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Muskies poised for tourneys

*A-10 title catapults
Xavier to six seed*

By PETE HOLTERMANN
SPORTS EDITOR

For much of this season, Xavier basketball coach Skip Prosser has talked about the thumping sound he heard of people jumping on and off the team's bandwagon when his Muskies went through some troubled time earlier this season.

That resounding thud you heard last week was the Musketeers drilling the rest of the Atlantic 10 into the ground enroute to XU's first-ever A-10 Tournament title.

At times this season, it seemed questionable whether or not Xavier would get a bid to the NCAA Tournament. The team left no doubt when they secured an automatic bid to the big dance with their conference crown.

Xavier will now face the University of Washington in Washington, D.C. when the NCAA Tournament opens on Thursday. Xavier enters the tourney with a 22-7 record, and the a claim on the No. 23 spot in the Associated Press Poll.

When this season started, Xavier set out to repeat as A-10 West Champs. There were struggles along the way, but an attitude adjustment midway through February helped Xavier enter the A-10 Tournament ready to dominate.

"After the UMass game, we've tried very hard to just concentrate on the task at hand," said Prosser. "Throughout the conference tournament, our goal was to get to 20 wins, then 21, and then 22.

"Now we'd like to get to 23 wins."

In addition to the three tournament victories, XU had to pick up an important win to close the regular season to secure the top spot in the West.

Xavier entered its March 1 battle with Dayton a game behind the Flyers. A win for UD would give the Flyers the title outright. A Xavier win, however, would mean that XU, UD and George Washington would all be tied with an 11-5 record. In that scenario, Xavier would get the top seed from the West by



Photo by Steve Smith

Xavier senior forwards T.J. Johnson and Torraye Braggs celebrate the Musketeers' first ever Atlantic 10 tournament championship.

For a preview of Washington and more NCAA coverage, please see pages 6-7.

way of tiebreakers, and Dayton would be relegated to third place, one spot short of getting a first round bye in the A-10 Tournament.

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*Women draw IU
with WNIT bid*

By MATT BARBER
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

It has been five years since the Xavier women last made an appearance in a postseason basketball tournament. The Musketeers, however, are back as they will be playing the 1998 Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The 1992-93 Xavier squad went 21-9 and won the Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Musketeers were led by Carol Madsen and Monique Greene that year. Madsen holds seven individual school records from her three year career at Xavier. Greene is now an assistant coach for the Musketeers.

Xavier lost its first round game to perennial power Clemson 70-64 and exited the NCAA tournament. Greene led the Musketeers in rebounding and scoring in her final game as a senior.

Xavier, at 17-11, was not selected for the NCAA tournament this year, but three other Atlantic 10 teams were. Virginia Tech won the conference tournament to earn the automatic bid, and UMass and George Washington received at-large bids. The Musketeers were 4-2 against these three teams, including sweeping Virginia Tech in the season series.

(Please see Musketeers, page 8)

Gallagher to fund next big project

By PETE HOLTERMANN
SPORTS EDITOR

Work had not even begun on the Cintas Center when Xavier announced it had already lined up funding for its next large project. In June, 1997, the university announced an anonymous donor from the Board of Trustees had come forward to help revitalize the University Center.

The donor, who the university did not want to identify at the time of the announcement, is Charlie Gallagher. He is the chairman and chief executive officer of Applied Industrial Materials Corporation in Denver.

Gallagher is a controlling shareholder in a number of companies including a manufacturer and marketer of micropowders for the flat screen TV and other computer and automotive industries.

Gallagher was on hand when Xavier broke ground for the Cintas Center in late February. He feels the

two projects are closely related. "When the Board of Directors decided on the Century Campaign to raise \$100 million to literally rebuild this campus, we all agreed that we needed a fly wheel...a signature effort," Gallagher said. "(The Cintas Center), in my opinion, will serve as the fly wheel for further campus development."

At the time of the announcement, Xavier said the donor contacted them about making a donation, and the school responded by saying the University Center is its greatest need.

Gallagher has embraced the opportunity to work on the project. "I'm going to be the catalyst for the University Center to happen," he said.

"It will be a fantastic building. It's going to be the hub of campus and student activity."

Things are still in the planning stages for the facility.

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Digging in!



Photo by Trent Engbers

(Left to right) Chairman of the Board of Trustees Michael Conaton, Xavier President Fr. James Hoff and Cintas CEO Bob Kohlhepp made the first dig in the Convocation Center project Feb. 26. Please turn to page 2 for the complete story.

NEWS BRIEFS

Grad assistantship

The second 1998-99 Graduate Assistantship Posting is now available. Students may receive a copy of the posting from either the Career Services Center in the University Center or the Office of Graduate Services, located in 312 Elet Hall. Students may also call 745-3360 to ask for a posting to be mailed to them. The applications for all positions are due in the Office of Graduate Services no later than Friday, March 27. Please note that the positions in this posting are all for the Weekend Degree Program.

Days for '98-'99

The '98 - '99 Xavier Days student day planner is being offered by the office of student services this fall. Any clubs or organizations interested in listing any events or deadlines in the planner should contact Megan Jackson, office of marketing and public relations, mail location 5141. Submissions will be accepted until Tuesday, April 14. Call 745-3185 with any questions.

Ethical seminar

On Friday, March 13, visiting professor Rev. John Locke, S.J. will present a seminar on intercultural exchange. Locke, who is from Kathmandu, Nepal, will discuss differing notions of ethical foundations such as goodness and virtue. The event will be from 3-5 p.m. in Schott 200.

Bookstore sale

The bookstore is offering a 20 percent discount on selected books for women's history month and for St. Patrick's Day. These books are located near the front of the store. Also, there are half-price books located outside the main entrance.

—compiled by Kara Benken



Police Notes

Thursday, March 5, 1:28 p.m.

An employee reported that his/her administrative parking permit was stolen out of his/her car while parked at the Cohen Center.

Saturday, March 7, 11:40 p.m.

Officers on routine patrol found two parked cars in the pit of the North Lot with their driver's side windows smashed out. Nothing was taken from the vehicles.

