are

supposed to look up to. It also makes me feel great to be the head of our senior class. I know it will take quite a bit of time, but I believe I am ready for the challenge to try to make this school the best it can be.”

Dornfeld said he was “shocked” to win the election for Vice President. He plans to keep the idea of homeroom representatives alive, and he wants everyone to have an opinion.

“I’m really excited for all the possibilities for the upcoming year and hope to help create some of the best memories St. X has ever had,” said incoming junior class president Ryan. He hopes to help organize bigger and better events and always stay open to everyone’s ideas.

Sophomore class president Gavin Laffoon said, “My role is to make the ideas and concerns of the underclassmen known to the executive board, and I want all of next year’s sophomores to feel free to bring their ideas to me. I plan to make it easier for students to be involved in activities. I want to utilize the iPads and QR codes to let everyone have input on events. I plan on working with the board to make St. X as great as it can be.”

It seems as if SAC has a great lineup of leaders. Congratulations to all of the new SAC officials, and thanks to all those who ran in the elections and voted. Hopefully, SAC will make the 2013–14 school year one of the best in St. X history.

Next Week Could Make History Tigers could win 4 More State Titles in a Week

By Clay Bollinger

State Championships are what school athletic departments strive to accomplish and set as their goal from the beginning of off-season conditioning and carry with them throughout the journey of their seasons. So far this year, four teams at St. Xavier have been crowned State Champions of Kentucky: Soccer, Cross Country, Swimming & Diving, and Wrestling. By Saturday, May 18, we can potentially add four more titles to our banners.

If that happens, the Tiger sports program will have accomplished something that has never been done, according to records from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. No school has ever swept Rugby, Tennis, Lacrosse, and Track & Field in a single season, but we are in a great position to do so. The Tiger teams will give their best to bring home these four State Championships. Tiger Baseball plays in their State Championship in June, which would add yet another trophy to the Spring Sports sweep.

It all begins with the Rugby State Championship at Seneca Park on Sunday. The Rugby team has been dominant this year, defeating all in-state teams as well as Cincinnati St. X. The Tigers are the clear favorites, and it would be their 2nd state title in a row.

The Tennis team will travel to Lexington to play at the University of Kentucky’s Boone/Downing Tennis Complex starting on Wednesday with the Team Competition – Semifinals. Thursday will continue the boys’ teams and start the individual competitions beginning at 8:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday will determine if a fifth straight State Championship is evident for the Tennis Tigers. The Doubles Championships will be played on Saturday, May 18 at 1:30 P.M. followed by the Singles Championships at 3:30 P.M. Expectations by Coach Kerry Lancaster are that senior Sean Donohue and sophomore Brandon Lancaster will be in the singles finals, with hopefully a couple of doubles teams in the finals as well.

The State Tournament for La-

crosse will go on all week, beginning Monday with the quarterfinals. All State Tournament games will be played on the Tigers’ home field as they, for the first time in the careers of those currently playing, will host the State Championship semifinals and finals. Friday night will be the highlight of the week if the state’s top-ranked Tiger Lacrosse team is playing.

Friday will also be the first day of the Tiger Track Team’s chase for their first State Championship since 2003. The meet will be held at Owsley Frazier Cardinal Park at the University of Louisville. Races to watch for with high potential for Tiger wins are the 4x200 relay, 1600 featuring defending State Champion Connor Sheryak, and 100m hurdles with Zach McKendrick. Coach Mike Brockman believes that this team, currently ranked #2 in the state, can surpass North Hardin High School and bring home the trophy.

This has truly been the Year of the Tiger to date, and this week could put it over the top and be remembered forever by everyone in the St. X com-

munity. A lot of work has been done to put each of these teams in the position to win a title, and that effort will not be overlooked as support from friends, family and faculty will be evident at each of these games and matches. This could put us on track to end the school year with eight State Championships—something never heard of and only capable of being done at the greatest high school in America.

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St. X has Huge Success at KUNA

By Hunter O'Brien



The St. X Y-Club had its most successful Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA) conference in recent years. KUNA is a three-day mock United Nations conference attended by high school students from all across the state to introduce and debate proposals. Each school represents several countries, and this year St. X represented Iceland, Denmark and Sweden. Not only did St. X walk away with the award for Best Delegation, but also the proposals by Iceland and Sweden were both passed. St. X was also nominated for Best Native Attire, but did not win.

Junior Cullen Flaherty received the honor of being chosen as the Editor and Chief of the Media Corps for next year's conference. Senior Conner Mackowiak received the award for Outstanding Ambassador.

St. X came into the year with a new moderator, Mr. Nathan Bird, and he showed amazing poise.

"I thought he did a great job for his first year!" said senior Chris Martin, who was especially impressed with how Mr. Bird went up on stage in front of the whole conference and yelled, "KUNA 2013! How do you feel?" Everyone responded positively.

Senior Chris Filardo, who also served as a Summit Chairman, was very positive about his experience at the KUNA conferences he has been to over the years. "KUNA, for me, was one of the best things I did at St. X. KUNA gave me the opportunity to experience world cultures, run for leadership positions, work as a team and individual to win awards, and meet a host of intelligent women."

Mackowiak said that the KUNA experience is one he will "cherish for the rest of my life." He also said, "Having to say goodbye is the very definition of bittersweet."

Mackowiak has good advice for the new incoming Y-Club members: "What you get from the Y is exactly what you put into it. Let yourself get absorbed by the experience and live it to the fullest. You'll be grateful you did."

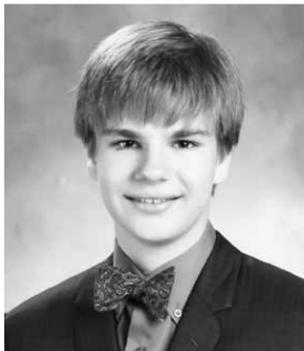
There are two conferences for the Y-Club every year, one of which is KUNA and the other is the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA).

To find more information about KUNA and figure out if you would like to attend the conference next year, check out their website, <http://kymca.org/kuna>.

Timothy's Film Receives More Awards

Senior Ian Timothy received a Gold Medal in the Student Film category of the New York Festivals International TV and Film Awards Competition. The awards were given at the National Association of Broadcasters convention. Ian's film *Day Shift* and another entry from South Africa were the only student films to win Gold Medals. The New York Festivals is an International Awards Group (IAG) LLC Company that recognizes the world's best work in advertising and TV, and Film and Radio programs. This competition featured entries from 50 countries. Ian joins the company of productions like History Channel's *Hatfields and McCoy's* as a Gold Medal winner this year.

Timothy also is a recent recipient of a Silver Telly Award in the Animation category for *Day Shift*. This prestigious international professional award is the highest honor given by the Telly Awards. Fewer than 5 percent of all entries receive this award. Timothy's film won in a professional category, not a student one. This places his animation in the elite of professional productions. This year, there were more than 12,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents.



NISCA Academic All-Americans

Eleven members of the Tiger Swimming & Diving Team were selected to the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of America, Inc. All America Team. While more than 343,698 students are involved in aquatics at the high school level, only about two percent are recognized as high school All-Americans. The winners are Nick Sehlinger, Anthony Caneris, Ryan McMillen, Rush Cromer, Mitchell Forde, Collins O'Brien, John Goldsborough, Ryan Leamy, Adam Van Camp, Joey Kitchen, and Harrison Pruitt.

Additionally, the varsity swimming and diving team has also been awarded the Gold Scholar Team Award from NISCA for having an average GPA of 3.763 for the 43 varsity letter winners this year.

German Students Recognized

Twenty students received special recognition from the American Association of German Teachers (AATG) for their performance on the 2013 National German Exam, with four of them scoring in the 90th percentile: Luke Kozal, Brian Ford, Christopher Raymond and Gabriel Turner. Others recognized were Samuel Broussard, Paul Holt, Alec Mudd, Nicholas Snider, Michael Stairs, Joseph Bousamra, Zach Doninger, Glen Gnadinger, Orion Johns, Will Marx, Michael Herde, Sean Hynes, Joe Kaninberg, Andrew Marquess, Kevin Reilly and Michael Turner. Additionally, Brian Ford and Christopher Raymond were finalists in consideration for a German Travel award.

Forde Wins Sports Journalism Award

St. X senior Mitchell Forde has been named the winner of the 2013 Publishers Press-Billy Reed Journalism Award in the editorial/written category for his article on St. X alumni and Olympic swimmer Clark Burckle, which appeared in the Winter 2013 issue of the St. X Alumni magazine *The Tiger*. Forde will receive \$500, receive the chance to have his work featured on the LouisvilleCatholicSports.com website, and be recognized during an awards banquet on May 14.



