

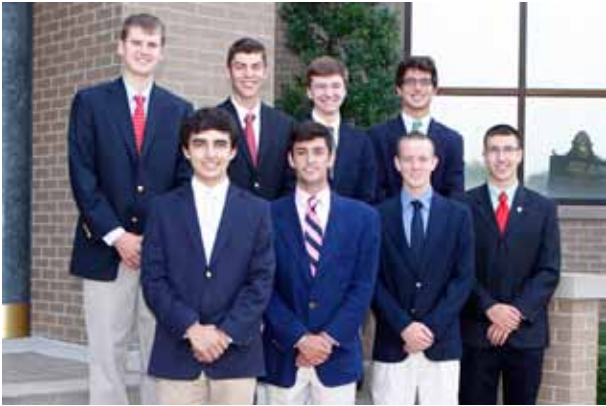
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St. X has 8 National Merit Semifinalists and 9 Commended Students

By Will Leffert

With the recent announcement of National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students, St. X's tradition of having a high number of National Merit students continues with this year's senior class.



National Merit Semifinalists: front row (left to right), John B. Fultz, Maximilian Mudd, Stephen M. Kinny, Samuel E. Bibelhauser; back row (left to right), Scott C. Cox, Paxton T. Duff, Frederick Weitendorf, Ian P. Scott.

Eight seniors were named National Merit Semifinalists: John B. Fultz, Maximilian Mudd, Stephen M. Kinny, Samuel E. Bibelhauser, Scott C. Cox, Paxton T. Duff, Frederick Weitendorf and Ian P. Scott. National Merit Semifinalists are at the top half of one percent of all students who took the 2012 PSAT.

Nine other St. X seniors were named Commended Students: Vincent R. Altobellis, Evan P. Heaton, Brian J.P. Ford, Orion C. Johns, Benjamin R. Metzger, Matthew W. Ogburn, Eric A. DeGeare, Henry G. Carnes and Mark A. Finley. These students tested among the top five percent nationally for the 2012 PSAT.

Around 50,000 qualify for the National Merit Program, and St. X has an astounding eight Semifinalists and nine Commended Students.

"It speaks of the rigor of curriculum for the three years the students have been here before they take the test," said St. X President Dr. Perry Sangalli. He added how it reflects "the quality of students that we have in our building each day and what that

should mean for how we interact with each other." This is a great honor for the school and another example of the high level of academic success at St. X.



National Merit Commended Students: front row (left to right), Vincent R. Altobellis, Evan P. Heaton, Brian J.P. Ford; middle row (left to right), Orion C. Johns, Benjamin R. Metzger, Matthew W. Ogburn; back row (left to right), Eric A. DeGeare, Henry G. Carnes, Mark A. Finley.

Giving Back at the Hunger Walk

Story and photo by Chris Grismer

On September 15, 102 members of the St. X community, 80 of whom were students, came to Waterfront Park's Festival Plaza to participate in the 36th annual Hunger Walk.

"It's a good cause and helps represent St. X's willingness to serve the community," junior Gabe Turner said as he waited for the event to begin.

The Hunger Walk, presented by Aramark, is sponsored by the Dare to Care Food Bank. Covering over three miles, the course was located along the Riverfront. Money raised at the event is put towards ending world hunger.

Leading up to the event, donations were collected in St. X homerooms and lunch periods. The school raised \$2,250 during this time. St. X donated \$1,250 of that amount to the Hunger Walk; the other \$1,000 was donated

to the Friends of the Poor Walk for the St. Vincent DePaul Society, which was held October 6.

At the Hunger Walk, St. X raised an additional \$877, which, added to the money raised at school, resulted in a total donation of \$2,127.

While students could earn service hours by working at the event, they also understood what the Hunger Walk was truly about. Junior Jack Donahue said, "I'm doing the Hunger Walk because it's in support of a great cause to help those who are hungry."

Senior Connor Pavon was the top individual fundraiser for the event for a second year in a row, raising \$1,155.

Once the walk concluded, students felt that they had really given back to those in need. Donahue said, "It was a great event, and I enjoyed being able to help."



Two Fall Dances to be Held

Seniors and Juniors will have separate event from Sophomores and Freshmen

By Tommy Sullivan



The floor was packed at the recent upperclassman fall dance.

This year, St. X's administration decided to divide SAC's annual Fall Dance into two separate dances because of higher attendance over the past several years. The upperclassmen dance was held Oct. 12 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. The underclassmen dance will be held Nov. 2 in the Sterne Gymnasium.

"Safety is always the number-one concern," said St. X Principal Mr. Frank Espinosa, explaining that so many students were attending that there were not enough teachers and police officers to chaperone. He also pointed out that younger students don't always get the best spots on the dance floor, yet they pay the same price as the older students, which isn't fair. He also thinks that students will enjoy a dance better with kids their own age.

Junior Class President Patrick Ryan attended the Junior/Senior Fall Dance. He noted that the dance floor "wasn't as crowded, but the intensity was still there."

Junior Griffin Johnson thought that the dance was "great" this year,

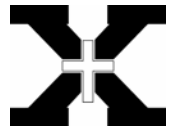
but, he said, it was "not the same without the whole school being involved."

Sophomore Class President Gavin Laffoon plans on going to the underclassman Fall Dance, and believes that freshmen will be "less intimidated" due to a smaller number of students there.

But sophomore Brian Bruns thinks the Sterne Gymnasium will be a poor venue for the event. He also wishes that "the underclassmen would get a chance to dance with senior girls."

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Mrs. Haycraft's Dead Chicken

By Matthew Hess

On a hot August day, Mr. Dan Able's class left the comfort of the air conditioned school to travel to a remote area at the edge of one of the St. X parking lots. Nearing this lot, the students could already smell the unmistakable scent of a rotting carcass. As they got closer, they could see flies swarming above a raccoon trap containing a dead chicken. Nobody wanted to get near it—not because of the sight, but because of the revolting, acrid smell of the decomposing chicken.

"I thought dissections smelled bad freshman year," said senior Anthony Campisano, "but once I got near the decayed chicken, dissecting didn't seem as bad anymore."

When she began teaching Forensics class seven years ago, Mrs. Jennifer Haycraft wanted to come up with a good way to teach students a little about entomology, or the study of how bugs connect a victim to a crime scene. In order to do this, she obviously could not use a dead human body. So, she thought, what would flies like?

She bought a processed chicken at

the supermarket and put it outside in a parking lot. Every day for a week, Mrs. Haycraft and her students would venture out to the parking lot to take a closer look at which bugs swarmed around the chicken and how long it took for them to do so.

WARNING: YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO READ THIS WHILE EATING LUNCH

The purpose of this lesson, which is now also a part of Mr. Able's Forensics class, has always been to show the post-mortem interval, or how long the body has been dead.

Analyzing the different stages of flies, students can figure out just how long the post-mortem interval really is. You know it has started once you smell it.

The lesson has not changed much over the years, except that, during the first two years, the chicken was not placed in a raccoon trap. But something had to be done to prevent animals from dragging the chicken away in the middle of the experiment.

"While the overall smell of the chicken was repulsive, it was interesting to watch the decomposition over time," said senior Glen Gnadinger. "It's not something you experience every day, and I actually learned a lot from it."

From this project students embraced the difficulties of being a forensic scientist and dove straight into the science of entomology. Despite the odor, the students enjoyed partaking in this project.

"For me, it's Halloween every day," said Mrs. Haycraft. "It's like putting the pieces of a puzzle together. Solving mysteries is fun, smelly, scary and exciting all at the same time. In forensic science, if you pay attention to the little things, the big things will take care of themselves."



The chicken on its first day in the cage.

New Books in the IMC

FICTION

Al Capone Does My Homework

by Gennifer Choldenko

This is the third in the Alcatraz Island series about life as a guard's son on the famous prison island in the 1930s. Moose Flanagan and his friends try to stay a step ahead of the infamous prisoners and the warden's task force.

The Kill Order by James Dashner

The prequel to the *Maze Runner* series, *The Kill Order* is the story of the fall of civilization and the disease that started it all.

Red Moon by Benjamin Percy

So far, the threat has been controlled, but the night of the red moon is coming—werewolf thriller!

Screaming Quietly by Evan Jacobs

Ian Taylor tries to maintain the façade of a normal high school kid while dealing with the instability of living with divorced parents, and desperately trying to keep his special needs brother a secret from his friends.

Ten by Gretchen McNeil

A secluded island, a teen party, a raging storm ensues, people start dying, a killer is on the loose and the teens cannot get off the island.

Under the Dome by Stephen King

You may have seen the television series, now read the book! On a beautiful fall day, a small New England town is suddenly sealed off from the rest of the world by an invisible force field.

NON-FICTION

Fear and What Follows by Tim Parrish

A memoir of the author's upbringing in a racist, Southern Baptist town, his own irrational behavior and racism, and his eventual enlightenment and redemption.