Police Note of the Week

Sunday, March 8, 10:05 p.m.

A student was cited for discharging fireworks in the Village courtyard.

—compiled by Amy Zywicki

Convo christened Cintas

By PETE HOLTERMANN

SPORTS EDITOR

Xavier did more than break ground for the Convocation Center on Feb. 26; it gave the facility a name.

Just before digging a ceremonial shovelful of dirt to signify the beginning of construction of the project, Xavier President Rev. James Hoff, S.J. announced the 293,000 square foot, multi-purpose building will be named the Cintas Center.

Robert Kohlhepp, the chief executive officer of Cintas, sits on the Xavier Board of Trustees and serves as the chairman of the Convocation Center project.

"Every project needs a champion, a leader who says this thing is going to get done no matter what," said Hoff. "Among the things that Bob did for the Convocation Center is solicit very, very substantial personal gifts from his colleagues at the Cintas Company.

"In recognition of Bob Kohlhepp and his outstanding work



photo by Trent Engbers

Robert Kohlhepp (left) and his wife Linda (right) were the largest donors funding the Convocation Center. They are pictured here with Joseph Viviano, President and CEO of Hershey Foods Corporation.

on behalf of Xavier's new Convocation Center, on this, the twenty-sixth day of February, 1998, Xavier University is pleased to break ground for the Cintas Center."

Kohlhepp and his wife Linda are among three main donors from Cintas. The others are Jim and Joan Gardner and Dick and Joyce Farmer.

"Xavier has been an important part of my life," Kohlhepp said. "The Cintas Center will make a great educational institution even greater."

Kohlhepp earned his master's in business administration from Xavier in 1971. All three of his children have graduated from the school as well.

Cintas is a Cincinnati based company that designs and implements corporate identity uniform programs and provides ancillary services for customers throughout the United States and Canada.

(please see Cintas on page 8)

Narrow margin of victory

By AMY ZYWICKI

ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The election of executive officers resulted in one of the narrowest margins of victory in student government election history for the ticket of Desiree Demonbreun (president), Liam Randall (legislative vice president) and Lynn Grunzinger (administrative vice president).

Of the 887 votes cast, Demonbreun's ticket picked up 267 votes, beating out the second place ticket of Roderick Hinton, James Bowling and Joe Nugent by only nine votes. The ticket of Jason Thomason, Timothy McCormick and Andrew Weiss picked up 247 votes and David Hoinski, Ryan Krmarich and Sara Timmins acquired the remaining 115 votes.

"I was really surprised at how close this election really was," said Dave Coyle, student government president.

"It was pretty obvious to us that anyone could walk away with this election," said Randall. "I know we weren't perceived to be the most popular ticket, but we got out there everyday we could to campaign and let everyone know who we were and our ideas."

Demonbreun is a junior organizational communications major from Nashville, Tenn. She holds a 3.587 grade point average and plans to go to graduate school and then to law school to study pro-corporate law after graduating from Xavier.

Randall is from Louisville, Ky., and is majoring in computer science. After graduating he plans to move overseas to live with family in either England or Ireland to work in a computer-related field. Randall spends any free time playing lacrosse and working at Information Systems. He is also a member of the computer science club and holds a 3.1 grade point average.

Grunzinger, a St. Louis, Mo.,

native, is a sophomore double majoring in HAB (Honors Bachelor of Arts program) and natural science.

She holds a 3.8 grade point average. After college, she intends to join the Jesuit Volunteer Corps to do social work in a major city before going to medical school to study pediatric oncology.

"The three of us are really excited and are looking forward to a change in student government," said Grunzinger. "We are hoping things will be more personal. Students make that statement every year, but we have the personalities and the initiative to make it happen."

"I think they'll do a good job next year," said Coyle. "My advice to them is take things slow, don't expect everything to come right away with regard to projects. Things take a while to get done."

The newly elected executives will take office on April 18.

University Center donor named

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Dr. Richard Hirté, Xavier's vice president for financial administration, has been involved in meetings on the project. He called Gallagher "an interested and active participant" in the planning process.

What the new University Center will encompass is not yet known. Many of the functions of the existing building will be moving in the next few years.

By the end of this calendar year, the president's offices are to be moved into Schmidt Hall after its renovation is completed.

The student dining hall will also be a part of the Cintas Center, which is expected to be completed before the 2000-01 school year.

"That evaluation is still go-

ing on. But, most importantly, there will be a new University Center, and I suspect that ground will be broken in the next two or three years," said Gallagher.

Dr. Ron Slepitzka, Xavier's vice president for student development is overseeing the development of the proposals for the building. He anticipates the facility will include meeting rooms, student organization offices, administrative offices, the theater and some retail spaces.

The existing facility may be redone as part of the project, or it may be torn down in favor of a brand new building. "We now have two clear alternatives on the table," said Hirté.

He indicated the renovation plan would involve a slight addition to the current building. The plan

calling for tearing down the University Center and starting over would result in a smaller facility once it was completed.

When the XU2000 strategic plan was released in 1994, it called for the renovation of the University Center at an estimated cost of \$8 million. Hirté indicated the project should be in that ballpark.

The existing building holds 85,000 square feet of space, and was opened in 1964.

Gallagher is anxious to get the project underway. "A lot of things have to happen with this [the Cintas Center] before we can move forward on that [the University Center]," he said. "I am looking forward to it, and the sooner we can get going with it, the better."

Irish Americans unite

BY SARAH KELLEY
NEWS WRITER

Xavier's student senate has passed a proposal for the Irish on campus. Senate made their final decision on Monday, enabling the club to get started just in time for St. Patrick's Day next week.

Sophomores Katie Summers and Dan Furey came up with the idea of creating an Irish American club at Xavier. After researching similar clubs at several universities and collecting signatures in support of the group, Summers and Furey presented their proposal to senate, who supported the idea.

"The main purpose of the society is to further awareness of Irish culture. We want students to understand the impact of Irish influence in America through activities which expose their works and accomplishments," said Summers.