GSP and GSA Students Selected

Ten juniors have been invited to participate in the prestigious five-week residential summer program held on the campuses of Bellarmine University, Morehead University and Murray State University: Sam Bibelhauser, Orion Johns, Daniel Karem, Abishek Mahesh, Will Marx, Carlos Munoz, Ben Otten, John Tompkins, Erik Vokoun and Freddie Weitendorf. Alternates are Ben Fultz, Max Jones, and Connor Pavon.

Additionally, sophomore Joe Glaser was selected for the drama program at the Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts program. It is a three-week residential summer program held at Transylvania University June 23-July 13. Alternate is Michael Hommrich.

2013 Eagle Scouts



Congratulations to St. X students who have completed all requirements to earn an Eagle Scout badge. Front Row (left to right): Chris Amstutz, Noah Bauer, Geoffrey Bohn, Jeremy Burch, Christian Bush, Paul Craig, Connor Dosch, Eric Frank, Chris Gartner, Austin Goss, Matthew Greene, and Daniel James; Middle Row (left to right): Charlie Hammon, Alex Haydon, Matt Jones, Max Jones, Harrison Kirby, Luke Kozal, Caleb Lamppin, Jacob Madalon, Joseph Mann, Brian Mattingly, Phil Miller Jr., and John Nolan; Back Row (left to right): Michael Ritter, Joshua Roux, Chris Smith, Danny Spitz, Jeremy Thomas, Mason Walker, Tom Weikel, Freddie Weitendorf, Adam Williams, Andrew Wuetcher, and Hunter York.

Not pictured: Colin Shannon.

Quick Recall 2nd in State

The Quick Recall Team advanced to the championship game of the Governor's Cup State Finals and finished second place, missing the championship by one point. This second-place finish was the best in St. X history. The Quick Recall Team members are Cole Pospisil, Parker Elliott, Will Sack, Collin Stevens, Jon Fish, Tanner Thieneman, Freddie Weitendorf, Chris Gartner, Ben Fultz, John Tompkins, Orion Johns and Abishek Mahesh.

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The Beauty of Nature

Wilderness Retreat helps students find God in the outdoors

By Ben Chartoff

On April 10, ten seniors and three teachers traveled to Red River Gorge for the Senior Wilderness Retreat. We hiked to a campsite just on top of one of the mountains and camped out for two nights. Overall, it was one of the best experiences of my life.

Throughout the three days on the Gorge, we took four hikes averaging over two miles per hike. We went to various scenic places such as Grey's Arch, which was by far my favorite spot.

When we got to the Arch, we were allowed 30 minutes to find a resting point in solitude and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. It was one of the better experiences I've had dealing with nature.

Our teachers/chaperones were Mr. John Zickel, Mr. Jeff Farmer and Mr. Frank Hulsman, all who have traveled to the Gorge multiple times and know the best spots to witness.

On our third hike, they took us on a sunset trek up to a huge ridge on the side of a mountain. It was such a beautiful site, but we got caught in a rain-



storm and some of us ran back to the bus. As wet as we got, it was still a blast being with some of my brothers and taking a break from the stress of school.

The junior retreat at St. X is considered one of the best retreat programs because it really brings each person closer to himself and God. However, the Wilderness Retreat is much different because there are fewer reflections and more time spent

finding God in nature rather than in small groups. The retreat was amazing and just as good as junior retreat.

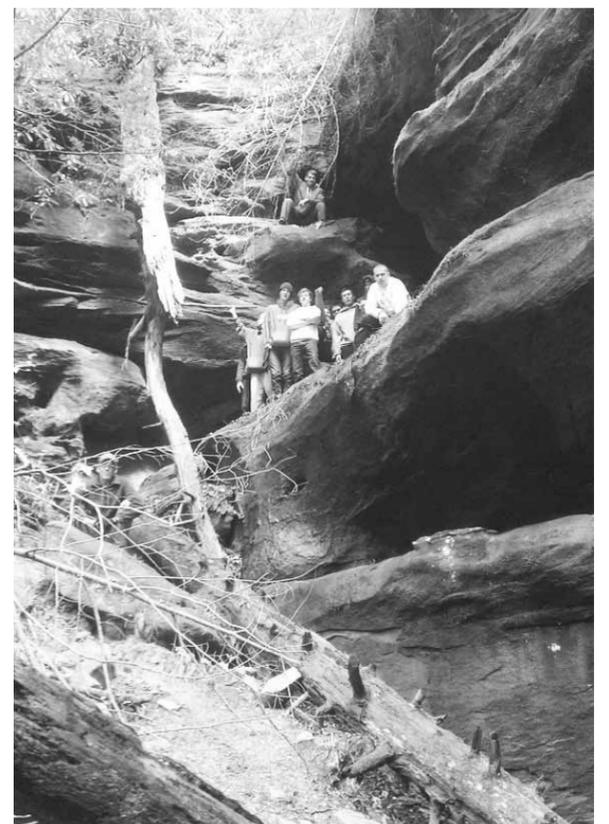
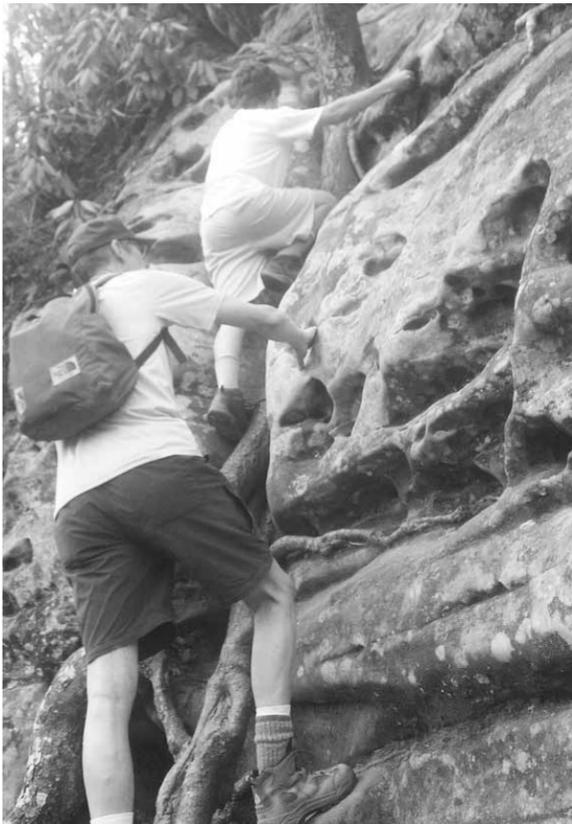
Matt Sisler agreed that his favorite part of the retreat was hiking to all of the different places, like Grey's Arch. How would he compare it to junior retreat?

"It was much better in the sense that we had more time to relax and have fun with our fellow brothers," said Sisler. "I would recommend it to next year's seniors because it was a time to get away and be amazed by the sheer beauty of nature."

As for the food, I never went hungry. We cooked hot dogs over the campfire and made a big pot of chili the first night. We had enough pulled pork to feed an army the second night.

My experience at the Gorge was unforgettable, and no one should pass up on this amazing opportunity.

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Poverty Simulation Success

Juniors learn about the challenges of low income

By Austin Smith

In March, the St. X junior class had a great experience that helped them see what life might be like if they weren't as fortunate as they are. The juniors simulated poverty in the gym by taking the roles of people who have to live under conditions that hindered their daily lives in many different ways. Some people had to find jobs, deal with foreclosures, or deal with a serious illness in the family. Others had multiple children who had many problems of their own such as disabilities or drug problems. Those portraying parents also had to constantly

worry about transportation, trying to get all the bills paid, and taking care of their kids with their minimal income. Most of these parents had to try to accomplish all this without a spouse or much other support from anyone else. This experience allowed the juniors to see what poverty might be like and all the constant stress that comes with it.

The Poverty Simulation also allowed them to realize the many stresses of just being an adult in general, considering all the financial needs, caring for children, etc. This proved to be enlightening and a bit of a chal-

lenging experience for the juniors as they were faced with minimal time and resources.

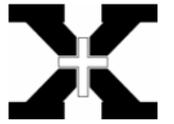
"I learned about how tough a life of poverty is," said Quentin Gleitz.

Bobby Bruns called it a "fun experience where I learned a lot about how tough it might be to be a parent who has to worry about putting enough food on the table for his family every day."

Luke Esterle added, "The experience really opened my eyes not only to the parenting struggles of being impoverished, but how the entire situ-

ation affects the lives of kids. Most of these kids don't really get to participate in as many activities as they would like or they don't even have parents around that much to care for and love them."