First Class: The Legacy of Dunbar, America's First Black Public High School by Allison Stewart

In an era of Jim Crow laws, segregation and racism, Washington D.C.'s Dunbar High School maintained elite faculty, and for decades turned out high-achieving students.

Tiger Tailgate

A new tradition begins



The St. X Pep Band leading students from the tailgating field to the stadium

By Austin Chambers

Tiger Tailgate was a new SAC-sponsored event where students met on the soccer/lacrosse practice field and hung out before three of the home football games this year. It was a typical tailgate, where students could play cornhole, throw a football and participate in other activities with their comrades. Only St. X guys could attend, but girls were welcome, too. The Tiger Tailgate helped build a sense of St. X brotherhood, and it also helped build the "rowdy" spirit before the greatest home atmosphere on the planet.

One really cool thing about the Tiger Tailgate was that the St. X Pep Band played all the St. X pump-up songs while everyone was out there. Then, about 30 minutes before kickoff, all the tailgaters came together and marched to the stadium with the band leading the pack. It was really something different that most high schools do not do.

The Student Activities Council grilled hot dogs and other tailgate food before the games and handed it out to students for free! They also gave away water

bottles, but you had to get there early because they went fast. The only thing that cost money was a ticket to the game.

"Tiger Tailgate was an idea that the student body as a whole really wanted to get going," said SAC board member Will Ostertag. "The goal was to get kids out to the game and get them out early, so they could be in the Rage Cage from the opening kickoff." He added that it was a success because "it's a perfect environment to relax and enjoy yourself after a long week of school. Free food, unlimited games, and all your buds right there with you. I mean, what more can you ask for?"

Senior Ryan Callahan said, "It was a great time to play cornhole with friends, and you couldn't go wrong with free food. It's a brotherhood that other schools don't have because the support for athletics and other activities at St. X is always there."

Tiger Tailgate has concluded for this year, but based on its success, it will surely be back next fall. Perhaps it could even be back this spring before key home lacrosse and baseball games.

A Lively Spirit Week

By Austin Cundiff

This year's Spirit Week was one to remember. Everything that goes into making it great was there. SAC provided all the spectacular decorations around the campus, the enthusiastic songs played on Monday, bingo in the cafeteria and tailgating in the gym, where students were able to engage in a multitude of activities. In addition, homerooms decorated their doors and a number of students decorated their cars on Friday. SAC was also responsible for setting up the pep rally.

"Spirit Week was so tight, it blew my face off!" said senior Lincoln Bisig. Senior Kyle Brutscher, agreed, saying that, "Spirit Week was pure chaos and everyone was rowdy."

It was our most active shadow visiting week, and the school also hosted a Walkabout Wednesday, so future Tigers

and parents were able to observe our school during its most lively week.

In past years the only recognized sport in the Spirit Week pep rally was football, but in recent years that honor has been extended to all other fall sports teams. Golf, soccer and cross country were all recognized for their achievements thus far.

Pep rallies get the school pumped up and prepared for the St. X-Trinity game, and Spirit Week leads us to that point. Even though we lost that singular game, much was gained from the week. Spirit Week solidifies our standing as an awesome school, full of spirit. Our pep rallies lead us to this special point; they tie all of Spirit Week together into the thriving community and brotherhood that is Saint Xavier High School.



This year's Spirit Week featured one of the best pep rallies ever.

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A New Tex-Mex Taste

Chipotle Brings Zest to Louisville's Food Scene

By Braden Tyrer

St. X students are no strangers to the “Mexican Grill” movement. Establishments like our Poplar Level Qdoba up the street are frequented by students, and local favorites like Moe’s and Bazo’s have long stood as favorites for any meal. But as the consumer demands more from every bite, Chipotle Mexican Grill has come to the forefront, a national leader in the fresh, fast Mexican market. Through a superior experience from the staff to the food they serve, eaters-out can expect to see Chipotle continuing to expand in the Louisville area.

As manager Zack Lyman puts it, “We serve food with integrity; it’s food I feel proud serving to our customers.”

Lyman, an Arizona native, came to Louisville a short while back to work at the first Chipotle in the city, located downtown near Fourth Street Live. He relocated to Springhurst with the construction of a second location, a restaurant that has only been open since early September. In this short time, however, Zack’s store has seen huge numbers turn out to sample the new cuisine. Even at 4:30 p.m. on a Monday, several people were enjoying some tacos or a burrito. After seeing just how Chipotle prepares their food, it’s easy to



Photo by Hunter O'Brien

see why so many people are excited.

Chipotle is all about fresh, natural food. Zack, with a smile on his face, explained what his company does differently than the competition.

“It all starts with *only* organic ingredients. Everything we serve is certified organic, 100 percent hormone-free and antibiotic-free and locally sourced. All of

the food comes from within 300 miles of the location. Our food is real.”

Although this is a big commitment and a daunting task because each location has varying suppliers, Chipotle employees wouldn’t have it any other way.

Zack and his team come in three hours prior to opening every day and make all of the food that they serve for

that day, even down to the dicing of tomato, onion and cilantro for their refreshing Pico De Gallo.

Their restaurants have a crisp, modern feel with lots of contemporary fixtures, all while providing a warm and inviting environment in which to enjoy a meal.

Their menu is simple, just like what goes into their food. Burritos, tacos and bowls are all prepared the way you want, and each offers the consumer the complex flavor profile that Louisvillians have come to expect from establishments like Qdoba.

Interestingly enough, the food is fresher, more flavorful and free of all scientific modification and cross-country sourcing, all at a price that is on average one to two dollars cheaper than a comparable meal at Qdoba.

With meats cooked the right way and various salsas that are each better than the next, you can’t go wrong. Even the sour cream is better than any I’ve had at any restaurant in its class. With food this good, you can be as proud to eat at Chipotle—almost as proud as the employees, excited to serve you *their* food, sure to satisfy the Kentuckiana area for years to come.

Concerts Coming To Louisville

By Ethan Mackin

If you’re an all-around music lover, then you will cherish the concerts coming to Louisville this autumn. Louisville is known for its cultural dominance in Kentucky, and it’s doing it again. No matter what genre you love—pop, psychedelic rock or even heavy metal—the lineups this fall will be solid and memorable for all fans.

Hunter Hayes



Hunter Hayes will be performing at the Louisville Palace tomorrow night (Oct. 26). It will be a solo performance and tickets range from \$44.50 to \$52. Hayes is a young, American country music singer/songwriter. Although only 22 years old, he has been a Grammy nominee three times and has won multiple American Country Awards. While he performs an old-fashioned style of music, he adds a young and refreshing feel to the country music industry and has performed with such greats as Hank Williams Jr.

Cold War Kids

Cold War Kids will be performing solo at Headliners Music Hall on Nov. 1. Tickets start at \$20. Cold War Kids is an American indie rock band formed in 2004. They quickly broke through with their song “Hang Me Up to Dry,” which

nearly broke the Billboard Hot 100.

Trivium

Trivium will be performing at Expo



Five with four bands opening for them on Nov. 15. Tickets range from approximately \$50 to \$700. Trivium is an American heavy metal band that formed in 2000. They are known for their old-fashioned metal style that resembles the sounds of bands like Metallica and Black Sabbath. While the band consists of older members, they add a twist of modern, softer vocals that complement their mind-blowing guitar riffs and demanding drum grooves.

MGMT

MGMT will perform at the Louisville Palace on Nov. 22. Tickets are on sale for \$41. MGMT is an American band that is primarily known for their song “Kids” and their psychedelic rock style. MGMT

was a Grammy nominee in 2010 for Best New Artist, and their song “Kids” was nominated for Best Pop Performance By a Duo or Group With Vocals. It’s difficult to categorize MGMT since they mix psy-

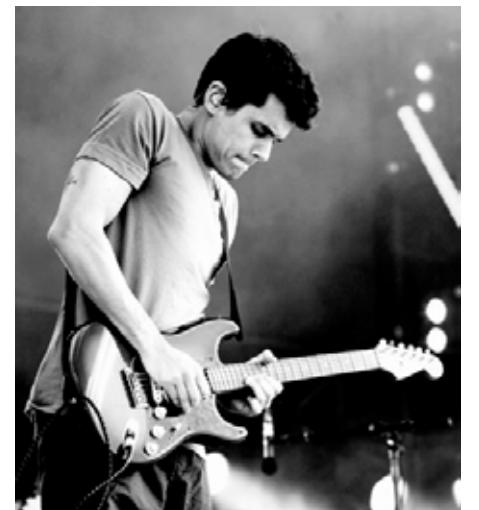


chedelic rock and a touch of techno, but their originality has captivated many.

John Mayer

John Mayer will perform at the KFC Yum! Center on Nov. 26. Tickets range from approximately \$32 to \$65. Mayer is a very popular American singer/songwriter with seven Grammys for his original style of blues and acoustic music, and two of his six albums have achieved multi-platinum status.

If you like relaxing and emotionally driven music with a message, be sure to make this show, which is expected to sell out.