Some of the activities in store

for the society include speakers on Irish history and current events in Ireland. Summers and Furey are especially interested in finding speakers to talk about the ongoing tension between the Catholics and the Protestants within Ireland, as well as the infamous day in Irish history known as Bloody Sunday.

Also, there will be a newsletter sent containing news from the Internet to keep members informed of events taking place within the Irish community, as well as upcoming club events.

The club will also incorporate cultural activities such as Irish dancing and music. Trips to concerts and festivals throughout Cincinnati, including visits to Hap's Irish Pub in Hyde Park on Wednesdays to hear an Irish band, will be possibilities.

Another plan in the works for the society is to hold joint activities with the Irish clubs of Dayton University and Miami University. This would give Xavier students the op-

portunity to meet many new people from various schools and would provide the club with new ideas for activities.

Summers and Furey are also receiving information from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, an Irish club which has a long history in Cincinnati. Collaborative activities with this organization is another possibility.

The Irish American Student Society is open to all Xavier students of all backgrounds.

"This club is for all students, not just Irish students. We want everyone to experience Irish culture and to have a good time with it," said Summers.

There will be a booth set up on the academic mall on St. Patrick's Day from 12:45-2 p.m., where students can receive more information and sign up to be a member. For more information call Summers at 985-8073 or Furey at 985-8648.

Priority Registration for Fall Semester, 1998
Tuesday, March 24 through Tuesday, March 31

Registration

The fall schedule of classes will be available in the Registrar's Office, Alter 129, beginning Monday, March 9. Registration will take place March 24 through March 31 from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Students should consult the Registrar's bulletin board in Alter Hall to find the exact time and date of their registration appointments. Students may not register before their registration time, but may do so after. However, everyone should register before the end of priority registration on Tuesday, March 31.

Academic Advising

Students must meet with their academic advisers prior to registering. You can find the name of your adviser by consulting the Academic Advising Center bulletin board on the first floor of Alter Hall opposite the Registrar's Office.

Payment Procedures

Billing statements will be mailed to registered students during the week of July 13. The required payments must be received by the Bursar no later than Monday, Aug. 3, 1998. Registrations may be canceled if payment is not made by this date.

Midterm Grades

Students may pick up their midterm grades beginning Monday, March 9, in the Registrar's Office. A photo ID is required to receive grades.

Withdrawal from Classes

The final date for undergraduates to withdraw from spring-term courses is Wednesday, April 8.

—courtesy of the Office of Freshman Programs

Tuition Talk

Courtesy of the Offices of the Bursar and Financial Aid

•**Stafford Loans:** If your Stafford Loans have not been credited to your bursar's account as of your last statement dated Feb. 6, 1998, have you signed your Promissory Note?

•**Perkins Loans:** Have you visited the Comptroller's Office to sign for your Perkins Loan for the spring semester?

•**Priority Registration:** With priority registration fast approaching, you need to be sure your tuition account is up-to-date. If you are making monthly installment payments, they must be current in order for you to participate in priority registration. All Financial Aid must be processed and on your account. All student loans, PLUS loans or Alternative Loans must be certified, and promissory notes returned before priority registration.

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— STAFF EDITORIAL —

Musketeer Madness

At the stroke of midnight Oct. 15, 1997, a new season of Xavier basketball roared to life. Since those first basketballs were bounced in front of a packed Schmidt Fieldhouse, two separate seasons of surprise and mystery have played out, earning our basketball teams the honor of continuing play in March—the month of madness.

For the women's team, October was a month of last-place predictions and the beginning of a series of devastating injuries. But this would not deter their valiant work ethic, talent and belief in themselves that carried the team through the tiresome days of playing in the Atlantic 10. As February approached the women found themselves battling for first place in the A-10 West and a possible post-season berth.

Their efforts earned them an 11-5 conference record (17-11 overall), a solid second place conference finish, and a bid to the Women's NIT. There would be no last place finish for this team.

The men's team, on the other hand, headed into October full of expectations, not only

from themselves, but from students, faculty and national media. After last season's 23-6 finish, A-10 West Championship and trip to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, bigger and better things were only to be expected.

The season started out right as the men cruised to a 5-0 start, but things quickly

X™ changed. The X-men went through a rough stretch of unexpected losses, close games and some sloppy play. They

began to slide down and eventually dropped out of the national polls.

Nonetheless, the team stuck to their guns, believed in themselves, worked even harder to get back to the level they were once at, and it all paid off. The team won the A-10 West, won the A-10 Tournament and stands poised to make a run at the National Championship.

So in honor of March Madness we say thank you to our basketball teams for a season of thrills and memories. And we wish the best of luck to both teams. Respect is not easy to come by, but when deserved, it should be recognized.

—S.E.S

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— MALL TALK —

What would you have named the CONVOCATION CENTER?



"The Father Hoff Celebration of Partying...or something."
—SAM MILLER
Sophomore



"Kerry's Convocation Center!"
—KERRY ARTIST
Junior



"Is that the thing they're building down in the pit?"
—SEAN MCLOUGHLIN
Sophomore



"I would have named it after Xavier instead of who they got the money from."
—GERMARQUERITA BROWN
Junior



"Anything but Cintas."
—LAURA EDWARDS
Junior

— LETTERS —

'U.S.A.' chant offensive, hypocritical

Something almost animalistic comes over me when I enter the Cincinnati Gardens on a game night—I'm fueled by this immense Xavier pride that I never even knew I possessed. I clap, chant, scream, jump and turn into this completely devoted and completely crazy fan. I've screamed so loud, my head pierces in pain. And yet, it feels so good!

My enthusiasm, unfortunately, came to a startling halt after the game against George Washington on Feb. 16. And it wasn't because of the score. My disappointment lay in the behavior of the fans.

While I was disturbed by the students who chose to mock GW's No. 54 (Rogers) with chants of "Webster" and "Gary Coleman" as he stood ready to shoot at the foul line, I was even more angered by the repetitive chorus of "U.S.A., U.S.A."

I can't say I was shocked

though; it happened last year. At that time I passed it off as freak ignorance which would surely pass. I couldn't imagine history would repeat itself.