Overall, the juniors learned about the trials that people in poverty face daily, and how hard life as an adult can be. Hopefully the experience will make a long-lasting impression on the participants, as faculty members and seniors collaborated to simulate real-life situations that could help our juniors learn many valuable lessons.



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Gun Control: A Violation of Our Rights

By Tyler Lloyd

In the March 8 issue of *Xavier News*, an opinion article called for gun control and listed reasons as to why this should be supported. As that writer noted, many tragedies over the past year have been carried out with the use of firearms. However, every one of the criminals that committed these violent acts procured the firearms illegally—either on the black market or by theft.

Many of the actions were committed at places where firearms were prohibited, and the criminals who committed these acts knew that nobody could stop them. However, if these criminals had gone to a place where firearms were legal and people were carrying concealed weapons, they would not have been able to take the lives of innocent children, teenagers and adults.

According to the FBI, NRA and many other sources, there are approximately 200 million firearms in the United States, including 65–70 million handguns. Approximately 60–65 million people own firearms legally (registered guns) and about 35 million own a handgun—which is far above the percent indicated in the March 8 article. Criminal misuse of firearms is only 0.2 percent. Furthermore, over 99.8 percent of all firearms and 99.6 percent of all handguns will not be involved in criminal activity in any given year. Voluntary firearm safety programs have helped to reduce the rate of firearm fatalities by 67 percent over the past 50 years, while firearm ownership and handgun ownership is at an all-time high.

Americans use firearms for many different reasons. Ten percent of Americans use them to hunt, 58 percent use firearms for protection, 18 percent use them for target practice, and 14 percent collect them and use them for one of the other aforementioned uses. A Department of Justice-sponsored survey found that 40 percent of felons have chosen not to commit at least one specific crime for fear that the victims were armed, and 34 percent admit to not committing the crime in fear of being shot at. Furthermore, this survey indicates that the use of firearms lessens the chance

that a rape, robbery or assault attempt will be successfully completed, and it also reduces the amount of injury.

In 1991, the nation's total violent crime rate hit an all-time high. Thereafter, it declined 18 of the following 20 years, to a 41-year low in 2011. According to the FBI's crime statistics homepage, this included a 52 percent decrease in the nation's murder rate, nearly the lowest point in U.S. history (based on percent, not the actual number). Concurrently, gun ownership and the number of privately-owned guns rose to an all-time high of 120 million, including handguns (Gallop self-reported gun control poll).

If the judicial system were stricter, crimes would drop, resulting in an even lower percentage of firearms and guns used in criminal activity.

Since the 1970s and the Brady Campaign (which called for the ban of handguns), gun control has been a major issue. This group stated that more handguns would result in more crime and asked if the public would be safe when there were more guns made and owned. However, when the handgun bans were shot down, liberals and gun-control lobbyists focused their attention on semi-automatic and other rifles referred to as "assault weapons." The groups are using the same rhetoric they used in the 1980s, but as proven by statistics, we are safer with more weapons because the crime rate continues to drop.

Guns and firearms are often blamed for a vast majority of deaths in the United States. However, according to the Natural Center for Health Statistics, one is more likely to die of heart disease, cancer, strokes, accidents (such as car wrecks and falls), poisoning, drowning, suffocation, fires and flames, surgical misadventures, other sources of transportation, HIV and natural disasters. However, 30,180 suicides were committed in previous years, 60 percent of which

were carried out with guns, and 60 percent of homicides are carried out with firearms, including self-defense and police operations.

The real cause of the crime is not guns or firearms, but people themselves, including the justice system. In 1960, 738 out of 1,000 people were sent to prison for violent crimes, but that number had dropped to 227 by the 1980s, and it continues to drop today. Of America's 4.3 million convicted criminals, only 26 percent are in prison, while the others are on parole, probation or walking free on the streets. Criminals who are incarcerated spend only a third of their sentence

even safer than it already is.

The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States says, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of people to bear arms shall not be infringed." The proposed gun control laws would violate all of these tenants and limit the freedom of every American. The Constitution is meant to protect the rights of the people from the federal government and to ensure that the federal government does not become too powerful, because we are a nation built on the belief that the government should not be able to tell citizens what they can or cannot own, etc. In 1990, the Supreme Court observed in the *U.S. v. Verdugo-Urquidez*, that the right to bear arms, like rights protected in the First, Fourth, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments, is an individual right held by the people.

Firearms and guns do not kill people. People kill people. Those who commit these violent acts are typically mentally ill or criminals who obtain the guns by illegal means. The current system is not flawed because those who purchase guns legally do not commit these crimes.

People who are taught to properly use the weapons commit far less crimes than those who purchase them illegally and have no experience with them. The call for gun control is absurd, and the government should not be able to prevent the buying and selling of firearms.

Letters to the Editor

I am writing this on behalf of several students who chose to express their dissent with what was deemed as a biased, one-sided argument regarding the topic of gun control in the March 8 issue of *Xavier News*. For starters, the article was strongly biased and did not represent both sides of the argument. To publish a controversial article without presenting both sides of the argument shows partiality and control of a media outlet without providing another perspective which would balance the arguments portrayed by the authors.

Additionally, the article was fac-

tually inaccurate. The sources of information were not credibly verified. The phrase "I would guess that..." demonstrates that the information is not factually based. A poll taken at several lunch tables disproves this grossly inaccurate statement.

Lastly: there should have been a rebuttal. We request that another issue of the *Xavier News* be published, one examining both sides of the argument without showing bias or partiality.

Conner Mackowiak
Will Bradley

I am writing in response to the article about gun control in the March 8 issue of *Xavier News*. It says, "10 percent of us students have ever fired a gun." All of my friends have fired a gun. I have probably fired a gun over 30 times this year. "A high capacity magazine holds...upwards of 80 to 100 rounds." This is not correct. A military (drum) magazine barely holds 100 rounds. I do not appreciate reading false statements in my school's newspaper. I went home to show it to my family, and they thought it was absolutely crazy and that it gave off a bad image of my school.

Luke Miller

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WSTX Sports: We Are Tiger Sports

By Ben Grimes

What started as an occasional report on WSTX has now become the school's number-one source for all things St. X sports. WSTX Sports has been developing throughout the school year from its meager start with about 100 Twitter followers and a couple of tweets about game scores to over a thousand followers and the most accurate play-by-play coverage of every sport. WSTX Sports reached its one-year anniversary on April 24. The addition of a full website has added to the vast coverage they already had.

Senior Clay Bollinger founded the WSTX Sports Twitter page in March of 2012, and since then its popularity has skyrocketed. The first few tweets were just game times and a final score or two, but as the follower count started rising, so did the quality of the information.

WSTX Sports expanded to eight talented staff members who give accurate play-by-play comments, write in-depth previews of upcoming events,



and write excellent post-game summaries.

"My inspiration came from growing up watching ESPN and thinking how much I would like to be on there someday," says Bollinger, "and I know guys around this school have the same dream. Everyone likes to hear his name and be recognized for

his accomplishments, and WSTX Sports gives everyone the chance to be in the media."

Some sports, like cross country and wrestling, don't get as much recognition as other sports in the mainstream media, but WSTX Sports makes sure that every sport gets covered.

"It is a tasking job trying to get coverage of every sport," says junior Evan Shaheen. "It takes a lot of time to go to all the games. Sometimes we have to give up our Friday nights in order to cover a Lacrosse game in the snow, but it's totally worth it when we put out a great story."

Shaheen will be taking over as the head of WSTX Sports next year, and he has an excellent team to back him up.

WSTX Sports has changed the way St. X looks at its athletics programs for the better. With the improvements they continue to make, there is no way of knowing what lies down the road for WSTX Sports.

The Next Albert Einsteins?

Three students get perfect ACT scores

By Matthew Johnson

This year three Saint Xavier students achieved the seemingly impossible task of getting a perfect score of 36 on the ACT: Jon Fish, Hunter French and Nick Sehlinger. We asked these geniuses about their keys to success and where they will take their academic talents next year.

Where do you plan on going to college next year?

Sehlinger: Yale.

French: Indiana University.

Fish: The University of Kentucky.

What kind of scholarships did you earn?

Sehlinger: Full rides at Alabama, UK and SMU, half tuition at USC. About \$13,000 in outside scholarships.

French: Academic and athletic.

Fish: My highest award was the Patterson Scholarship, UK's second highest scholarship for National Merit Finalists. I also earned the James E. Casey Scholarship, another National Merit award sponsored by UPS.

How did you prepare for the ACT?

