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## Competition in cooperation

### XU, UC SUSPENDS RIVALRY TO HELP OUT ACROSS TOWN

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More than 1,100 Xavier and University of Cincinnati students, staff and alumni spread out across the Greater Cincinnati area on Saturday to give back to the community in the tenth annual Crosstown Helpout.

Xavier senior Emily Brown was one of the coordinators for the events and was also a member of the prize patrol.

"Participating in the Crosstown Helpout eliminates any guesswork in volunteering. Both XU and UC's student alumni associations work diligently to make it as simple as possible to volunteer. I think it's that simplicity that makes it so appealing to the community."

Some of the sites included Cincinnati Recreation-Lincoln Center, Grant's Lick Elementary School, Over the Rhine Community Housing, Sands Montessori, Saylor Park Recreation Center, Working

in Neighborhoods, Annunciation School, Burton Elementary Center, Drop Inn Center, First Step Home Inc., Madisonville Recreation Center, Our Daily Bread, Norwood City Schools, Working in Neighborhoods, YMCA House of Peace and YWCA Hippy. Due to the winter season most volunteer work was limited to painting, cleaning and indoor repair work.

The Crosstown Helpout is sponsored by the Xavier University National Alumni Association, the University of Cincinnati Alumni Association and Home Depot. It is also sponsored by Glidden Paint, Coca-Cola, Domino's Pizza, Home City Ice and Skyline Chili.

Glidden Paint and Home Depot provided materials for the work that needed to be done at each site. A team captain for each site assessed the school or agency's needs and organized the materials prior to the event.

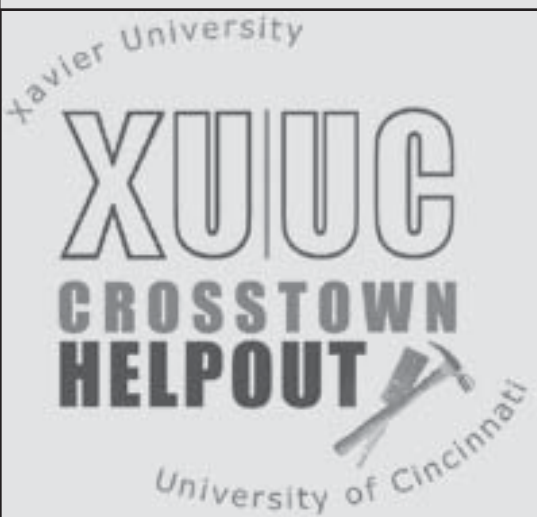
The Crosstown Helpout has expanded from just 200 volunteers ten years ago to becoming one of the biggest volunteering events of the Greater Cincinnati area.

A spin-off of the Crosstown Shootout basketball game between Xavier and UC, the two school's student alumni associations created an event for students to come together and participate in community service.

Each year, the two schools take turns hosting the registration and continental breakfast before the event. This year, the event kicked off at Cintas Center. Students arrived around 8 a.m. to sign up at a site to work throughout the day. Between 30-40 sites were available. Event coordinators tried to keep equal amounts of Xavier and UC students at each site. The volunteers worked from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. or until their jobs were completed.

Lunch, soft drinks and prizes were also provided throughout the day.

All participants were eligible to win prizes with the grand prize being two tickets to next year's Crosstown Shootout. A prize patrol went to the sites throughout the day and handed out various prizes such as coupons and sweatshirts.



## Students get naked in chilly run for charity



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIKA BRESEE

Xavier students bare all and brave the conditions to raise money for the Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

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Last Friday, nudity—or rather nearly nudity—was rampant on campus for the seventh annual Nearly Naked Mile. This year's charity event benefited the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and was themed "Nearly Naked Mile 2007: An International Experience."

Runners were encouraged to wear internationally themed costumes or bathing suits, and prizes were awarded to the best costume and the fastest male and female runner.

Sophomore Katy Baldwin said her outfit was a sports bra, shorts and a Swedish looking hat and mittens, a typical female running outfit. Baldwin said this was her second year participating in the event and this year it was about 30 degrees colder which brought out a lot less "man thongs."

Baldwin enjoys the Nearly Naked Mile because it is an excuse to "do something ridiculous" in the name of charity.

Registration for the event was \$10 and included a souvenir T-shirt, food and entertainment following

the mile run.

Nearly naked runners began at Husman Hall and raced through the residential mall past the intramural fields and back to Husman.

After the events, runners ventured to Gallagher Student Center for free food from Bucca di Peppo, Chipotle and Blue Gibbon. Entertainment was provided by international campus clubs including the South Asian Society and F.A.C.E.S., as well as a KISS FM DJ.

The Nearly Naked Mile event is hosted by STYUKA and the Student Government Association.

## Standing tall

### JUNIOR TIM SHORT WINS STANDUP COMEDY CHALLENGE

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Last Friday, the final round of Xavier's own stand-up comedy competition, Last Muskie Standing, was held in the Gallagher Student Center Theater. The event, which is in its second year, was hosted by the Xavier Players and free to everyone. The competition once again gave Xavier students the opportunity to showcase their comedic skills.

The final round consisted of six contestants who were chosen from two preliminary rounds that were held in Ryan's Pub in the fall. The contestants included round one winner, senior Joe Schwen-

deman; round two winner, junior Ray O'Brien; runners-up, junior Tim Short and sophomore Jordan Meehan; and wild cards, junior Chris Caldwell and senior Natalie Smith.

The contestants each performed 10-12 minutes of their own original stand-up material and were judged by a panel of four. The contestants' material included everything from methods on losing weight to Ronald McDonald running for president. In the end, junior Tim Short came out on top with his ode to Soupie's sung to the tune of the Star Spangled Banner.



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See LAUGHS, page 7 Junior Tim Short

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