Unfortunately it has, and I feel obligated to speak out. I want to ask those students who chose to participate in this slur, "Why? Why did you do it? Do you not feel that international students are entitled to the privilege of contributing to university athletic programs?"

If international students are not allowed to participate fully in university life, they are in fact being segregated. If we say they cannot be members of our teams, what will be next? Will we exclude them from our clubs and our classes and our lives? What are we teaching them about our values? What are we teaching them about being American?

In reality, those chanting "U.S.A." (and it was not only stu-

dents), were rooting against Xavier. Xavier's athletic program incorporates international students itself. We have two international students on our women's basketball team, two on our men's golf team and four on the men's soccer team. In addition to those numbers are the numbers of international students who came to cheer on the Muskies that evening. Being a Musketeer doesn't have anything to do with being an American.

The men's basketball team may have won, but the rest of us lost. We have alienated our own international students, we have embarrassed ourselves in the A-10 league and in the Cincinnati community and I have lost a little of that Xavier pride. I can only hope that next year's game will be different.

—HEATHER KILGORE
Senior

'U.S.A.' chant alienates international students

For the second year in a row, Xavier students have verbally harassed the George Washington players. None of us want the other teams to beat Xavier, but the harassment of these other players has gotten out of hand. Certain players commit fouls, and we cheer. But when the cheers turn into personal attacks against the players, it is wrong.

On Feb. 17, Paul Daugherty of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* had this to say about Xavier students, "Fans in the Xavier student section taunted the Colonials with chants of 'U.S.A.'—a lame and embarrassing reference to the 10 foreign-born players on GW's squad. Hey kids, let's go to college and broaden our horizons."

Thank you, Mr. Daugherty. The players of GW are international students who are blessed with the ability to play basketball. We have international students on our other teams. Why do we cheer for them and single out students from other schools for attack? Where are the Jesuit morals that everyone is supposed to be learning?

Xavier is a community. It is a community that, at times, forgets it has international students.

International students try to become a part of the general Xavier community. These students go to Xavier games. Yet they go to the GW game and hear chants of "U.S.A." This is not the Olympics; it's not a country on the court, but a school. Think about how that makes them feel. Put yourself in their place.

—JENNIFER TILFORD
Secretary, International Students Society

Negative image keeps student fans away

In recent weeks there have been complaints about student attendance and lack of enthusiasm at basketball games. I feel that the negative image does not inspire students to go to games.

I would agree that the attendance could improve and the Gardens could be a little bit louder at times, but what about those students who go to a game and give it their all? What about the students who paint their entire upper-bodies

with blue paint (which I might mention is not easy to wash off), the students who get down on their knees to bow to Coach Prosser as he walks by before each home game, the students who go home after a game, win or lose, with throats that are sore from yelling for over two hours. No one has stepped up to thank these students and encourage others to join them.

I would like to thank those students who bow to Coach Prosser at every game and those who paint themselves with blue paint. I would like to thank everyone who goes to the games and cheers for their school and their team.

I also know for a fact that Coach Prosser appreciates the fan support. I know this because he bought me and my roommates lunch because we showed up for the UC game five hours early, ready to support our team.

I encourage every student to go to games and bring with them a new, positive image of the fans for the remainder of this season and for seasons to come.

—CHRIS DEMERS
Sophomore

— NEWSWIRE COLUMN —

Social Security Scam:

The system can't pay benefits to Baby Boomers unless Generation X coughs up trillions in new taxes

BY CHAD ENGELLAND
OP-ED EDITOR

Imagine a retirement system that swallows a sizeable chunk of current workers' paychecks and redistributes them to current retired people. Then imagine what would happen if such a system had a disproportionately large number of retired people and a disproportionately small number of current workers. What would happen then?

Well, to find out, we need only wait a couple of years until the Baby Boomers begin to retire in the year 2012. Social Security, the nation's retirement plan and security net, is a so-called pay-as-you-go system, meaning that current taxes go directly to current retirees.

In 2012, America's biggest demographics group, the Baby Boomers, will begin to retire. Because of their unwieldy size, financing their retirement will become a tremendous burden on younger generations.

Whereas in 1950, there were 16 workers paying taxes to support one Social Security recipient, today there are only 3.3 workers per recipient. By 2030, that number will dwindle to a mere two workers per recipient. Social Security Administration Trustees estimate that to continue with the same benefits that are doled out now, Social Security payroll taxes will have to increase from their current level of 12.4 percent to a whopping 22 to 24 percent.

Luckily, bureaucrats and politicians foresaw this problem in the early '80s. They concocted a plan to shore up the system so that it would be solvent for 50 years.

The solution was to increase the Social Security tax, a move that has generated a giant surplus for over a decade now. This surplus created a Social Security trust fund to help finance the Boomer's inevitable retirement. Unfortunately, there is only one problem with the plan—the fund doesn't actually exist.

Oh, sure, *technically* it exists; it exists on paper, that is. In actuality, the fund is filled with meaningless government IOUs. For years, the Treasury Department has been snatching up the Social Security surplus to pay for normal budget items such as highways, smart bombs, and special prosecutors.

The only reason there is a supposed budget surplus is that the government uses the capital in the trust fund to finance regular budget expenditures and counts those funds as regular income.

When politicians and talking heads broach the subject of the im-

pending failure of Social Security, they pretend as if it is a long way off—2029 to be exact. This is the year it would go bust, though, if the trust fund existed and could subsidize the Boomers' retirement for a decade or so. Because it does not exist, the real day of reckoning is much, much sooner—a mere 14 or 15 years away when the Boomers, wholesale, leave their nine to five jobs and head to a tropical paradise.

At that time, money flowing into the system will begin to be less than money being paid out, creating a strain on the budget. In a matter of years, the strain will be too much.

The bottom line is that the oft-criticized Generation X will be saddled with an unbearable load—financing their hefty parents' retirement. Boomers are in a position to fix the system now, but jelly-boned politicians and shortsighted

citizens will probably undermine the possibility for real change.

Generation Xers, then, along with their younger counterparts, will have to pay out huge chunks of their earnings to finance Social Security, but there is no guarantee that the system will be there when they retire.