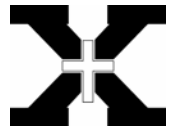


John Mayer

Justin Timberlake

Justin Timberlake will be performing at the KFC Yum! Center on Dec. 15. Tickets range from approximately \$45 to \$175 on Ticketmaster. Timberlake has won six Grammys and three American Music Awards. He broke through with many hit songs with the boy-band 'N Sync in the early 2000s and dominated pop music after he began his solo career. He has performed in Louisville before, but this will be the first time he has performed in the KFC Yum! Center, and it is expected to sell out.

Note: Beware of “scalper” sites that have inflated prices but look as if they are the actual box office site for the venue.



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Time For Swipe Cards

By Paxton Duff

Traffic. Confusion. Wildebeests. For senior Nick Quinones, the change in the hallways was overwhelming the first week of school. If a mighty senior feels this discombobulated, the freshmen have it much worse.

Quinones explains: "When the school decided to lock the doors between classes, my school day became much more inconvenient. While I understand that the security measures outweigh the negatives, I struggle to make it to class on time. The 'T' has gotten to the point that I fear a freshman will share Mufasa's fate from *The Lion King*, stampeded by a herd of senior wildebeests."

Sophomore Michael Sass adds, "I came home from school one day with a bruise on my arm because a senior ran over me. I need to walk from one end of the school to the other. Last year, I was able to go outside and enter the front of the IMC or cafeteria during lunch. I'm not criticizing the new rules, but I think that there are simply too many students to all be in the hallway in between classes."

For the 2013-14 school year, St. X changed its policy regarding unlocked doors before school and during class. In the past, a student could enter through Flaget Hall before school and between classes to avoid traffic jams. Now, it is impossible to enter during these times without the help of a teacher, who uses an electronic key. If teachers are able to open doors for students, should students have similar capabilities?

The most logical solution to the new traffic jams is to turn the students' mandatory IDs into swipe cards. If students were given swipe cards with the ability to open doors from the outside during school hours, they would avoid messes in the hallways, tardiness and the pain of getting

stampeded by the senior class.

Swipe cards are efficient and safe. In years past, any individual could walk into the school during school hours, which gave way to the possibility of a dangerous situation. Students understand that the old method was not safe, and safety is more important than efficiency. That is precisely why the new method is so effective.

Teachers would also benefit from students having swipe cards. As of now, multiple teachers are required to unlock various doors around the campus and hold them open between classes; could student swipe cards not do the same job?

The counterargument for swipe cards is that students could enter the building after school hours, or strangers could steal a swipe card and enter a building. However, both of these problems can be avoided. Swipe cards could be made to shut off after about 3:30 P.M. They could likewise be deactivated if a student loses it, to be replaced by a new one, similar to how hotel keys are deactivated.

Senior Reed Stoess explained that his mornings "consist of a 12-minute drive to school, followed by a roughly 12-minute walk from the cafeteria to my locker. Everyone is using the same hallway at the same time, so the traffic is at a literal standstill."

If swipe cards become budget-friendly for the school, they will solve these issues of hallway overcrowding. They are the best possible solution, one that has proved to work at many other high schools and colleges, including local schools Collegiate and Trinity.

Teachers, students and parents would all benefit knowing they go to the safest, most efficient school in the state. It is the logical complement to the best academic, athletic and arts school around.

Our Generation Needs to Change Things

By Seiler Smith

Generation X is too "cool." I write that with the most scorn I can muster. They have shirked their responsibilities and are now criticizing our generation as "rebellious youth." We see horrible behavior in the media. In politics we have a schism that is tearing us apart. This is due to a shift in our society as a whole.

I believe change is necessary for advancement. But the way our country is changing is not going to move us forward. The corporate world is annihilating the American dream, laziness and indulgence is plaguing the teenage world, and the people who *should* be considered role models are refuted by the system because they are not powerful, rich, aristocratic or popular. The way many adults conduct their business is outdated and, quite frankly, does not work.

America has had a great system for many years. But whereas creativity and personal freedoms used to be cherished and revered in our society, many adults are now trying to beat them down with an iron fist. Self-identity is being destroyed in order to create people who stay within generalities and do not buck the system. That is not who we are as a country, and we never have been that way.

Corporate bigwigs are becoming greedier every day, and our government is feeding them. We are shipping off our jobs to people who are willing to work in an environment that is not up to American standards, for very little pay. The corporate way has reduced humanity into an expendable resource—whittling down pay until a person can barely survive off of it, much less feed a family. Our government has enacted no laws that encourage American companies to stop shipping jobs to other nations. We are a free-market economy, and so anything is legal. We have a \$7.25 minimum wage, but that is nothing compared to the cost of living in many cities. The United States is in seventh place in the global scale of minimum

wages. Australia, France, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Canada and Japan all have higher wages for their workers. One might ask, "What about the cost of living in these countries?" BusinessInsider.com took that into account when they calculated the amount of minutes one has to work in order to purchase average goods while earning minimum wage, and we were fifth on that scale.

Our American mindset—that we are better than everyone else—needs to change, because we are no longer the best. Our greed has led us down a path in which the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

In the political side of things, America is hopeless. It was asinine for elected representatives who don't like the Affordable Care Act to think that shutting down the government was best for the country. Democrats do need to allow reform to "Obamacare," and Republicans need to allow it to be put into effect, because it will allow everyone to receive healthcare. There are flaws in the law, but they can be amended if Democrats and Republicans will work together and get things done instead of taking a stand and refusing to budge.

We, as generation Y, are going to have to change things. We need to start listening to those among us who are considered radicals—who try to change the government by protesting, rallying, petitioning, and changing their personal lifestyles. Look up to social activists that you believe in. Do something, do not sit idly by, while our debt ceiling is about to collapse and the \$17-trillion debt that is growing will be dumped onto us to "deal with." Fight for change, but fight with tools. Use your education, knowledge, words, and actions to show others what America needs to become. We need to look out for others and quit thinking only about what will help ourselves get richer or more famous.

The Freshman Perspective

Story and photos by Gus Young

The weather gets colder, the days become longer and another school year starts, just like the others. As returning students walk through the halls, looking into the same classrooms, with the same teachers, teaching the same students, our outlook on the environment becomes jaded (even with the clean, new lockers lining the hallways). As we follow the same routine, day after day, we can lose sight of the things that make our school great. After three or four years we, as a student body, come to take the atmosphere and all the opportunities we have every day for granted.

However, each year, a new class en-

ters the doors for the first time. Still coping with a change in schools, and afraid to look up from their iPads to talk to anyone, the freshman class, looking to the rest of the school as an example, provides a fresh outlook on the true spirit of this campus. But, we don't often take the time to listen to what they think.

When asked about their favorite aspects of the Saint Xavier community, freshmen had this to say:

"It's as good as it gets."

—Patrick McIntyre



"The new people and great teachers."

—Trevor Owens



"Lunch, lunch, lunch!"

—Blake Bray

"How the teachers and other students accept you for who you are."

—Ryan Adams



"I admire the fraternal love."

—William Cohen



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"The atmosphere and relationships with friends and teachers."

—Alex Hood

"All the different ways to get involved, and definitely the lunches."

—Braeden Salazar



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College Selection

By David Rubenstein

This fall, seniors nationwide are facing the daunting task of selecting and applying to the colleges of their choice. Many factors are being weighed by the students and their families, including cost, size, location, academic strength, student life, up-to-date facilities and potential athletic participation.

The first step in the college selection process is to evaluate your financial status. To find this out, talk with your parents and find out what your financial situation is.

If your family can pay your tuition, you can attend private universities or out-of-state colleges. If your family cannot pay, there are loans available, which can help pay for school, and there are many scholarships available to lower the cost of college.

The next step is to think about what type of school you are looking for. Although you do not need to know your major as a senior or junior in high school, knowing a general area of study you might be interested in could be very helpful in finding a school that is a good fit. Do you want to go to the Ivy Leagues? To a liberal arts school? To a state school? You should assess your academic portfolio, considering your ACT or SAT score and your GPA as appropriate guides that can show you where you could potentially fit in.

Next, you should decide what size school you want to attend. If you prefer a small school to a big school, a state university wouldn't be a good fit.

Another factor, which is more important to some than others, is weather and location. Do you want to go to school in

the South? Or do you like the idea of three feet of snow in the Northeast? These are questions future college students should ask themselves to decide where they want to go to school.

Once you have begun to zero in on a certain type of school or location, your involvement in the selection process will become more personal. You should visit these schools to decide if you could see yourself going to school there for the next four years.

After this long process, you should be left with no more than 10 schools. At this point, applying is necessary. Be aware of the application deadlines to the schools you're looking at, and make sure you've completed the application well in advance of the date.

Scholarship information can be found on the college of interest's website, and a scholarship may require an extra essay. You should check out the scholarships available at the schools of your interest to help you reduce the cost of tuition.

