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FliX nixes Kinkos, finds a new home

XAVIER'S STUDENT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER OPENS IN GSC

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FliX moved into the space formerly occupied by Kinko's this past Saturday, officially marking the new Student Business Development Center (SBDC).

"It's awesome having this new space," said FliX employee sophomore Lauren Morales. "It's a lot easier for us, since before we had to move the carts out of storage."

In the past, FliX operated on the first floor of GSC, but the carts had to be moved each night. Now, FliX also has its own office with a safe, where the money and DVDs can be secured.

In the future, they hope to install permanent shelving in the SBDC to free up more floor space for other businesses.

FliX was established in 2003 as Xavier's first student-owned and operated non-profit business. All the money made from rental sales is recycled back into the company



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BRIAN BOWSHER

Student-owned FliX has, as of Saturday, moved into the new Student Business Development Center, now occupying Kinko's former location.

and used to buy new movies. The students who work at the store don't get paid.

"It's a great résumé builder," said Morales. "That's the main reason people do it, other than the satisfaction of owning your own business."

With the change of location from the first floor of Gallagher to a permanent location in the ground level, FliX has also lowered the price of movies in hopes to gain more business from the students.

Senior Steve Bentley was instrumental in acquiring the space

for use by the student-run businesses, speaking with proper administrators about keeping the space available for student use. He was initially involved with organizing the planning meetings, but he hopes to wean from that and focus more on getting a convenience store into that space.

Xavier and a corporation are creating a final business plan for a convenience store, that, if things continue to run smoothly, could be in place by next year. "We don't want to lose student input. That's where things get tricky," Bentley said. "We want to make sure students are really involved with marketing and management."

"This new center will have a student-run vision."

XPress Laundry Service and the newly created Muskie Mart will be sharing the SBDC space with FliX. XPress will most likely create a drop-off station for students to bring in their laundry, while

Muskie Mart plans to set up a kiosk for students to order their grocery items.

While the majority of students involved with the SBDC are business majors, Dr. Tom Clark encourages all students to get involved. "We are setting up guidelines for applying to be an on-campus student business operating out of the Gallagher Center location," Clark said.

"We strongly encourage non-business majors to come to us with ideas. We may be able to partner them with business majors in starting the business so a wide variety of expertise is reflected in the business plan and initial operation of the business."

Bentley is very optimistic about the promise of the SBDC. "There is a space for any student to run a business," he said, "and hopefully we can help get the funding needed to get your business off the ground."

Traditional Irish music comes to Xavier

CELTIC HISTORIAN, MUSICIANS TO LECTURE AND PERFORM

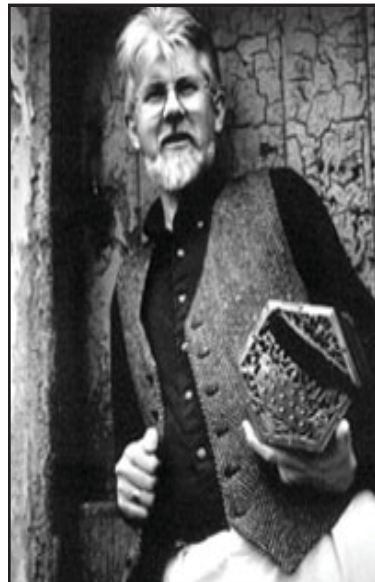


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Dr. Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin, an Irish musician, historian and author, will be giving a lecture entitled, "A Nation Once Again: The Role of Traditional Music in the Development of Irish Nationalism, 1800-2000" at Xavier this Friday, and will be performing that night as well.

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He has been described as one of the leading folklorists and authorities on Celtic music. On Friday at 3 p.m. in the Conaton Board Room, ethnomusicologist and anthropologist Dr. Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin will be giving a presentation on the topic, "A Nation Once Again: The Use and Abuse of Traditional Music as a Conduit of Irish National Identity."

The event is being sponsored by the Xavier Irish Society and its goal is to spread an awareness and appreciation of traditional Irish music on campus.

A native of County Clare, Ireland, Dr. Ó hAllmhuráin has written and presented over 50 papers as well as produced 10 CDs, two films and is the current Smurfit Stone Professor of Irish Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

At 9 p.m. on Friday, Ó hAllmhuráin will be joined by two other traditional Irish musicians, Gerry Joyce and Kerry Moran for a special performance in Ryan's Pub.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIMOTHY WHITE

Gerry Joyce is well known around Xavier's campus by those who have participated in Dr. Timothy White's study abroad program to Ireland.

Joyce, who describes himself as a "folksinger or a balladeer" has been a member of folk groups since 1967 and has toured Israel, Germany, the United Kingdom as well as Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Cape Breton and Edmonton in Canada. He performs primarily in Galway City and his home county.

A resident of Connemara, Ireland, Joyce is an annual attrac-

American citizen."

She has performed in Ireland for the Congressional Benefit in honor of Colin Powell and has been a member of the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, an organization that works for the preservation and promotion of traditional Irish music throughout the world, since 1989.

Dr. Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin, Selected Works

Discography:

- *Tracin' – Traditional Music from the West of Ireland*
- *Traditional Music from Clare and Beyond*

Publications:

- *A Pocket History of Irish Traditional Music*
- "The Concertina in Irish Traditional Music"
- "The Great Famine: A Catalyst in Irish Traditional Music Making"

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