There is much talk in Washington these days about Social Security reform. Politicians are keen on using the several billion-dollar surplus to help rescue the retirement system. Sadly, their hearts are in the right place, but their heads are on backwards.

It is too late for tinkering around; several billion dollars is pocket change for a program that cost 362 billion dollars in fiscal year 1997. Social Security is a beast that must be slain before it hurts somebody. With a solid decade and a half before a real crisis, now is the time for change.

As a nation, we

have obligations to meet. Social Security benefits are owed to Boomers who have been paying benefits to their parents' generation for years. But the Boomers are just too big and their children too few in number for this pay-as-you-go scheme to work much longer. How fair is it for Generation Xers to plunk every last dime into a system that can never feasibly provide them with any benefits?

We must reinvent the machine. Let's conceive of Social Security according to its original idea: as a safety net for the socially marginalized: the old, yes, but also the handicapped, the widowed, etc. Social Security can no longer be the bread and butter retirement system for economically mainstream America.

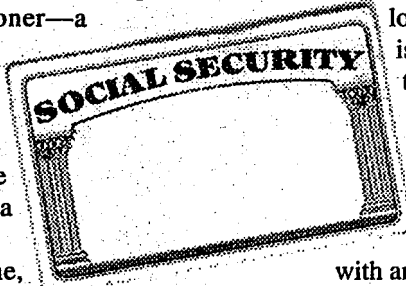
Instead, privatization of some form must occur: people should be able to invest Social Security funds in private accounts. The stock market has historically made much larger returns than the Social Security system ever could.

Let's do away with the funny method of accounting, too. Uncle Sam should stop pretending there is such thing as a Social Security reserve or a federal government surplus. Funny accounting never led to good policy and never will. If we can consult real numbers and not imaginary ones, there is a chance we can make intelligent decisions.

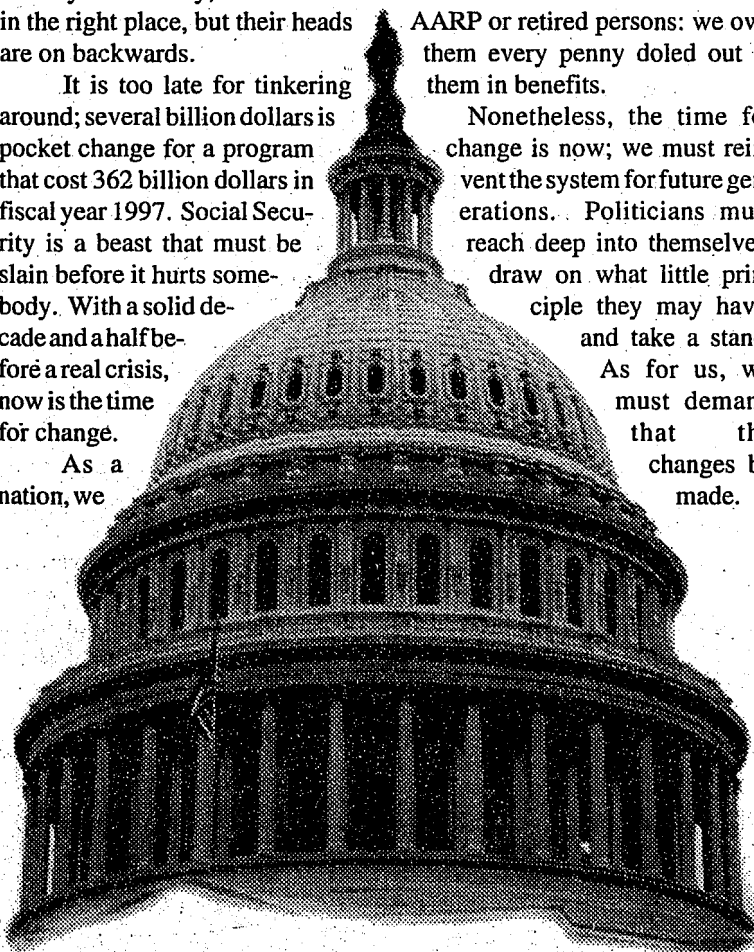
Unfortunately, a politician cannot even hint at reform without the AARP and a herd of fanatic citizens running him or her straight out of office. This is no slam on the AARP or retired persons: we owe them every penny doled out to them in benefits.

Nonetheless, the time for change is now; we must reinvent the system for future generations. Politicians must reach deep into themselves, draw on what little principle they may have, and take a stand.

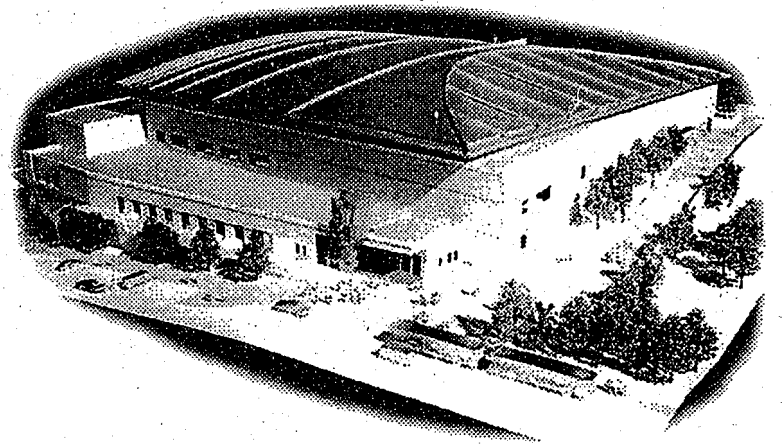
As for us, we must demand that the changes be made.



Social Security can no longer be the bread and butter retirement system for economically mainstream America.



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Creating a link

SGA needs to advocate for students, both present and future

BY BETH SELVAGGIO
ASST. OP-ED EDITOR

The Convocation Center groundbreaking finally took place Thursday, Feb. 26. Unfortunately, the few divots in the ground won't provide the space needed to build the 293,000 square foot complex. So, this leads many of us to ask, "When will construction actually begin?"