Sehlinger: I did some ACT prep with Educational Resources during junior year, but for the October ACT I just took a practice test the night before the test.

French: I took hard courses at St. X, ACT prep by St. X faculty at Belarmine, and practice questions on the ACT site.

Fish: I took online practice tests a couple of nights before.

How many times did you take the ACT?

Sehlinger: I took it three times;

my scores were 34, 35, 36.

French: Twice.

Fish: Once.

What did you do during the test that helped?

Sehlinger: I took the test at St.

X, which is awesome because of the giant new desks; other schools tend to have much smaller classrooms and desks. During my first two tests I wasn't nervous, but for some reason I actually went into the October test pretty anxious. Nevertheless, sleep is always important.

French: I mostly learned to relax and manage my time. Just an-



Fish

swer what you know and don't get worked up if you're not sure; come back to the questions you are unsure of once you've answered the ones you know for sure.

Fish: I kept a level head and didn't allow frustration to get the better of me. Skipping difficult problems and coming back to them later was a very successful strategy for me.

What advice do you have for students who haven't taken it yet?

Sehlinger: Know how to manage the time on the test so that you don't



French

have to guess on any questions. The best way to learn how to do this is to take timed practice tests, because they are all the same format.

French:

Prepare over the long term. Cramming won't really help. Relax so you can do your best.

Fish: Take it seriously, but do not let a disappointing score discourage your college dreams. You can always take it, or the SAT, again, and it's very possible to make up for a disappointing ACT score with solid grades and dedication to extracurricular commitments.



Sehlinger

Pros and Cons of Summer Reading

By Wes Faulkner

"Summer reading? More like SUMMER reading!" says senior Will Aiken. A lot of students would agree, feeling that summer reading gets in the way of summer fun, activities and the leisurely mood that summer should bring.

"I hate being bogged down by papers and reading during the summer; I just want to chill with my friends and enjoy my youth," said sophomore Zach Carrico.

Summer reading does feel like quite the burden to many people's summer vacation. Shouldn't summer be spent outside by the pool, on a boat, or playing sports? It shouldn't be spent inside, cramped up in a lonely room wasting away the day with a teacher-assigned novel that you are completely uninterested in.

But some disagree.

"Summer reading? Annoying? Good joke! I actually love reading," said senior Rush Cromer. "Some of my best memories are of reading fantastic books. If it hadn't been for summer reading, I would've never gotten into Eragon, Animorphs, or any of that. I'm definitely pro-reading during the summer!"

The truth is, not all books teachers assign are dull, and while you may have to answer a few questions or write a paper about your reading, it helps you keep in mind that you are a student first and foremost, and a full understanding and well-composed essay can also get your academic year off to a good start.

Another point in favor of summer reading was cited by senior Sam

Mitchell: "Summer reading keeps me sharp," he said. "It keeps my vocabulary up to par and lets me speak my mind in intelligent, well thought-out sentences. It's a pet peeve of mine when people cannot logically articulate themselves."

So, if you are one of those guys who is against summer reading because you are "too cool" and it "cramps your style" during your three-month break, that's fine—but it is not going away. Studies have shown that students who partake in summer academic assignments are much more likely to retain information learned during the school year than those who do not. This is a powerful statistic in which teachers place their trust. Depending on how one views it, summer reading can be helpful or a burden.

Senior Sup



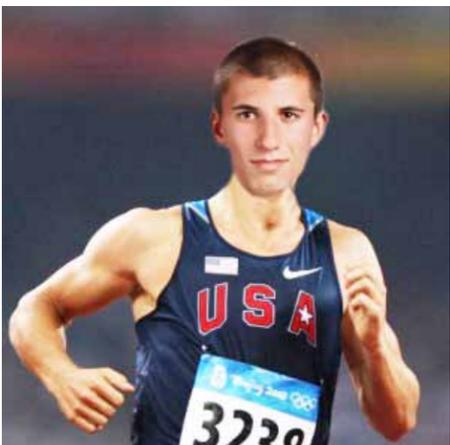
Most likely to be in a hot dog eating contest:
Adrian Bauscher



Most likely to be a sports writer: Mitchell Forde



Mr. UK: Dylan Sweazy



Most likely to compete in Olympics: Connor Sheryak



Most likely to play in the NFL: Deonte Clyburn



Most likely to become a pre-school teacher: Gray Wilson



Most contagious laugh: Cooper Sohm

What We will Remember of St. X

By Drew Mueller

Throughout a student's career at St. X, he will learn many lessons, and as the year comes to a close, the seniors graduating in May will take away many things from St. X that will endure throughout their lives. When they leave St. X, they will realize just how much St. X has given to them. So, what will you take away from St. X?

Many people will always remember a specific St. X sporting event. "The pinnacle experience for me was the St. X-Trinity basketball game this year," said Sam Lewis. "I witnessed the whole game from the front row, and I stormed the court with all of my friends. It was a phenomenal experience."

Maybe it is the way St. X became a stepping stone to the next chapter in their life, preparing guys for the freedoms of college. "It gave me an opportunity to grow my interests, such as what I want to study in college," said Will Bradley.

Some students will remember the close-knit culture of the school. "I will always remember the work ethic and camaraderie among the brotherhood," said Jacob Higginbotham.

Perhaps the students will remember the variety of extracurricular opportuni-

ties St. X has offered to guys in addition to sports. "The drama program gave me something to look forward to after school," said Andrew Blake.

Most people will remember the close bonds they have created with others at St. X. "Looking back, I realize the multitude of friends I have made, opportunities I've been given and the success I've had," said Bennett Saksefski. "I will leave St. X a better man, a better friend and a better person for the world."

Paul Holt added, "The main thing I will miss will be the friendships I have created with the students and faculty."

Perhaps St. X showed some guys how to be a better person. "I will take with me the values that St. X has taught me," said Mark Ford. "The school showed me how to be a better person in my life every day."

During these last couple of weeks here at St. X, seniors will begin to see these things, which will become more apparent than ever as graduation approaches. Everyone will have that main thing he thinks about as he walks across the stage at graduation. What will be yours?

Prom—the Dance of Dances

By Michael Neutz

There are many highlights at St. X, but one that most guys look especially forward to is Senior Prom—a night where any guy can bring the girl of his dreams to his last high school dance. Prom will be remembered forever, so pick the right girl.

On April 19, the Senior Prom took place at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel, where many famous people have stayed when in Louisville. The \$75 ticket price included food and drinks, which were appreciated after breaking a sweat on the dance floor. There was such food as fondue, chips and queso, shrimp, etc, surrounding an awesome ice sculpture of the X.

"I could have hung around the buffet all night," said Adrian Bauscher.

Over 600 people were there. Almost

everyone danced the whole time, either on the side or in the crowd. Music was supplied by a DJ, but he didn't play a lot of the songs that were requested beforehand by seniors. Most of the songs were good to dance to, but a few were boring, as always.

Numerous seniors said that prom was the most fun they have ever had at a dance.

"My behind didn't stop shaking until Sunday," according to Nicholas Tegtmeyer. Hunter Senn said, "The guys' dance team truly showed an A-plus performance."

Patrick Sermersheim said that the dance was a great time, and he had fun dancing with his friends in the middle of the crowd. All in all, everyone had one of the best times of their lives.



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Mr. UofL: Nick Taylor



Most conservative: Harrison Kirby



Most likely to work for ESPN: Clay Bollinger



Most liberal: Tyler Lloyd



Most likely to develop a men's clothing line: Sam Mitchell



Most likely to be president: Joe Dawson



Most likely to win a Grammy: Will Aiken



Best Hair: Scott Bomar

Top 5 songs of the Seniors' Lifetime

By Nicholas Steiden

Music has entertained people since the beginning of human existence, but this top-5 list consists of the greatest songs during the lifetime of the current seniors. Eighteen years have passed, and we have grown up listening to lots of great groups and solo performers. Which songs stood the test of time and are still loved today? Here is my list.

**5. "Yeah"
Usher with Lil Jon and Ludacris**

If you don't like this song, you must be allergic to parties. It was released in 2004 and was still relevant enough to get a play at this year's Senior Prom. I wouldn't be surprised if they play this at my kids' prom. It's a dance rap song and one of the best in its own subgenre. You get great, witty rapping throughout, plus Lil Jon's signature screaming. The recognizable synthesizer on this track and the catchy beat made for dancing are absolutely perfect.

**3. "Lose Yourself"
Eminem**

This track was used in the critically acclaimed movie *8 Mile* and is widely considered Eminem's best track. His wordplay is creative, his delivery is strong and his technical abilities as a rapper are spot-on. The lyrics explain Eminem's hard life growing up, and the emotion is so strong that it almost feels like you are Eminem experiencing life as the track tells it. This song is a must if you're revving up for a sporting event.