It is a good idea to apply to schools even if you don't think you'll get in. The admissions process isn't always just about standardized test scores and grades. Because of this, you should do a good job on your essays and try to sell yourself as a unique individual. It is not uncommon to be qualified for being admitted into a school based on a GPA and standardized test scores, but not get in due to a mundane essay.

The college process is a grueling time for high school seniors. To make it easier, you should go through these steps as early as possible and start thinking about these things before your senior year.

Paying In-State Tuition for Out-of-State Colleges

By Steven Penava

You might think that, with the current state of college acceptance and tuition rates, you cannot enroll in any out-of-state universities. You are most likely wrong. The SREB, otherwise known as the Southern Regional Education Board, is "a nonprofit compact that works collaboratively with Kentucky and 14 other member states to improve education at every level." Basically, the SREB is a group of states in the South that have *tuition reciprocity*: a deal between two or more states that qualify out-of-state applicants as in-state applicants—but only for certain majors.

The specific program within the SREB that allows these opportunities is known as the Academic Common Market, and according to SREB.org, the Academic Common Market allows students to "study in a specialized field at an out-of-state college, while paying in-state tuition rates." The Academic Common Market has been present to students for over 35 years, but many people are unaware of its existence. Some SREB states include South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee.

For example, if I wanted to apply to the University of South Carolina, I would be able to pay in-state tuition rates if I majored in Film Studies, Visual Communications, Marine Science, or many other available degrees. However, one issue

could arise with the decision to use this program. Because you only get these in-state rates for certain majors, you have to be positive about your choice.

According to senior counselor Mr. Bob Glasford, "Some people will take the major to go out of state to make a new experience affordable, but will get there and realize the subject is not for them."

Such students would then have to transfer or pay standard out-of-state tuition rates.

A list of states and schools available according to each subject specialization can be accessed at <http://home.sreb.org/acm/choosestate.aspx>. I find this program extremely useful as it makes living in a new state—something I have always wanted to do—much more affordable. Using the Academic Common Market could open several seemingly closed doors for a number of students at St. X.

States That Allow In-State Rates for Kentucky Students (Only Applies to Specific Majors)

Alabama	Mississippi
Arkansas	Oklahoma
Delaware	South Carolina
Florida	Tennessee
Georgia	Texas
Louisiana	Virginia
Maryland	West Virginia

New Quality Point Scale Will Improve GPAs

By Ben Gumbel

A new quality point scale, or GPA scale, has been set in place for the current school year, which will be a big change if students take advantage of it. Compared to the previous GPA scale, this one is very different.

For example, before this year, a student who earned a B (83.5–91.5) in a class would receive a 3.0 counted towards his cumulative GPA. Under the new scale, a student who earns a B+ (91–90) will receive a 3.8 to go towards his cumulative GPA, a student who earns a B (89–86) will have 3.5 go towards his cumulative GPA, and a B– (85–84) will count as a 3.0. The only thing that stays the same is that a student who earns any type of A (A+, A, A–) will still receive a 4.0 counted towards his cumulative GPA.

"The Administration felt as though the former quality point scale did not reflect a student's individual effort," explained Dr. Sarah Watson, Assistant Principal for Studies. "A young man who earned a grade of 91 in each class received the same quality points as a young man who had an 84 in each class. Both had a 3.0 GPA, and that didn't seem to illustrate the difference in effort or motivation. [The new scale] gives students a

motivating reason to work their hardest for the best grade they can earn."

Senior Guidance Counselor Ms. Carrie Foster agrees that "the new scale is definitely a positive change."

The change will not be retroactive, which means that it will not greatly affect the senior class. Adam Williams, a senior at St. X, says "I think the new scale is a great idea, but I'm a little disappointed that the move is not retroactive."

Kenny Gibson, a junior at St. X, says, "I'm excited to improve my GPA under this new format as I start applying to colleges next year."

The new scale will also put a greater importance on the final exams toward the end of the school year. You will probably no longer hear someone say, "I've got an 89, so it's almost impossible for me to lose my B, but I can't get an A either, so why study?" Under the new scale, the student would probably be studying so that his final grade does not drop below a B+.

This is a positive change. It makes perfect sense to reward students who get a B+ rather than a B–, as well as students who get a C+ rather than a C–. This can be a great thing for students who take advantage of it.

Freshman Survival Guide

By Corbett Campbell

We are now a good ways into the school year, and freshmen are getting the hang of the way things work. You've figured out how to navigate the halls and get to class on time, even the best strategy for operating the lunch-line craze. But there's a lot you've got to learn, freshmen, including opportunities you don't want to miss out on. So here is all the need-to-know information to make your freshman year all it can be.

1. Get Involved

These are supposed to be some of the best years of your life; make the most of them. If you haven't already joined a sports team or club, I highly recommend this. Find an activity you enjoy and go for it. It is a great way to make friends and build relationships. It will also bring you closer to the St. X community. You'll find a new respect for what that name means to you, I promise.

2. Stay Organized

In other words, don't lose all your stuff; you're going to need it. Know where all notes, books, and especially homework assignments are at all times. You can't afford to lose points and get zeros on grades because you don't know where your things are. Zeros in high school will wreck you, period. Your life will be infinitely easier and less stressful come the end of a quarter when you're not trying to grind to get your grade back up because of a couple of zeros.

Having just started in high school, you have not experienced the difficulty of taking midterms and finals. To go along with staying organized, keep all your notes. This should be especially simple considering you have an iPad. Preparing for the midterms and finals will be one of the harder, if not hardest, things you

do your freshman year. But having your notes from all the way back to the beginning of the year is half the battle. As a general rule, it's the small things that make all the difference.

3. Communicate

You're in the big leagues now, kid. Nobody can hold your hand through these four years, but you sure can find people to help. Communicate with friends, teachers, counselors and anyone who can lend a hand. A ton of responsibility is on your shoulders now, so when it comes to meeting with teachers and counselors, you have to take matters into your own hands; no one will do it for you.

If you are struggling in a class, talk to your teacher. I have yet to meet a teacher at St. X who is not more than willing to meet with you before or after school for extra help. Also talk to your counselors about issues or concerns you have. I realize you may not have ever gone to your counselor in grade school (I never did), but high school is different. Your counselor will help discuss grades and other opportunities to improve your high school resume and help you through your high school career.

4. Study

If you started out with a few bad grades, this high school thing obviously took you by surprise. This isn't grade school anymore; you actually have to study for your tests, and they matter. Believe me, I understand how difficult it is to not wait until the last night to study for tests, but it will make your life 100 times easier if you do, and it will undoubtedly benefit your grades. You need to find it inside yourself to get away from *Candy Crush* and get that study guide filled out a few nights in advance.

Tiger Football: A New Era Begins

By Jacob Hayslip

Photo by Clay Hoehler

For the first time in 31 years, Mr. Mike Glaser wasn't roaming the sidelines as head coach of the Saint Xavier football team when the Tigers opened their 2013 season. Mr. Will Wolford, Coach Glaser's heir, is now tasked with leading a perennial powerhouse with high expectations from its fan base.

There have been some ups and downs, and with one game still remaining on the schedule before playoff time, the former Tiger himself has done an admirable job in his first nine games leading St. X. The Tigers have gone 5-4 on the season, but they are far from finished. The team scored victories over Ballard (32-14), Lexington Catholic (49-28), Fairdale (50-0), Central (27-13) and Manual (24-23). The Tigers lost to Bowling Green (25-39), Cincinnati Moeller (12-24), Trinity (17-29) and Male (40-44).

St. X ends its regular season with a home matchup against Cincinnati Saint

Xavier on Nov. 1.

"Our ultimate goal has not changed, and that is to win our last game," senior left tackle John Kurtz confidently stated. "We are still working very hard every practice, and if we keep up the work, we can still reach our goal."

The Tigers have had plenty of bright spots already this year while having to deal with numerous injuries. Senior running back Treyveon Percell tore his ACL in early September and will miss the rest of the season, and fellow running mate Charles Walker missed two games with an injury. Fortunately for St. X, senior running back Austin Davis has avoided the injury bug that has constantly plagued him the past three years and has performed admirably.

Defensive coordinator Mr. Todd Walsh also introduced a new defense, switching from a traditional 4-3 scheme to a 3-4. Although the returning starters have had to adjust to new positions, the new scheme better utilizes the quartet of senior linebackers: Spencer Foy, Andrew McCormick, Evan Caffee and Wes Parker.

This year's Tigers look a lot different than the St. X teams of the past, but the expectations and ultimate goal have not changed. Come December, this team will be looking to bring a football State Championship back to campus for the first time since 2009.



Everyone on the team has a 44 on his helmet in honor of Treyveon Percell, who suffered a season-ending injury.

The Dynamic Duo: McDonald and Romero

By Sam Gray

Photo by Tim Porco



There have been many great combinations throughout history: Lewis and Clark, Batman and Robin, and Bert and Ernie. However, St. X has a pair of staff members who cannot be matched by any combination in the world: trainers Danny McDonald and R.J. Romero.