The goal of the center is to provide new facilities for the Xavier community, yet students are the last to find out answers to important questions.

It is obvious that we need to broaden the link of communication between Xavier administration and the student

body. This will provide a channel—ideally through SGA—that will hopefully clear up much of the confusion.

Many continue to complain about parking problems that will arise once the center is built. Xavier has already announced that they will have 3,125 spaces on campus by the year 2000 and up to 900 additional spaces in existing parking at nearby businesses.

The real issue should not be the parking but the paving. In order to provide adequate parking, Cohen field will be paved over. Where will intramural and club teams go once the asphalt has been laid?

Another issue many are concerned about is that a practice gym was not maintained in the \$44 million complex. SGA should advocate student involvement and consider a means of funding such necessities.

Also, students have complained about completion date setbacks. Once said to be finished in the fall of 1999, now the Convocation Center finishing date has been changed to the spring of 2000. Granted, when delving into a multi-million dollar project we

need to realize that there will be inevitable setbacks.

A complex of this size takes time and the patience needed to get it right on the first try. But, students should be provided with information as to what these setbacks are, and they should be given a less sketchy timetable.

Xavier students are fed with

new information concerning the Convocation Center each week. Yet, we seem to be missing important details and issues that remain unresolved. Student involvement is greatly lacking on this project, yet the blame can be split 50-50.

The only way to find answers is to ask, yet some of us may not know the

right questions. Most students are not going to bother finding out until construction prohibits parking and teams have no place to practice. Xavier administration obviously cannot focus on the minute problems when long-term goals of the complex are first at hand. This is where SGA should consider the consequences we will soon face and provide students with the information needed.

There must be a connection from the administration to SGA and then to students in order to communicate the solutions to problems already solved and generate answers to problems needing to be solved.

The Convocation Center is a facility which will benefit all of us equally, administration and students alike. It is an endeavor which surely notes that Xavier has taken steps in establishing a university which displays leadership in the community and advances education for the students.

However, in order to build a facility which is pleasing to all, we must open the lines of communication, gather input from each other, and work together, setting a precedent for future endeavors.

SPORTS

Tennis takes off

Instead of relaxing during spring break, the Xavier tennis teams traveled to Hilton Head, S.C. and returned home with a combined 7-1 record. The men's team went 3-1 during the week, while the women went 4-0.

"The trip was a great success because everyone got to play, and we performed well against real good teams," said coach Jim Brockhoff.

The women's team began the spring portion of its season with three consecutive match play losses. Due to the slow start, coach Brockhoff decided to shuffle the women's lineup for the spring break competition. The shuffling worked to perfection as the women returned to their dominance with the undefeated showing. The women defeated the University of Detroit 7-2, Appalachia State 5-4, Wingate 6-3, and La Salle 9-0.

In the shuffling, Julie Roth was moved from No. 1 to No. 3 singles where she went 4-0 for the week. Also going undefeated for the women were Laura Fraunfelder and Lindsay Weber who are splitting time at the No. 6 spot. Both Fraunfelder and Weber compiled 2-0 records for the week.

Taking over the No. 1 singles spot was freshman Gwen Sikora who moved from the No. 4 spot. The remainder of the new lineup consists of Erin Grambow at No. 2, Natalie Palmenter at No. 4, and Kristen Wolf at No. 5.

Due to the success that the team had with the new lineup, Brockhoff is going to stay with it for a while. The undefeated showing for the women over the week pushes the team to a 9-3 match play record for the season. On Friday, the women will take on Oakland at a site still to be determined.

The men also provided an impressive showing with victories over Belmont Abbey 7-0, John Carroll 6-1 and La Salle 6-1. The only defeat for the men's team came from Washington University of St. Louis 5-2. These results push the men to a season record of 7-7.

Once again, Jeff Roth was the star for the men's team. Roth went 4-0 for the week in no. 1 singles competition which pushed his season record to 7-1. Also posting an undefeated showing for the Muskies was Eric Gaughan who went 3-0 in No. 2 singles competition.

-Amjad Zahra

Lady linksters start spring

The women's golf team recently opened up their spring schedule on March 2 in the College of Charleston Spring Invitational in Pinehurst, N.C. The squad started off the second half of the year sluggishly, as they finished in a tie for 19th place. The Musketeers finished with a final total score of 702, 126 over par. Xavier's top competitor was freshman Paula Greening, who led the team with a score of 171, 27 over par. Freshman Melissa Beck also started the spring season with a solid effort of her own posting a score of 175, 31 over par, which put her in 81st place. The University of Campbell took home first place, with an impressive team score of 608, 32 over par and had the top golfer in Maria Sol Arenas who shot a 148, four over par. The Xavier women's squad will look to jump start their new spring season when they compete next in the Southern Illinois Invitational on March 29.

-Amjad Zahra

XON TAPPO

- Wednesday, March 11 • Baseball at Cincinnati at 3 p.m.
- Thursday, March 12 • Men's Basketball vs. Washington in NCAA Tournament First Round in Washington, D.C. on WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) at 12:25 p.m.
- Friday, March 13 • Women's Basketball at Indiana in NIT First Rd. at 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Tennis at Oakland University
- Saturday, March 14 • Men's Basketball vs. Richmond-South Carolina winner in NCAA Tournament Second Round in Washington, D.C. on WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) at 4:38 p.m.
- Baseball vs. IUPUI at noon*
- Sunday, March 15 • Women's Basketball at Toledo-Cincinnati winner in NIT Second Round, TBA
- Baseball vs. Youngstown State at noon*
- Tuesday, March 17 • Baseball vs. Austin Peay 2 p.m.

All home games are in bold
* indicates a baseball doubleheader
Home baseball games are played at Hayden Field

Game of the Week

Women's basketball vs. Indiana
7:30 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind.

NIT does not stand for "not in tournament," it stands for "National Invitation Tournament," and Xavier will be playing in it this weekend. Sixteen teams will be whittled down to one by March 24 and be crowned NIT Champion. The winner will face either Toledo or UC in the second round. Who needs the NCAA anyway?