**4. "Ride Wit Me"
Nelly**

This song forced every kid to buy a copy of the album *Country Grammar* because your CD player couldn't go without this great tune. Rap is somewhat temporary, with each new single making old songs so obsolete that you receive glares when others realize you are listening to them. But this song is irreplaceable and perfects an overly written-about topic in rap: riding in your car. The beat is catchy and memorable, and the lyrics are witty and quotable. Blaring this in your car will make nearby cars jealous of your music taste.

**2. "Gangnam Style"
PSY**



This K-Pop track dropped in 2012 and is widely known as the most viewed and liked YouTube video of all time with over 1 billion views and over 7 million likes. The dance is well known and videos parodying the track get millions of views, adding even more publicity to the music video. "Gangnam Style" might be the only song that the entire world liked (except Japan).

**1. "Hey Ya"
Outkast**

This rock-influenced song is a must for parties, and it seems like everyone knows the lyrics to it. It has a lot of staying power and can still be heard to this day. Its undeniable catchiness makes this track what it is, and Andre 3000 has a very strong personality that inspires you to get up and dance.





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Baseball Looking to Bring Title Home

By John Horlander

The Tiger baseball squad, coming off a successful 2012 campaign, came into 2013 looking for an even more successful year, hopefully ending with a State Championship. They are a strong contender this year, looking to avenge their final four and quarterfinal losses the past two years.

The regular season began March 16 with a double-header against Covington Catholic and Bishop Brossart. In the first game, St. X defeated Cov Cath 10-9. The team beat Bishop Brossart 6-0 in the second game. The Tigers then faced Christian Academy of Louisville on March 18 and emerged with a dramatic, walk-off victory.

On March 20 the team scored a 14-1 victory over Franklin County, but on March 23, the team suffered its first defeat of the season at the hands of Covington Catholic in the Lexington Catholic Tourney by a score of 7-3. On March 27 the team beat North Bullitt 13-0. Andrew Hubbs led the offense by going 3 for 3 with a double and 6 RBIs.

The team was dominant over Spring Break, winning eight games in eight days. They defeated Scott County 11-1, Henderson County 3-2, La Salle High School of Ohio 12-2, Cincinnati St. Xavier 7-5, Elder High School 7-2, Cincinnati St. X 2-0, and Firestone High School of Akron in a doubleheader, winning the first game 12-0 and the second 14-3.

After Spring Break, the varsity scored an impressive 6-2 win over Brentwood Academy. Meanwhile the freshmen

beat North Bullitt 4-0, in which Dalton Dedas pitched a no-hitter.

On April 13 the Tigers made up their rained-out game on the road against district rival Male, winning 6-1. On April 15, on a warm day at Slugger Field in downtown Louisville, the St. X Tigers beat their arch-rival, the Trinity Shamrocks, by a score of 2-0. Pitching was dominant again for the Tigers as senior Sam Melchior pitched a complete game, three-hit shutout. The Tigers scored two runs in the first off of a monster hit off the wall from Austin Clemons.

The Tigers played the DeSales Colts on April 17 at home. The Tigers won 10-0 on the mercy rule, bringing their record to 17-1 and extending their winning streak to 13 games.

The team ran its winning streak to 14 games and its overall record to 18-1 with a 6-3 win over Providence on April 22. The Tigers then lost in a hard-fought battle to Indiana powerhouse Floyd Central on April 23. The Tigers played great all during the game, but with two outs in the 7th inning, Floyd Central mounted a massive comeback, scoring six runs and winning 8-7.

On April 25, in the first of three games in the LIT tournament, the Tigers took on Tates Creek, winning 4-2. This ran the Tigers' record to 19-2. On April 27, in their second LIT game, the Varsity beat Collins 12-2, and in their third LIT game Grant Wessling pitched his way to his 5th victory against Manual 6-1.

Photo by Tim Porco



Austin Clemons

On May 1, The Tigers defeated the Ballard Bruins 10-2. Jack Cleary got his third win of the year and Austin Clemons had a 2-RBI single.

May 2 saw #2 St. X defeat #4 Pleasure Ridge Park 12-0. Melchior pitched a one-hitter against the only team he lost to in 2012. That win put the Tigers' record at 23-2, but the next night St. X lost to Central Hardin 1-0.

At press time, the team still had ten games remaining in its regular season before district tournament play begins on May 21. Regional play begins on May 27, and the State Tournament starts on June 3.

Bass Fishing wins Region

By Brad Schickel

The KHSAA's inaugural season of Bass Fishing got off to a good start this spring. The new and highly enthusiastic team led by Coach Matt Yarborough distinguished themselves, just like every other St. X team. Their dominating performance in the regional tournament showed the team's true ability. Led by boat captain Yarborough, junior Luke Miller and junior David Brewer finished first at the regional final at Taylorsville Lake. Miller brought home the tournament Big Fish Award, with a fish of 5 pounds. The team totaled a weight of ten pounds, seven ounces that brought them home the title.

The State tournament was held at Kentucky Lake in southwest Kentucky. The Tigers were led once again by Miller and Brewer, along with Evan Bale and Carter O'Brien. The tournament had 45 teams attempting to capture the State Championship. The Tigers finished 36th, but proved that they are very talented group. Most of the teams that finished in the top 10 were from schools near Kentucky Lake and the surrounding Murray area.

The team looks to come back strong next year. With Miller, Brewer, Bale and O'Brien returning their goal is simple.

"Winning the State Championship is the main focus next year," said Miller. "Winning Regionals this year was great, but State is what we want to capture."

Volleyball Team is 2nd in State

By Cooper Sohm

The Tiger Volleyball team is once again a State Champion contender this year. The team is looking to come away with a final road win against Carmel on Saturday, May 11 and improve their record to 6-3.

The team is led by a slew of underclassmen and three senior veterans: Christopher Gartner, Andrew Tichy and Hunter Daniel.

After a great run in the regular season and, of course, beating Trinity twice, the Tiger volleyball team placed second in the Kentucky State Championships. The Tigers beat Covington Holy Cross 25-10, 25-16 in the first rounds of the tournament and also beat St. Henry twice in the semi final, 25-15, 25-13.

Even though the championship games have been played, the team plays its final game of the season on May 11 against Carmel.

Photo by Tim Porco



Track and Field Aiming for the Top

By Mitchell Forde

To the senior members of this year's track team, this season has felt different. A sense of urgency has set in. This is their last, and likely their best, chance at winning St. X its first track State Championship since 2003.

The moment that truly sparked this change came before the season officially started, at the Mason-Dixon Games in early March at Broadbent Arena. The team came away with a second-place finish, but the meet proved to the rest of the state and, most importantly, to the members of St. X's own team that this squad was a force to be reckoned with. In the meet, the 4x800 team established the dominance of the Tiger distance runners, a recurring theme throughout the season, as Nick Reader, Max Mudd, Connor Sheryak and Thomas Cave took first place. Then, in two thrilling upsets, Chris Striegel prevailed to win the 3000 and the 4x400 team of Chris Amstutz, Derrick Muench, Rob Singler and Thomas Cave took first place as well.

The team then took another huge step by winning the Harry Greschel Invitational, hosted by Christian Academy on March 23. Here, the Tigers took down the only team to beat them in the Mason-Dixon Games, North Hardin, which is expected to enter the state meet as the favorite this year. In the meet, Cave, a senior, won both the 800 and the 1600 while fellow senior Sheryak won the 3200. The 4x1600 team of Cave, Sheryak, Striegel and Muench was also victorious.

After a second-place finish behind North Hardin once again at the North

Hardin Invitational, the Tigers rallied and strung together consecutive victories in the Male Invitational and Brother Borgia/Coach Cooper Invitational. In the Male Invitational, the Tiger distance runners continued their dominant run as Cave once again won the 800, William Mulloy won the 1600, and Stephen Kinny was victorious in the 3200. The 4x800 relay team of Nick Reader, Eli George, Muench and Cave also took first place.

The Brother Borgia Invitational came the following weekend, and the team defended their home track by crushing the rest of the field. The meet was also senior day for St. X, and several seniors rose to the occasion in their final meet on the St. X track. Most notably, Zach McKendrick won the 110 meter hurdles and Singler won the long jump. In addition, junior Alex Medley won the pole vault for the Tigers.

The Tigers finished out their regular season with the highly competitive Eastern Relays on April 27, where they finished in 17th place against some of the premier competition from throughout the Eastern United States. Although the day did not go exactly as planned for the Tigers, there were a few impressive performances, such as Cave's personal best time of 1:55 in the 800.