Both Mr. McDonald and Mr. Romero are St. X graduates ('93 and '89). Mr. McDonald was the first to return as a trainer in 1999.

"St. X had a wonderful influence on me, especially since I was a trainer myself when I was a student," Mr. McDonald said.

Mr. Romero joined the sports medicine department a few years later. Senior football player Will Roshkowsky says that Mr. Romero "knows what he's doing. He knows a lot about the body and how it works and uses his knowledge to treat our injuries."

As for Mr. McDonald, junior football player Dylan McFarland says, "He's the coolest!"

The sports medicine department not only treats bumps and bruises, but they also play a big role in rehabilitation and treating certain injuries with various technologies such as ultrasound and the whirlpool. Mr. McDonald is also collaborating with new strength and conditioning coach Mr. Joe Tronzo on workouts pertaining to injury prevention and injury rehabilitation.

The dynamic duo of McDonald and Romero have helped dozens of St. X athletes stay out of the doctor's office and on the field. Their knowledge and experience is second to none. Their stated goal is to help the students at St. X achieve their full athletic potential. That's what puts this team tandem above all others.

Rage Cage Inspires

By John-Logan Bisig

Are athletes at St. X really motivated by the Rage Cage? Does a roaring student section inspire athletes and motivate them to play their hardest every game? The answer is yes.

"It gets my blood pumping, veins popping and pulmonary arteries jumping," confirms senior wideout Will Roshkowsky.

The Rage Cage really does inspire players to push themselves to the limit and give their all for their school. A rowdy Rage Cage motivates players to come back when they are losing and pushes players to keep fighting when they are winning.

"The Rage Cage really makes me feel like I have my big-boy pants on," said new varsity soccer squad member Colin Kremer. "It gives me the ability to kick the ball harder and faster. A ferocious side comes out of me, and I start playing from the heart and soul."

One of the more memorable Rage Cage moments was at last year's lacrosse State Championship between St. X and Trinity. Although St. X fell a bit short, everyone remembers the Rage Cage "white out" that day.

"The last thing I could do with such a huge Rage Cage cheering me on was RELAX," said lacrosse player Nick King. "It

forced me to play to the best of my ability."

Not only has the Rage Cage done a "white out," but they've also featured a "black out" during a St. X basketball game. When asked how he felt about the "black out," Austin Chambers responded by screaming "WAHOOOOOOOOOOO!" Clearly the "black out" fired him up in such a way that he could not even use the English language to describe it.

We know the Rage Cage will always show up for the major sports, but what about some of the other sports that don't get much of a Rage Cage? Senior cross-country runner Ben Metzger said, "We don't always get a huge Rage Cage like some of the other sports, but when I do see kids cheering me on down that final stretch, it lifts my spirits and pushes me to finish strong."

The Rage Cage is also present at some swim meets, especially during the State Meet. It should be a goal for everyone to not only support the major sports, but support all the St. X athletic teams.

The whole point of the Rage Cage is to cheer on your classmates and brothers as they fight to get a victory for our school. So it is important that we cheer on every single sport and keep cheering them on until the final buzzer.



The Rage Cage had a patriotic theme at the game against Bowling Green.

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Golf Team is State Runner-up

By Eric Anderson

The St. X Golf Team finished second in the State Tournament held Oct. 8–9 at Bowling Green Country Club.

The tournament was a two-team race between St. X and West Jessamine High School. West Jessamine started off the second day with a three-stroke lead, but St. X quickly took over early in the second day. The Tigers were leading with nine holes left, but West Jessamine started a rally. The tournament was tied with two groups left to play, but West Jessamine pulled out a seven-stroke victory. West Jessamine senior Fred Allen Meyer won the individual title with a three-stroke gap between himself and St. X senior Brendon Doyle's two-round score of 139 (five under par).

Senior Christian Vining and sophomore Michael Sass each finished with seven-over-par scores of 151. Sophomore Billy Basham

finished with a 12-over-par score of 156, and senior Paxton Duff rounded out the scoring with a 15-over-par score of 159.

"We were both having great days and playing our best golf," said Doyle after the tournament, referring to the contest between himself and Meyer. "He just played too well down the stretch, and I couldn't catch him. I'm not really concerned about that, though. I'm just disappointed that the team didn't win."

Senior John Lechleiter was at the championship supporting his teammates. "I was doing my best to help cheer on the boys," he said. "It was hard to watch the end of the tournament, but the team played great."

The team's season got off to a great start this year with wins in three of their first four tournaments. The team dominated throughout the regular season with a top-three finish in every tournament they competed in.

Their biggest win came in the Kentucky Cup. The team finished second in stroke play in order to qualify for the match play segment of the tournament. In match play, the team defeated Christian Academy and Ryle High School to take home the championship. Lechleiter and Duff led the team to victory.

"The Kentucky Cup was important for the confidence of Paxton and myself," said Lechleiter. "It helped us believe we could win every tournament we played in."



From left: Vining, Doyle, Sass, Duff and Basham with their 1st-place trophies from the Battle of the Bluegrass.

Noticeable throughout the entire season was the impact of the underclassmen. Sass, Basham and sophomore Matt Liston all played varsity, and junior Jimmy Gates will look to capture the State title next year.

"This loss will only motivate us for next year," Gates said. "Michael, Billy and I will be working hard to give ourselves the

opportunity to win State."

Current seniors will look to continue their golfing careers at the college ranks. Doyle has committed to Indiana University and is hoping to be one of their top golfers right away. Duff and senior Christian Vining also are looking to play golf in college, but remain uncommitted.

Photo by Tim Porco



Doyle was individual state runner-up

Soccer Wins District Title, Primed for State Tourney

By John Horlander

Tiger Soccer has been a model for success in recent years. Since 2000, the Tigers have won eight of the past 12 state championships and five of the last six. This year presented a new challenge. After losing two of their top three scorers and their starting goalkeeper, the Tigers were left with some big holes to fill.

Strikers Joe Workman and Jack Somervell became the Tigers' primary scorers. Wes Luvisi came into his own as the Tigers' standout goalkeeper. Matt Effinger and Clay Brown became key role players. All in all, the Tigers have done a fine job of replacing last year's squad.

Early in the year, the Tigers had a streak

of three straight games without a loss, beating Louisville Collegiate 3–0, Ballard 4–1 and Lexington Catholic 3–0. They were determined to keep that streak alive, but St. Louis University High School from Missouri and Olentangy Liberty from Ohio had something to say about that. The Tigers fell for the first times 1–4 and 0–1. After two rebound wins against South Oldham and Male, Collins High School knocked off the Tigers 1–2. Leading up to the highly anticipated showdown with Trinity, the Tigers were victorious over Manual, Brown, Eastern and Atherton. Most impressive was the score of 11–1 over Atherton.

The Trinity Shamrocks and the Saint Xavier Tigers clashed on Shelbyville Road on Oct. 2. The Tigers opened aggressively, unleashing a constant attack and giving the Shamrocks little breathing room. Unable to capitalize on numerous chances, St. X went into the half still scoreless. Trinity was the clear aggressor throughout the second half, but this time they were able to capitalize and hold off a late Tiger attack for a 1–0 victory.

St. X capped off that week on the road, winning once, drawing once, and losing once against opponents from Missouri and Indiana. The Tigers returned to Kentucky to win against Saint Henry 1–0 and tie Oldham County 1–1 at home on senior night.

At the District Championship, St. X defeated Brown 10–0 and Louisville Collegiate 2–0 to claim the 26th District title.

As this issue went to press, St. X had begun the 7th Region Championship with a 5–0 win on Monday against St. Francis. If the Tigers won Wednesday's semifinal, they will compete for the regional title on Saturday. And then, on to the State tournament!

Photo by Tim Porco



Wes Luvisi

Cross Country on Pace for Another Great Season

By Cole Bollinger

Photo by Tim Porco



Chris Striegel

Six Races into the 2013 season, the Tiger Cross Country team has made its way into the national spotlight with a ranking of number 10 in the nation by Milesplit/Saucony Elite 50 Team Rankings. The team has faced many elite teams and proven they can hang with the best of them.

Starting the season off with the Tiger Run, St. X finished first over Covington Catholic and Ravenwood. The Tigers put five runners in the top 20 as they dominated the field. The Tigers then went on to the Rumble Through the Jungle and once again defeated the field with ease. They had five in the top 15 and were led by senior Chris

Striegel. These two races proved that the Tigers were headed in the right direction for another State Championship.

The Trinity Invitational proved to be a tough test for the Tigers as they finished fourth. The Tigers lost to three top-20 ranked teams in Carmel (Ind.), Brentwood (Tenn.) and Cincinnati St. X. The Tigers were led by Striegel once again as he finished 11th with a time of 15:35.80.

Next up for the Tigers was the Palatine Invitational in Chicago, where the team finished a solid second behind nationally ranked York. Striegel and Max Mudd both finished in the top 10 in another strong showing by the Tigers.