Huge Huskies await Muskies

By PETE HOLTERMANN
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

With a 22-7 record and an Atlantic 10 Tournament Championship to its credit, the Xavier men's basketball team is preparing to head back to the east coast to begin play in the NCAA Tournament.

Xavier was tabbed as the sixth seed in the East region. The Muskies first game will be at 12:25 p.m. Thursday, and will be against the University of Washington. The game will take place at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.

The Huskies are 18-9 this season, and finished in fourth place in the Pac 10 Conference behind Arizona, Stanford and UCLA, the team that ousted Xavier from last year's NCAA Tournament.

UW's biggest asset is its size. The Huskies bring 7-1 Patrick Femeerling off the bench and start 7-0 Todd MacCulloch. MacCulloch leads the team in both scoring and rebounding with 18.2 points and 9.5 rebounds per contest. Femeerling averages six points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

After the seeds were announced, Xavier coach Skip Prosser said Washington was exactly the kind of team he didn't want to face.

"It's funny because someone asked me after the game last night what kind of team would I least want to play in the tournament, and I said, 'A team that was really big,'" Prosser said. "Sometimes we have trouble with teams that are really massive. Lo and behold, we play a team that starts two seven foot guys."

Xavier is not a large team at all, starting just one player over 6-8. Xavier counters size with speed, but the Huskies can run the floor. "On the perimeter, they're quick, and they're big inside," said Prosser. "I think they're a little bit like George Washington in that regard."

GW is the team that Xavier beat in the A-10 title game last Saturday. The Colonials are led by 7-1 center Alexander Koul, but boast some quickness on the rest of the court. But GW has just one seven-footer, not two.

Both Femeerling and MacCulloch can get into foul trouble, and that has kept their average minutes per game to around 27. But neither of them have fouled out of a game this season.

UW stars three guards on the perimeter. Donald Watts leads the way, and is joined in the backcourt by Deon Luton and Jan Wooten.

Watts, a 6-4 junior, averages 17 points and almost four rebounds and assists per game.

Luton is also 6-4. He is the team's leading three point shooter, and averages 15 points per game.

Wooten averages six points and almost three assists per game.

Prosser thinks the key to the game is pretty simple. "We have to shoot a good percentage so we can get into our pressure," he said. "And when they do break the press, we have to do a good job of keeping the ball away from MacCulloch without Wooten and Luton killing us."

Xavier will be able to play its up-tempo game against the Hus-

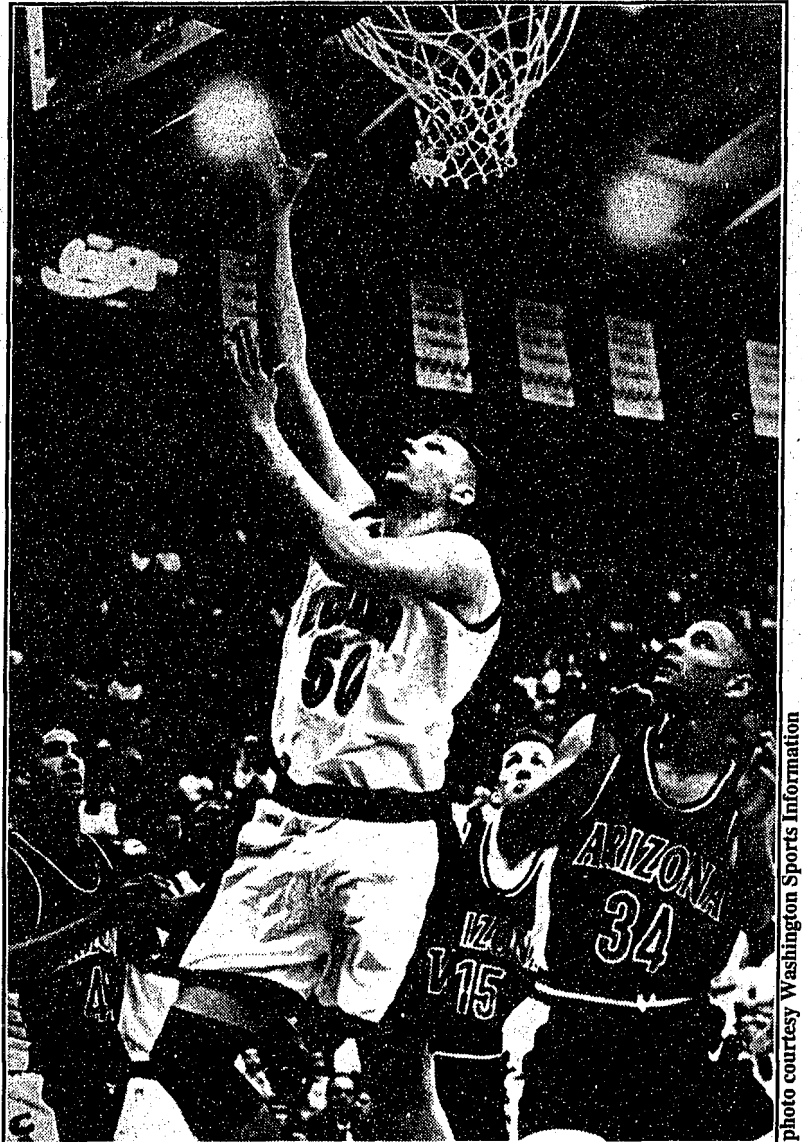


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Senior Todd MacCulloch, a 7-1 center, leads Washington into the NCAA Tournament. He averages 18.2 points and 9.5 rebounds a game.

They average 79 points per game, and the Muskies average 84. "They're not a pressing team," said Prosser, "But they run the basketball. They're scoring almost 80 points per game, so obviously they can run the floor."

The game will probably be decided on the defensive end. Xavier holds its opponents to 68 points per game, and UW gives up 77 to its foes.

With its pressure, Xavier averages 11.7 steals per game while forcing 21.8 turnovers. UW loses the ball 18 times per contest.

"I think most games in the tournament come down to who outguards the other team, not who out-

scores the other team" said Prosser.