In the Dream Mile event on May 3, St. X runners finished fourth through eighth, led by Cave.

The track and field team will begin its quest for the state title tonight, with the regional meet scheduled for 5:30 P.M. here at St. X. From there, the top 32 perform-

Photo by Tim Porco



ers in each region combined will participate in the state meet on Saturday, May 18 at the University of Louisville. Aside from the state title, the team will be shooting for school records in the 4x400 and 4x800 relays as well as several individual events.

Senior Chris Amstutz says that the team realizes it will face a tough road to bringing home a championship, with favorites North Hardin and Bryant Station as well as perennial challenger Male to deal with. However, he is excited for the challenge.

"We're definitely an underdog going into state," Amstutz explained, "but we're excited because this year's team has more depth among both the sprinters and distance runners than in the previous three years. Nobody's rolling as deep as the Tigers this year."

The track and field team feels like this is their year, and they are not backing down to anyone. Watch for the distance runners and relay teams to lead the way, and for the Tigers to be very competitive in this year's state meet.

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Lax Undefeated in State

By Sam Sheffer

Photo by Tim Porco



The Lacrosse Tigers have had a great season. They are undefeated in state once again, unrivaled by any other in-state lacrosse program. They finished the season with 12 wins and six losses. They hope to repeat this year as State Champions for the sixth year in a row.

The offense has been fantastic, scoring 187 goals over the regular season. The offense has been led by seniors Zayne Smith and Brad Schickel, both playing attack. They have each put in fantastic individual seasons, and their success has parlayed into greater team success.

"The offense has been pretty solid all year round," said Smith. "We've had some moments where we have struggled, but I think that we are coming together at the right time. Our momentum is pretty strong right now, and I think that will really help us during the playoffs."

The defense has been stellar year-round as well, only allowing a total of 136 goals over the regular season. Sophomore goalie Max Cartor has been the leader for this year's defense; he was even named the MVP of the game against rival Trinity. There have been some moments where the young defense has struggled, but they

have ended the year strong.

"The defense hasn't been as great as I would like it to be," said junior Evan Caffee. "There have been some moments where we've really struggled, but we've steadily improved as the season has advanced. We'll most definitely be ready for the playoffs."

The Tigers started the year strong, winning their first five games. They had a very rough patch during their Spring Break trip, losing all of their games.

"I think the Spring Break trip really helped us as a team," said sophomore Coleman Webb. "It was extremely frustrating to lose all of our games, but I think that losing brought us closer and made us stronger as a team."

After returning from their Spring Break trip, the Tigers dominated all of the in-state competition they faced, including beating Trinity 15-6 at their stadium. The Tigers hope to parlay this season's success into the playoffs.

"We are going to give it our all in the playoffs," said Caffee. "We will do whatever it takes to win a State Championship. My teammates are like my brothers. I would do anything for them!"

Iron Tigers Finish Strong

By Jared Hoskins

The Iron Tiger Powerlifting team finished their season on Saturday, April 13 at the Iron Tiger powerlifting meet. The competition is mainly inter-squad, although any St. X student is eligible to compete. Unlike the team's previous two meets that only included bench press and deadlift, the Iron Tiger meet includes squat, the other main powerlift.

Strong lifters at a variety of sizes battled for supremacy in their respective weight classes. Class winners were Justin Harp in the 114-pound class, Mark Gumbel in 123, Anthony Figuera in 132, Phil Miller in 148, Dalton Hay in 165, Jamie Thomas in 181, Zachary Prince in 198, Bennett Saksefski in 220, Connor Ackerson in 242, and Zach Roy in the Heavy-weight Division.

There were many close battles to decide weight class winners, notably the 165 pound class with juniors Dalton Hay and Cedric Miller. Miller came up just short of winning his class, but he did receive the award for best deadlift, pulling an impressive 480 pounds.

Senior team captain Jamie Thomas

dominated the 181-pound class, in the process winning the award for best bench press with a 285-pound push. Thomas would go on to win the award for the best overall lifter in the meet, lifting a combined weight of 1,215 pounds between the three lifts.

The Iron Tigers now move into their offseason, although Head Coach Chris Gold stresses that in powerlifting, the ending of one season is just the beginning of the next. The team will look to make gains over the summer and come back stronger and ready for next season. After saying goodbye to multiple seniors, the team looks to its younger lifters to pick up the slack. The team has the talent to become a state contender going forward.

Any student of St. X is encouraged to join the team as it moves forward into next season. Powerlifting can be a great complementary sport for those who compete in sports such as football and wrestling. The more the team grows, the more competitive it will become. With a little more participation, the sky is the limit on what this team can accomplish.

Rugby Looks to Claim State

By Graham Weyland and Mitchell Forde

After winning a State Championship last year, the Tiger Rugby team went into this season with big shoes to fill. The 2013 squad certainly has not disappointed. The Tiger Rugby team, which is a relatively new sport at St. X, has quickly become a powerhouse in the state.

The team took on the Cincinnati St. X Bombers on March 10 in a triple-header. Both the A-Side and the B-Side were victorious. The Tigers then traveled to Tennessee as the A side soundly defeated Sycamore High School while the B side lost a close battle with Ravenwood.

On March 20, the rugby team dominated Trinity, with the A side crushing the Shamrocks 43-3 and the B side winning, 12-5.

The teams were victorious again on March 27, with the A-Side defeating the Highlanders 71-0, scoring a total of 13 tries, the most ever in a single game in the history of St. X rugby. In the second game, the B-Side defeated Iroquois 37-5.

On April 14, the A and B squads lost

very competitive matches to Cincinnati Moeller High School. The Tiger rugby teams then suffered two tough losses to the 12th-ranked team in the nation, Cleveland St. Edwards. The Tiger team rebounded from its losses by crushing Middletown High School 32-0 on April 28 in the last game of the regular season.

Going into the tourney they are the clear favorites.

"All the wins and losses mean nothing now," said senior Nick Taylor. "Everyone is back to even in the tournament, and we need to stay focused for this upcoming weekend."

Leading the Tigers going into this weekend are players Hunter Senn, Wes Parker and Christian Hardy. They look to capture their 2nd straight championship.

"We would really appreciate the school coming out and supporting us," said junior John Conway. "You may not know the rules of the game, but it is still a great reason to get electric in the stands and have fun."

Tiger Tennis Looks for 5th Title in a Row

By Jimmy Scott

Photo by Tim Porco

The St. X Tennis Team has had an outstanding season as their elite singles and doubles teams have shown no mercy to their opponents. The team scored landslide wins over such teams as Trinity, Baylor (Chattanooga), and McCallie (Chattanooga), and captured first place in the Kentucky Duals tournament just to name a few. The season is coming to a close with high expectations for a memorable ending. Mr. Kerry Lancaster, who has been the head coach for six years, has captured four consecutive state titles and is looking to make it five at the conclusion of the 2013 season.

The team started off its Spring Break with an overwhelming performance in the St. Louis tournament hosted by Edwardsville High School. St. X took two teams to the event, a green squad and a gold squad, and both won their semifinal matches, making St. X both the champion and runner-up of the tournament. The green and gold squads did not actually play one another in a championship game, but instead each team played someone they had not faced in the semifinals.

From there, the team traveled to Atlanta and defeated Brookwood High



Sean Donohue

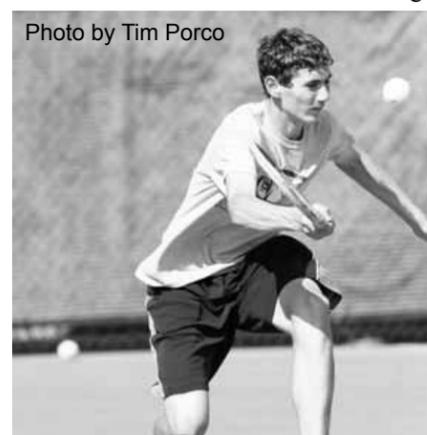
School 4-1 on April 2. The Tigers then moved on to Chattanooga, where they defeated Baylor High School and McCallie High School in individual matches.

On April 5, the team took first place in a rotary tournament in Chattanooga, with Brandon Lancaster, Parker Thieman, Zach Kuo and Liam Friel all winning their respective singles championships, and the doubles team of Lancaster and Sean Donohue winning their championship.

The team improved its record to 21-2 by defeating Manual High School at the varsity, JV, and freshman levels on April 16. Singles winners from the varsity team were Lancaster with first, Matt Graft second, and Ben Gornet third. Doubles winners were the teams of Coleman Cox/Nick Waldeck and Kamron Akrami/Andrew Willett.