The Great American race in Cary, N.C. was another test of the Tigers' strength. There were five other nationally ranked teams in this race, but that didn't stop St. X from having another solid outing. The Tigers finished second behind Brentwood (Tenn.) and ahead of Broughton (N.C.), Tatnall (Del.), Cardinal O'Hara (Penn.) and Saratoga Springs (N.Y.).

This past weekend the Tigers traveled to Lexington for the Lexington Catholic Invitational, and the varsity won with a score of 40 points. The team was led by Striegel, Mudd, William Mulloy, Spencer Hayden, Stephen Kinny, Ben Glover, Ben Metzger, Jack Minogue and Daniel Santos. The J.V. team also finished first.

The Tiger Cross Country team has been through a lot already and will continue to be tested with Regionals on Nov. 2 and State on Nov. 9. The Tigers will then try to make it back once again to Nike Cross Nationals on Dec. 7 in Portland, Oregon.



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Top St. X Grads in College Football

By Evan Shaheen

St. X is built on the foundation of success. That success comes in many forms: in the classroom, on the stage, and on the field or the hardwood. Success at St. X can often translate into success down the road. For a certain group of Tiger alums, that success was on Saturday afternoons, playing college football. *Xavier News* has compiled a (very subjective) list of the top five St. X football players based on their performance at St. X and at the collegiate level.

5. Dan Bick, '04

Dan Bick was one of the best defensive players in St. X football history. According to Purduesports.com, Bick recorded 133 tackles his senior year at St. X and was part of the 4A state runner-up team as a junior.



In college, Bick saw playing time with the Purdue Boilermakers all four years. As a freshman, he saw time on special teams, with a total of eight tackles, including two against Ball State and two against Notre Dame. His sophomore year, he was awarded the team's Most Improved award before appearing in ten games and starting in four. Bick represented his alma mater well, starting all games his senior year. Bick had a team high 95 tackles, including key games against Michigan State, Penn State and Northwestern.

"Dan Bick was an overachiever," said former head St. X football coach Mike Glaser. "[He played with] great speed, and he played both ways for us. He blocked nine punts."

The leadership Bick showed at St. X carried over into a leadership role at Purdue.

4. Dicky Lyons Sr., '65

Dicky Lyons Sr. is the oldest Tiger on the list, and one of the most athletic players to play for St. X. Lyons, who had great success with the Tigers, went on to play at the University of Kentucky. Centralkynews.com states that he was the first player in league history to go over 1,000 yards rushing, and his jersey was retired when his time with the Wildcats was finished. He was drafted by the New Orleans Saints.

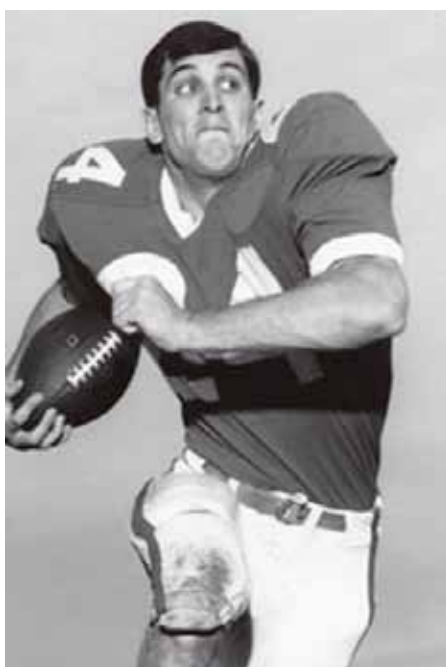
3. Rolandan "Deuce" Finch, '09



Deuce Finch was a huge contributor for the Tigers, named Gatorade Player of the year and Mr. Football in Kentucky in 2008. That was also a good rushing year for Finch; beeagles.com had Deuce running 154 times for 1,397 yards and 30 touchdowns, averaging more than 100 yards per game.

His freshman year at Boston College, Finch recorded 142 yards on 28 carries and a touchdown in six game appearances. Sophomore year, Finch played in 11 games, starting in three (Clemson, Maryland, Florida State), averaging 4.5 yards per carry, and led the team with 157 rushing attempts for 705 yards.

"Deuce was a tremendously strong runner, with speed," said Glaser. "His senior year he started out in tremendous shape but strained his MCL. He came back and struggled mentally; however, at the first Trinity game we put him in and he had almost



Dicky Lyons Sr.

200 yards against them."

Transferring to Norfolk State this past off-season, Finch exemplifies what a St. X football player and man should be while attending St. X and in endeavors beyond Poplar Level Road.

2. Victor Anderson, '08

Vic Anderson is undoubtedly one of the best to ever put on a St. X uniform. He holds the title of all time leading scorer and rusher for the Tigers with 4,008 yards and 75 touchdowns. Anderson was also named the 4A co-player of the year by the KHSAA. Scout.com rated Anderson the 29th best running back in the nation in high school, and the 10th best all-purpose back in the country at St. X.



"To play for St. X was an honor, and winning the State Championship is something we dream of as kids," Anderson told *Xavier News*. "To accomplish that dream during my time at St. X was life changing."

For his collegiate career, Anderson attended his hometown school, the University of Louisville. He was named the school's first Big East Rookie of the Year his first season with the Cardinals. According to gocards.com, he also was the school's first 1,000-yard rusher in nearly three years, rushing for 1,047 yards and eight touchdowns. Anderson was also the first person to score three touchdowns in a single game for the Cards since Michael Bush did it in 2006.

Anderson was plagued with injuries throughout his years with the Cardinals, yet in his senior season, he was named the "face" of the team by head coach Charlie Strong.

"Staying home to play for Louisville was a great honor," Anderson said. "Playing in front of the fans that supported me throughout my high school career was better than going away and playing for complete strangers. It was my honor to give back to this wonderful city that helped me accomplish my goals."

1. Will Wolford, '82



Perhaps one of the most famous and storied alums to ever come out of St. X, Will Wolford is one of the best football players to ever wear the green and gold. Wolford went to Vanderbilt University, and tshf.net says that Wolford was a four-year contributor, starting every game from his sophomore through senior season (33 straight games), and a standout athlete. In 1982, Wolford participated on the Hall of Fame Bowl team as a freshman. As documented by sportsillustrated.cnn.com, his senior season Wolford earned unanimous First Team All-SEC honors, and eventually became the first lineman from Vanderbilt to be picked in the first round of the NFL draft.

In the NFL, Wolford continued to shine, making three pro bowl appearances (1990, 1992, 1995) and playing in three Super Bowls with the Buffalo Bills (1990, 1991, 1992). In 1993, Wolford signed a contract with the Indianapolis Colts that would make him the highest paid lineman in the NFL (three-year \$7.6 million contract). He was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2007.

Wolford came back to his roots this past January, taking over the head coaching job at St. X. Wolford has set a standard of excellence on and off the field that will be followed by generations of St. X men to come. This excellence is what separates him from the pack and makes him one of the best Tiger football players of all time.

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Archery Club Draws Straight Shooters

Story and photo by Sam Lukens

Originating from an interest in archery by a group of students due to Mr. Gregory Cambron's yearly physics lab on projectile motion, St. X now has an Archery Club. A proponent of archery since 2006, Mr. Cambron was the perfect teacher/moderator to jumpstart the club.

Shooting once a week on their archery range behind the tennis court parking lot, the club is already a big part of the school. Mr. Cambron chooses the day of the week with the best weather forecast to shoot. With prime weather conditions and the guiding rules and safety policies of Mr. Cambron, the participants in the club are improving rapidly.

This club has attracted a variety of students, and there are already 40 to 50 members. No one should dismiss the club because he thinks he is too small or too big.

"It doesn't matter how athletic you are; it doesn't matter how big you are," said Mr. Cambron. "The bows we use fit every student."

New students join the club every week, and any student is welcome to



join. Mr. Cambron anticipates an influx of students after the culmination of fall sports.

Archery club was the first club freshman Ryan Flynn joined at St. X. "It's fun, and I get to shoot things," he said.

Senior Ryan Lush, who has done archery non-competitively since third grade, stated that his favorite thing about the club is "the camaraderie and brotherhood of shooting together."

Although it's one of the newest

clubs on campus, Archery Club is already one of the biggest. Under the category of Sporting Activity along with Bass Fishing and Bowling, the club looks to field a team for the varsity regional competition starting in March.

There is still an opportunity to join the club, so students should check it out! With continued support and new members, the Archery Club is here to stay, and it has the potential to be one of the most popular clubs on campus.

From Poplar Level to Wall Street

New Investment Club teaches students how to make and manage money

By Austin Smith

"Greed is good!" jokes Nick Laventis, the self-proclaimed leader of St. X's new Investment Club. Nick's against-the-grain motto reflects how he goes about his investing, but one of the goals of the new club is to teach the members the morals of dealing with money.

The club is designed to give the students an atmosphere in which they can safely learn about the excitement of investing and watching the market. The club also seeks to improve its members' understanding of investment management, to help members develop practical investment skills and test them in the market. The club wants to give the members superior access to career opportunities in the investment industry.

Mr. Scott Ramser, the proctor for this new club, described it by saying, "It gives real-life insight into the world of investing, whether you plan to be in the field of investing or just managing money well."

The students meet on a Thursday every month, which is decided depending on what date is best for everyone in the club. Each meeting, the students discuss the performance of their mock portfolios consisting of their various investments. The students compete with one another using a computer-generated simulation through *The Wall Street Journal*, which gives the students real figures and the concept of their performance.

Attendance is not mandatory, but students must attend four of the six annual meetings in order to be considered for the competition that decides the top portfolio of the group.

Along with Mr. Ramser, the club is led by Mr. Peter Laventis, a managing partner for the Wainwright Laventis Investment Firm. With Mr. Laventis' daily experience with investments, he provides insight on how the world of investing works. With his knowledge, he will have the students running Wall Street in no time.

Since the club's first meeting in September, its members have been busy designing their investment portfolios, but new members are welcome. If you are interested or have any questions, just contact Mr. Ramser in the Art Department to sign up. The meetings are announced on the WSTX morning newscast throughout the week of an upcoming meeting.

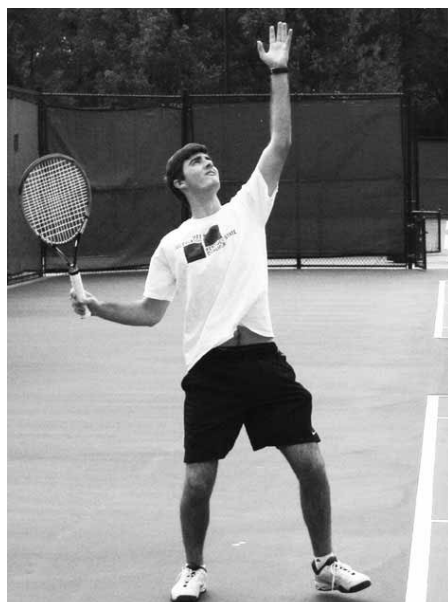
There's an "I" in Intramurals

There's also a "U" — so what R U waiting 4?

By Clay Hoehler

St. X's intramural program is off to its finest start in history. With participation growing every year, intramurals is one of the biggest programs on campus, involving over 85 percent of the student body. This program allows students to use the best high school facilities in Kentucky, including the turf football and baseball fields, the new basketball arena and the pool.

With the ability to form teams with your friends at the lunch table, intramurals has a great influence on students—especially freshmen. Sports like kickball, soccer, flag football,



Senior Henry Carnes



Kickball participants

basketball, water polo and ultimate disc give students the opportunity to make teams and compete in weekend-long tournaments, with basketball lasting upwards of three months.

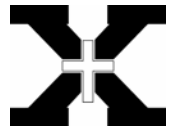
St. X students like to compete, and intramurals satisfy that need for students who are not on a major sports team as well as for those who are on a major team but want to play another sport just for fun. As a result, there has been tremendous growth in the past few years. This year alone, tennis grew from 18 players to 81, and putt-putt went from 45 participants to 60. Not all sports have shown this growth. Billiards, or as most refer to it, pool, has been dropped due to lack of interest. Yet it could very well make a comeback, as tennis did.

"Participation is the number-one

goal," says Mr. Mike Johnson, who directs St. X's intramural program, "Participation can really make or break an intramural, and this year has been a banner year."

With doubles tennis, freshman/sophomore kickball, putt-putt and the golf scramble already finished, six-on-six soccer and flag football are finishing up the fall season. Visit www.saintx.com/intramurals for a complete intramural calendar, check the bulletin boards outside the cafeteria for information, and watch for Mr. Johnson's WSTX announcements on upcoming signup opportunities.

If you haven't taken part in intramurals yet, now is the time! Participation has been higher than in recent years, and student interest is surging. What more could you ask for?



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Louisville's Best Haunts

By Lucas Baker

Dark hallways. Blood-curdling screams. Endless gore. Terrifying characters. Spooky creatures. Captivating illusions. What do all of these spine-chilling frights have in common? They can all be found at a haunted attraction in the Louisville area.

Each year around Halloween, millions of people across the country flock to haunted attractions to experience this adrenaline-laced action for themselves. Whether large or small, these attractions are a popular and irreplaceable facet of Halloween.

Evolving and growing tremendously over the past few years in the Louisville area, the haunted attraction business is thriving better than ever before. However, this raises a question for the thrill-seeker: Which is the best? Sorting through the good and the bad over the years, I have discovered two truly petrifying haunts that are sure to keep you on your toes.

Field of Screams

Located one mile past the Otter Creek Park entrance in Brandenburg, Ky., there is a certain aloofness about this particular attraction. The Field of Screams is a local



favorite with its six-acre haunted corn maze, a two-story haunted barn, a spooky forest and the recently added haunted hayride. Lasting nearly two hours, the entire attraction is one of the longest and most exciting around.

Creeping around every corner throughout the maze, monsters of all sorts will have your heart pounding. The Field of Screams' specialty, however, is its recreation of movie sets that bring to life legendary horror films, often inhabited by blood-thirsty characters such as Frankenstein, Freddie Kruger and zombies.

After conquering the maze with its constant dead ends and loops, you will encounter the tight, airless, claustrophobic barn with its signature clown room. Finally, after being released from the barn, you finish your terrifying journey in the spooky forest.

For an additional \$10 above the standard \$20 admission fee, you can conclude your visit with a hayride out of hell through scary chainsaw-infested towns. This Halloween classic will have you hiding behind your girlfriend.

Baxter Avenue Morgue

With paranormal activity having been observed in the building, the Baxter Avenue Morgue plays into this terror by extending its haunted past into their attraction each year.

Opening in the early 1900s, the morgue served the city of Louisville for nearly 40 years before suddenly and mysteriously closing in 1940. The morgue remained abandoned for almost 60 years before being purchased and established as a haunted house at the beginning of the 21st century.

With this extra layer of haunt, you will enter the premises with sweaty palms. After paying \$20 for general admission, you will be initially greeted inside by the morgue's funeral director, Warren Vanderdark. After being briefed on the rules and regulations of the attraction, Warren sets you free into the bloody bowels of the never-ending basement.

Around every corner, you will be greeted by hellacious figures approaching and grabbing at your body through strobe-lit corridors. The Morgue utilizes the scariest characters in the business including deranged doctors, hell-bound creatures and maniacal nurses.

Gory sets, fantastic acting with constant intensity and a powerfully demonic soundtrack comprise the short, 20-minute visit. Continuing its run as a Derby City must-see, the Baxter Avenue Morgue is back again to terrify anyone who dares to enter.



Halloween Homework: Is it Unfair?

By Hunter O'Brien

As one of the most fun holidays of the year approaches, many are making plans for Halloween night. These plans range from parties to going out with family members. Seeing how Halloween falls on a Thursday this year, one issue brought up by many students that could thwart their plans is homework.

Different teachers have different beliefs regarding the amount of homework given on the unofficial holiday. Some believe that there should be homework, some believe there should be less homework and some believe there should be none at all.

Mr. Jed Hilbert tends to assign homework on a weekly basis. He says that if the student manages his time well, he can get it done early in the week. Mr. Hilbert also said, "A lot of problems stem from personal accountability. A few years from now, your employer won't care about what goes on outside the realm of the workplace. So it's your job to balance your time and make sure you put yourself in a position to enjoy everything you want to enjoy, while making sure you can keep a job in this overly-competitive market."

Ms. Susan Morgan had no problem with there being homework on Halloween, saying, "People have to make choices of what their priorities are."

Mr. Nathan Bird has a more relaxed opinion of homework on the holiday: "Since all of our students are ghouls and

goblins, we should respect their one-day-a-year holiday and lighten up the homework load."

Mr. John Jefferson's opinion is that, "Halloween is a kid's favorite holiday, and since all of us are kids at heart, we should respect the kids in all of us and not give homework."

Students have also expressed their displeasure with having to do homework on Halloween. Senior Christian Bush says, "I have these great plans for the night, but I don't know if it is a great idea to set them up with the possibility of homework. I really don't want to screw up my GPA."

It is understandable that if students are given homework earlier in the week, it should be their responsibility to finish it early if they want to have Halloween night off. However, assigning a lot of homework on Halloween day and making it due the next day seems unfair and unproductive because many students will not give their best effort.

It is true that when we have jobs it will not matter what day it is, but we are not quite there yet and should not rush our youth. The best option would be to lessen the amount of homework given on Halloween so that students can still give a quality effort while having their day for fun, or if the assignment is due the day after Halloween, give the assignment a couple of days beforehand.