The team captured the prestigious Carter Invitational in Nashville in late April, the team's third invitational win out of four played this year.

The regional tournament began on May 6. Sectionals will start May 11, and the State Tournament is on May 16. Get out to the matches and support your Tiger Tennis team as they prepare to bring home another trophy.



Brandon Lancaster



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Rockin' with the Vagrants

By Sam Lukens

St. X students have proven themselves to be not only masters in the classroom and on the athletic fields, but also masters in the arts. Formerly known as Toast, The Vagrants are stepping into the

Louisville rock music world. This band consists of four St. X juniors: drummer/singer Matthew Griffin, guitarist/lead singer Kyle Hilbrecht, bass player Kurt Spoelker and guitarist Paul Schieman.

It also consists of one junior from Assumption, guitarist Isabella Castellon, and a junior from Trinity, keyboardist Eric Elder. The Vagrants have been together for just over a year, and their popularity is increasing.

Originally, Toast consisted of Griffin, Hilbrecht and Castellon. Practicing in a basement, they honed their skills and rhythm. Toast made a strong addition to the band with Spoelker.

Their first gig as Toast took place at the Vernon Club on Sept. 29, 2012 as part of

the Sleep Take Flight Music Show. Gigs were slow to come for a while, but Toast continued to pursue them.

They changed their name to The Vagrants this past winter, and soon after that they made a strong addition to the band with Elder. They played their next gig on March 8 at the Vernon Club. With the absence of Spoelker, Schieman filled in playing bass, and the show was a success. Schieman soon became a permanent guitarist for the band. Their latest gig took place on Oaks Day at the Sherwood Avenue Music Festival. This was their largest crowd so far, and their number of fans and audience members continually increases.

With 12 original rock songs, including their biggest song, "Ain't no Doubt," they are recording an album soon. I highly recommend that all students follow this band. They have a Facebook page under "Toast" and are making a band website that will be up and running soon. "Like" their Facebook page and keep your ears peeled for upcoming gigs, albums and the website.



From left, Elder, Castellon, Hilbrecht, Spoelker, Griffin, Schieman

Tumblr vs. Twitter vs. Facebook

By Seiler Smith

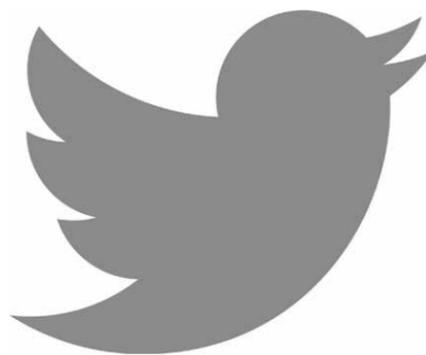
Tumblr, Twitter, Facebook: the thoroughbreds of our teenage society. What would we do without these eternal vats that seem to draw us to them and away from the websites we actually need to be on? These once effigies of freedom, maturity and fun have become addictive forms of escapism and time-wasting.

The original reason for the creation of social media was to create a medium in which all humanity could share pictures, thoughts, "likes" and, for all extents and purposes, make the world a much smaller place. Now, it has also become a place for some decidedly anti-social behavior.

I salute all those who have made it this far without getting on the social-media bandwagon. To all of us who have descended into the fiery pits of the World Wide Web, we might as well figure out which atrocity is best: Tumblr, Twitter or Facebook.

on this site, which keeps the Internet speed to a maximum. That is helpful, considering that many images posted on Tumblr are GIFS (Graphics Interchange Format,) which are essentially like stop-motion pictures that can be played around with and are used for expression and creativity.

That is the ultimate facet of Tumblr, creativity. Creativity is something our society both breeds and destroys, and it is absolutely acceptable on Tumblr. This is a way for aspiring artists and creative "normal" people alike to share their perspectives on art and not live in fear of being eaten alive by a monster called society. These artists share and are enjoyed for who they are. This may be why Tumblr is the best, because it is like a giant underground art show where many remain anonymous, nothing is censored and the feeling of community is always present.



keeps interesting tweets in front of your eyes at all times.

Twitter is also staying away from advertisements, allowing users to look at an uncluttered screen, keeping the focus air tight and forcing them to tweet on. Another cool thing about Twitter is the celebrities—who, most of the time, actually manage their own Twitter accounts and often tweet multiple times a day. This gives tweeters a personal insight into a celebrity's life.

Facebook

Fast facts: 4,619 employees, over one billion active users, over 1.13 trillion likes, and 219 billion photos uploaded. These are staggering figures, and obviously Facebook is the international powerhouse in social media. It does have the easiest interface to manage and the most catholic spectrum of users. But for those of us who enjoy staying hip, radical and cutting-edge, Facebook is getting a bit too mainstream. I only use Facebook because you can do the most amount of "stuff" on it. Whether you want to create an event, send a private message, post a status about whatever, or make a new friend, Facebook is the easiest social-media outlet to manage and reach people on. It is simply more capable than the others; no one will

disagree with that.

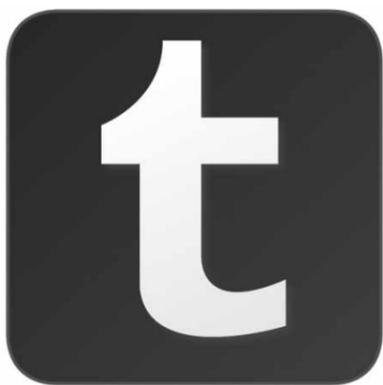
The ads are what kill me on Facebook, as well as the viruses. It also allows for very little customization. These three things keep me away from Facebook about six days a week. I still get on it from time to time because, well, everyone else is on it, and I have to see what is going on (though I rarely ever scroll through posts). The posts are getting monotonous, and many times are a waste of time to read. Tumblr and Twitter keep that fresh feel alive with multitudes of uploaded items.



Conclusion

For me Tumblr is the way to go. I love the creativity it brings, but it is a close race with Facebook, which is just so easy. I was on Twitter in seventh grade, and since no one else my age had a Twitter, I got bored and have not been back on since. Considering how much time is wasted on Tumblr and how I can get just about anything I want from Facebook, there is no reason to have a Twitter. Hopefully one day, there will be the ultimate social media site that covers everyone's needs, but until then: Keep calm and Tumblr on.

Tumblr



Fast facts: 103.8 million blogs, 48.6 billion posts and 178 employees. That is quite the ratio, if you ask me. Tumblr has 4,441 fewer employees than Facebook, which proves how much potential there is for the company. There are also no advertisements

Twitter

Fast facts: over 200 million active accounts, over 900 staff members, and it takes less than a week for one billion tweets to get sent out worldwide. Twitter is the fastest growing social-media outlet, with nearly one million new Twitter accounts created every day. Twitter is a place where you can vent to the world about all life's hardships, or how your day went, or what exciting thing you are doing, as long as you keep it to 140 characters or less. Not everyone can say what they need to in 140 characters, but it's an ingenious idea, forcing people to be thrifty about their word choices and allowing users to read volumes of tweets in a matter of minutes. This keeps the pace fast (though not as fast as Tumblr) and

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Best Places to Get Ice Cream

By Robert Leasure

Almost everyone loves ice cream, and there is no better time to eat it than on a hot summer day. I have come up with a list of the best places to go for this cold treat this summer. Please note that this ranking is strictly of ice cream places, and does not include that FroYo stuff.

Homemade Ice Cream & Pie Kitchen various locations

The “Pie Kitchen,” as it is known, has been a staple in Louisville ice cream for a while now. It has many locations, and never disappoints.

“I love the feeling the ice cream at the Pie Kitchen puts in my tummy,” senior Rush Cromer said. “Any time my mom takes me there for a treat, I feel like the luckiest kid alive.”



Graeter's Ice Cream various locations

Graeter's is another chain with several locations in Louisville, and we all know how good it is.

“It is by far my favorite place to go for a cold snack,” said senior Sam Mitchell. “I usually get two chocolate milkshakes and one banana sundae every time I go.”



The Comfy Cow various locations

This chain isn't as well known as some others, but it is an up-and-coming place for ice cream lovers. Don't be fooled by the name; there is nothing cow-like about the place, as it is really all about the ice cream. But it is rather comfy, you could say.



Dairy Kastle 575 Eastern Pkwy



This wonderful place is located just down the road from St. X. It isn't open all year round, which makes it even more special when it is. The old-fashioned building and menu really make it a joy to experience, and the ice cream is great!