Top Five Halloween Songs (that you'll actually like)

By Michael Portaro

Everyone loves a good Halloween party. With the costumes and candy there's lots of fun to be had, but there's always one big problem with throwing one: What music do you play? Most Halloween songs are meant for a much younger audience or are too corny. Here is a countdown of some unorthodox songs to play at your next Halloween bash—ones that you and your friends can actually enjoy!

5. Skrillex: "Scary Monsters and Nice Spirits"

Whether you are a fan of man or machine, if you want music to get your friends on their feet, this song by dubstep master Skrillex will certainly do the trick.

4. Yeah Yeah Yeahs: "Heads Will Roll"



If you are an alternative rock fan, you know the Yeah Yeah Yeahs are the way to go. "Heads Will Roll," one of their top hits, has a dark, creepy undertone, but is sure to get the people moving.

3. Harlem: "Friendly Ghost"

Another great rock band, Harlem keeps the beat up and rolling in their hit "Friendly Ghost," which is similar to the theme song of everyone's favorite friendly ghost, Casper.

2. Kid Cudi: "No One Believes Me"

One of Cudder's more unknown singles, "No One Believes Me" is a great "slow it down" song. With a dark, edgy style that cannot be duplicated, the "Man on the Moon" is guaranteed to give your partygoers a good time.

1. Michael Jackson: "Thriller"

The list could not end any other way. MJ's smash hit "Thriller" is and will be the best Halloween song for years to come. Warning: this song will result in extremely horrid zombie dancing impressions.



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Xbox One vs. PlayStation 4

Which is better?



Xbox One

The next generation of gaming consoles will finally hit shelves this November. Gamers everywhere are asking each other whether they should buy the next iteration of Microsoft's Xbox, "Xbox One," or Sony's PlayStation, "PlayStation 4." The differences may seem slim, but there are actually some major pros and cons between the two systems that can drastically alter your decision of which console to buy.

When the Xbox One was first announced, it drew a heavy amount of criticism. Traditionally with Xbox systems, you can pay an additional \$60 yearly fee that allows you to play games online, communicate with friends, watch Netflix and much more. With the Xbox One, Microsoft's original intention was to force you to play online and pay the additional fee. If

you did not sign in to online play after 24 hours of playing offline, the system would shut off. This was just one of the many drawbacks of the Xbox

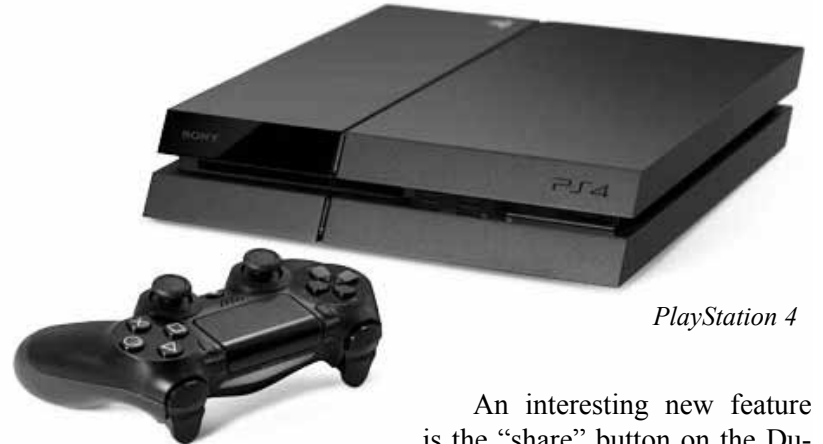
One; others included an inability to share games with your friends, not being able to trade in games, and costing \$100 more than the PlayStation 4. In addition, Microsoft seemed to be focusing mainly on television services as opposed to video games, which isn't what you expect from a gaming console.

"The Xbox One showed more interest in television networking than in actual gaming," senior Carlos Moreno added.

Thankfully, after massive negative reception to this news, Microsoft has trashed all of these policies. However, the fact that they tried to pull it off in the first place should be noted. Who knows what they'll do with the Xbox One after it is released?

If you are a major fan of the

By Cameron Fry



PlayStation 4

Xbox-exclusive titles such as *Halo* or the upcoming *Titanfall*, the Xbox One may be a wise choice. At release, the Xbox One will also launch with Kinect, Xbox's motion-sensor gaming service. Some improvements to Xbox Live include being able to have more friends, the addition of Skype and better voice-chat quality. The full retail price will be \$500.

The PlayStation 4 will cost \$400, but it will also require an online fee this time around. Its predecessor, the PlayStation 3, did not have one, giving it a slight edge over the Xbox 360. The PlayStation online services, "PS Plus," will cost \$20 every three months. Unlike the Xbox, however, you will still be able to access Netflix and other services without it, just not online gaming.

An interesting new feature is the "share" button on the DualShock controller, which allows you to select a clip or screenshot from your last 15 minutes of gaming to share with friends over Facebook or YouTube. Generally speaking, the PS4 has better hardware in comparison to the Xbox One.

In general, it comes down to which games you prefer and what your friends plan on getting. Gaming is always more fun with other people, which is what makes it such a great social pastime when you aren't able to physically be with your friends and just want to relax.

Ask other students what they are interested in, what they have heard about the relative merits of the two systems, and make a decision based off of which one you think you would most enjoy.

iPhones 5S and 5C

Should you buy one? If so, which one?

By Drew Lloyd

On Sept 20, Apple released the new iPhone 5S and iPhone 5C. These are the first iPhones fully completed and introduced by Tim Cook, who took over the company after the passing of Steve Jobs.

Why should you buy one of the new iPhones, and which one should you buy?

If you are considering purchasing a new iPhone, either one is a good choice. The iPhone 5S is the same size as the old iPhone 5 but has a much faster processor (the first 64-bit processor to appear in a smartphone) and improved battery life.

By far the major visual difference of the two phones is the new touch ID app, which is a new way to unlock your phone. It scans your fingerprint and only allows you to have access. Whenever you download an app, it will ask for your fingerprint to make sure it is you, not someone trying to break your bank account. Within the first few days, people had already figured out a way to hack it, but Apple sent out an update that fixed the reoccurring problem.



The iPhone 5S (left) and 5C

The iPhone 5C is a new type of phone developed by Apple. Instead of the metal back, it has a polycar-

bonate back, which makes the phone less expensive. The iPhone 5C is very similar to the iPhone 5, but it has a

polycarbonate back and also comes in five colors: blue, yellow, red, green and white.

If you qualify for an upgrade and having the fingerprint scanner does not matter to you, then I suggest getting the 5C. The 5C is less money and is basically the same as the 5S, minus the processor speed and the camera. The 5C has an A6 processor, while the 5S has a new A7 processor, which means that the 5S is faster when not on Wi-Fi. The camera on the 5S allows more light in for better low light pictures.

If you already have an iPhone 5, you do not necessarily need a new iPhone, but you should get a new iPhone if you have the iPhone 3G, 4, or 4S. The newer iPhones—the 5C and 5S—are much faster. They can get you connected to the Internet more quickly than the previous iPhones. The battery lasts eight hours, so you won't have to charge it as often.

If you do not have an iPhone, I suggest getting one because the iPhone is the best phone on the market right now.



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School Spirit Runs Wild at Tiger Blast

Photo by Clay Hoehler



Soccer

Photo by Braden Tyrer



TnT

Photo by Matthew Hess



Obstacle Course

Photo by Steven Penava



Minute to Win It

By Evan Heichelbech

The 2013 version of Tiger Blast was an exciting one, to say the least. With many heated competitions between teams and the addition of a new game, the newest members of the St. X community expressed their school spirit in numerous ways while building camaraderie with fellow classmates.

The race for the infamous Golden Eagle was as tight as ever this year, with six teams tying for second place. After a struggle for separation was prevalent throughout the day, the Red Team, representing the Viewing Room, was able to pull away and claim an impressive 7-1 record, closely followed by the six runners-up who each posted 6-2 records. Competition couldn't have been fiercer, and as freshman Andrew Engel put it, "Tiger Blast was an amazing opportunity to get to know my classmates."

As many popular games returned, a new one debuted. Over the past few years, an emphasis has been put on improving school spirit in the Rage Cage at sporting events. What better way to do that than teach the newest underclassmen all of the cheers? Thus, TnT (Tigers in Training) was introduced. Two teams sat in the Rage Cage, screaming out cheers and singing the school "Fight Song," and the louder of the two was awarded points.

"It was a unique way to learn the cheers," said freshman Christian Tobbe.

Mr. Kevin Woodward, Director of Admissions, was impressed with the leadership of seniors Ian Scott and Andrew Willett, who helped direct the cheering competitions. Through all the sweat, energy and teamwork displayed, Tiger Blast was yet again instrumental in bolstering zeal and a sense of brotherhood among the freshman class.

"No freshmen were hurt by the Golden Eagle," Mr. Woodward said, "so I would deem the day a huge win for the entire freshmen class!"

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Inflatables

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Ultimate Frisbee

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Obstacle Course

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Flashball

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Kickball