Mom & Pop's Cone Corner 1817 Graybrook Lane New Albany, Indiana

This is an old-fashioned but fun place for ice cream. As the name suggests, it really has the feel of getting ice cream at your grandparents' house. It's not just an ice cream store; it is a full-blown restaurant with a large menu. This is definitely a place you could go spend a fun afternoon with your family.

Fun Places to Visit This Summer

By Lawrence Bisig

Summertime means freedom and spending time with friends. However, summer can become boring once you have experienced all there is to offer in Louisville. Here are some fun places outside the city you and your friends can visit this summer in order to have a great time.

Any Lake

Lakes are a great place to spend your summer. Renting a house or cabin with your friends and spending a weekend out on the water can't be beat. You can tube, ski, fish, swim or just sit around a campfire. There are an unlimited number of fun activities at a lake. You can find lakes all over the state and the country. There are no limitations.

“Going to the lake and tubing with my friends is the best part of summer!” exclaimed freshman and tubing expert John-Logan Bisig.

Chicago

The five-hour drive to Chicago definitely pays off. You can watch major league baseball at world famous Wrigley Field. You can also take a boat tour on Lake Michigan, where they will give you a tour of the Chicago skyline. If you're looking for good shopping, look no further than the Navy Pier, which has shopping, amusement-park rides and a movie theater. Chicago also has great museums for those who love to learn. There are plenty of concerts and shows going on year round as well.

Senior Nick Steiden suggests visiting Ditka's Bar and Grill. “It's the best place to eat in Chicago,” explained Steiden. “There is football memorabilia everywhere, the food is incredible and who doesn't love Mike Ditka?”



Cincinnati

In terms of location, Cincinnati can't be beat. It is just an hour and a half away and has many fun activities. If you're a baseball fan, you can watch Cincinnati's professional baseball team, the Cincinnati Reds. If you are looking for an adventure, you can go to King's Island, one of the best amusement parks in the country and a hot spot for many people.

“Going to King's Island with my friends is one of my favorite summer activities,” said senior Andre Thebert.

You can also go to Kentucky Speedway, located 25 minutes from Cincinnati, and check out NASCAR and other forms of auto racing. Cincinnati is also close to the Newport Aquarium for all you shark enthusiasts. Country music fans should eat at Toby Keith's Bar and Grill.

“There is so much to do in Cincinnati,” explained senior Cameron Scott Reid. “I love the fun activities and the diversity of cultures; I would live there if I could.”



New York City

You might need to take a plane ride to get there, but it will be worth it. While in New York, you can visit Times Square and see the sights of “The Big Apple.” You can also see arguably the greatest sports franchise in the world, the New York Yankees—and the New York Mets are located in New York City as well. While in New York, be sure to check out some Broadway shows.

“Broadway is definitely the place to go if you are looking for the best shows,” says senior thespian Andy Blake.

To get to these attractions, you can take a fun ride on the subway. If you are looking for a relaxing time, look no further than Central Park, where you can exercise, play some form of athletics, or check out the Central Park Zoo.





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Four Faculty Members to Leave St. X

Mr. Nelson Nunn

By Frank Porco

After serving 40 years in Archdiocese of Louisville schools, with 35 of those years at St. X, Mr. Nelson Nunn will retire at the end of the current school year. Mr. Nunn, former principal and current member of the St. X Science Department, has taught Introduction to Physical Science and Biology the past several years.

"After many years in the classroom and holding several assistant-principal positions and understanding the culture of the school, I felt I could contribute to the life of the school," Nunn said about his years as principal from 2004–08. His greatest concern during that time was the high profile and history of this great institution.

He believes that for every school there are a unique set of aspects that make a good principal. "The teachers are the key because they are with students every day of the school year. Knowing how a teacher thinks and feels is an important aspect. The principal must be a good listener who cares about others. He must feel at home in a classroom, gym or cafeteria full of students."

Over these past 40 years, Mr. Nunn has seen countless changes in national education trends. "The biggest change has been the reliance on standardized tests to measure the growth of a student and the responsibility thrown on schools to be everything to every student," said Mr. Nunn. He also emphasized how the number of activities available for students has changed dramatically, especially when looking at how sporting events are held almost every day of the week.

What will he miss most about St. X? "I will miss the everyday interaction with students and teachers." What he won't miss: "Grading papers."

Mr. Nunn plans on spending lots of time at his grandchildren's activities. The most important thing Mr. Nunn learned from his experience at St. X is, "How important the culture of the school is on lives of the young men you educate."

The entire St. X community will always be grateful for the importance of Mr. Nunn's efforts. His presence at St. X has done nothing but add to the prestigious values that the school has to offer.



Ms. Sharon Roberts

By Zayne Smith

After teaching at St. X for 27 years, Ms. Sharon Roberts is retiring at the end of the current school year. Having previously taught at Presentation and Holy Rosary, St. X was Ms. Roberts' final stop. In her time here, she has been a dedicated Chemistry teacher for the AP and honors levels. She is also a moderator of the Chemistry Club, has moderated the Culinary Club, helped out the St. Joseph of Arimathea Society, accompanied two groups of students to Belize to build homes, and contributed photography to the yearbook.

What will she miss the most about St. X? "The people," she replied. "I'm going to miss the friendliness of the faculty, students and my friends. There is an opportunity to learn from the young minds of the students, so I tried to keep an open mind every day."

She has been a avid supporter of St. X sports, and she will leave with many good memories: beating Trinity with a last-second fade-away in basketball; the endurance and perseverance of the cross-country runners; and the domination of our swimming team. She said the students have taught her everything she needs to know about technology, such as her iPhone, iPad and Smart Board. She has also learned intangible things, such as dealing with the success of others, acceptance of life, how to deal with adversity, and to keep thinking young.



Now that Ms. Roberts will finally have some free time, she plans to travel, do more volunteer work, and maybe take some courses at Bellarmine.

"God called me to be a teacher, and I am so lucky to have had a job I love," Ms. Roberts stated. "I enjoyed every minute of it. I want to thank God, the administration, faculty, and students for making it all possible."

Although she will be leaving, memories of her will always be inside this school. Coming in early every day and even staying after, Ms. Roberts has dedicated so much time to help develop each student. Her hard work and compassion is unbelievable. Thank you, Ms. Roberts; you will be missed.

Mrs. Theresa Schuhmann

By Braden Tyrer



Although she has only been at St. X for two years, Mrs. Theresa Schuhmann has made an impact on the whole Tiger community. She has worked as a counselor in the guidance department and now works as the Assistant Principal for Supervision of Instruction, overseeing teachers and professional development. Mrs. Schuhmann looks to the future, however, as she has recently accepted a job as Assistant Principal of Sacred Heart Academy, beginning this summer.

Mrs. Schuhmann said that her favorite thing about her time at St. X was the intense school spirit.

"From the freshmen walking in the door on the first day of school to the faculty members who have been here 40 years, there is so much pride every day, from the sports field to the classroom," she said.

Before coming to St. X, Mrs. Schuhmann taught English and Communications at Assumption High School and was a guidance counselor at Assumption and Sacred Heart. She is a native of Louisville and is a graduate of Assumption. She attended Bellarmine and the University of Louisville. She and her husband have four children.

Though brief, Mrs. Schuhmann's time at St. X was enjoyable both to her and all those in the school community. St. X wishes her the best in her future endeavors and continued work as a part of Louisville Catholic education.

Mrs. Elaine Steinberg

By Braden Tyrer

Whenever you have set foot in the IMC, you have seen the work of St. X's head librarian, Mrs. Elaine Steinberg. Since 1985, Mrs. Steinberg has worked to grow student resources in the library to the level they are today. From bringing in novels to letting students check out reference books, students' needs were always a priority.

"The best part of my job is that 'aha' moment when you can find exactly what students need and assist them," she said.

As her 28 years at St. X come to a close, she looks back with a smile. Mrs. Steinberg noted how much she has enjoyed her time at St. X. Every day has presented a new challenge.

"When I got here, there was one typewriter for college applications and we only carried reference books for in-school use," she recalls. "Look what we have today—a whole trove of resources, ready for use."

Mrs. Steinberg spent her young years in Cincinnati, Ohio before moving to Louisville. She graduated from the University of Louisville and taught in the JCPS system before taking time off to raise four children.

After going back to school to get librarian and counselor degrees, she worked at JCPS as a teacher and substitute teacher before coming to St. X, where she's been ever since.

Mrs. Steinberg looks forward to the free time she will have. She and her husband have already been to 65 countries and all seven continents, and they plan to travel even more. She also plans to keep reading, gardening and spending more time with her five grandchildren.

Mrs. Steinberg has been an integral part of the St. X community, and her work has been valuable to everyone in the school.