If that holds true, Xavier should have the advantage over the Huskies.

A late season win over UCLA is the biggest victory the Huskies have posted this year. They won a March 1 battle against the Bruins by a final of 95-91.

With a win on Thursday, Xavier will advance to play the winner of the South Carolina-Richmond game on Saturday. Tip off for that contest will be at 4:38 p.m.

South Carolina is the No. 3 seed in the region, and boasts three extremely athletic guards. A showdown with them would be a fast, high scoring affair.

Four Muskies earn A-10 honors

By PETE HOLTERMANN
THE XAVIER NEWSWIRE

The Atlantic 10 doled out its annual awards last Tuesday night in Philadelphia, and four Xavier players were honored. Three Muskies were named to the All-Conference Second Team, and one was named to the Third Team. For the second straight year, XU had the A-10's Sixth Man of the Year.

Junior swingman James Posey led the honors for Xavier, earning his second Sixth Man honor while being named to the Second Team. Posey averaged 28 minutes per game while coming off the Xavier bench. He scored 14.9 points per game while tying for the team lead in rebounding with 8.2 per game.

Juniors Lenny Brown and Darnell Williams were also named to the second team. Last season, Brown was named to the A-10 First Team.

Brown, a guard, averaged

14.8 points per game this season, and averaged close to three steals per outing. He also averaged close to 3.5 rebounds and assists per game.

Williams is Xavier's leading scorer entering the postseason, with an average of 17.4 points per game. The small forward is also averaging four rebounds per game, and leads the team with 23 blocks this season. He has been on fire lately, averaging over 22 points in XU's last five regular season games.

Point guard Gary Lumpkin was named to the Third Team this season. Last year, he was named to the A-10 First Team. Lumpkin has struggled this year, but is still averaging 12.8 points per game. He is also averaging just over four assists per game.

Rhode Island's Cuttino Mobley was named A-10 Player of the Year. Dayton's Oliver Purnell was named Coach of the Year in the conference.

Top notch effort earns A-10 top spot

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It was an emotional day for Xavier as it honored its seniors before the contest. Fueled by that emotion, XU jumped to a quick 7-0 lead in the first three minutes of the game.

Then there was a let down. Not only did the Flyers get back into the game, they took it over. UD led 44-33 after the first half.

"We just talked about having to pick it up," said junior Darnell Williams. "This is for life, and if we don't pick it up, they'll just run away with it."

Senior Torraye Braggs, inspired by playing his first collegiate game in front of his mother, took over for XU in the second half. He helped cool off UD's Ryan Perryman who had killed Xavier in the first half, out-rebounding the Xavier team 9-8.

He scored 23 points while grabbing six rebounds and recording six assists. Perryman ended with 28 points and 17 rebounds, but it could have been worse, as UD missed 34 shots in the contest.

"I told my teammates I was going to keep (Perryman) off the boards," said Braggs. "You all come get it. I might not get it, but I'm gonna make sure that he doesn't."

James Posey helped on the rebounding effort, grabbing 12 while scoring 15 points.

With the win over Dayton, Xavier got a first round bye in the A-10 tournament. Last Thursday, the Muskies had to face St. Bonaventure in the quarterfinals after the Bonnies downed Duquesne in the first round.

Xavier was looking for revenge against SBU. The Muskies were handed their first loss of the conference season when they visited St. Bonaventure in January.

Again, Xavier started quick, this time opening up a 12-2 lead before the 13 minute mark. But then the Muskies looked sluggish, and let the Bonnies back into the game. Xavier trailed by a score of 24-22 heading into the break.

From that point on, Xavier dominated the tournament. "We were our own worst enemy in the first half," said Prosser. "We felt we had to trap and press and play Xavier basketball, which might not be the most fundamental, but it suits us."

The defense did the trick, forcing the Bonnies to shoot just 32 percent from the field in the game. "Their pressure really hurt us," said SBU coach Jim Baron. "Their half court and full court defense took a toll on us."

The final was Xavier 68, St. Bonaventure 44.

In the semifinals, Xavier had to face the second seed in the East, Rhode Island. The Rams defeated Dayton to get to the semifinals.

Just 10 days prior to their A-10 Tournament tussle, Xavier had lost a 69-68 decision against the Rams in Rhode Island.

Xavier came out with a well-balanced attack and stopped the Rams. "In order to beat these guys, everybody had to play hard," said Prosser.

XU was almost unstoppable early. The Muskies connected on 10 of their first 13 shots. Darnell Williams was particularly hot in this game. He hit his first two shots of the game, and six of eight in the first half, including four of five from three point range for 16 points.

Xavier held a 48-38 lead going into the locker rooms at half-time.

Both teams started the second half at a hectic pace, but Xavier held on to its advantage.

Six and a half minutes into the half, Xavier had stretched the lead to 73-52, forcing URI to call a 20 second timeout. The Rams closed the gap a little, but never got the gap under double digits.

Braggs sparked the Xavier effort. Playing with a chip on his shoulder after being left off the All-Conference Teams this season, he turned in an convincing performance in the game, scoring 23 and grabbing 11 rebounds.

"I've got you First Team All-America," said URI coach Jim Harrick to Braggs in the hall outside the locker rooms after the games.

Xavier won by a score of 95-80.

In the Championship game, Xavier faced George Washington for the third time this season. GW won the first game in overtime, 78-73. Xavier won the second contest 96-86.

Like the previous two contests, the rubber match was a physical battle, something both teams expected heading into the contest. "It's going to be a war," said Xavier's T.J. Johnson before the game.

It was a war, but Xavier dominated it. Foul trouble limited GW's efforts for much of the game as 7-1 center Alexander Koul and guard Mike King both fouled out.

Xavier didn't bury the Colonials they way it did the Rams or Bonnies. But everytime GW made a run at Xavier, the Muskies responded to stretch the lead once again.

"We could not, for whatever reason, get over the hump," said GW coach Mike Jarvis. "I think the reason for that was Xavier found a way to keep us at bay."

Xavier won the Championship with a 77-63 win over the Colonials.

"I thought we played, in three days, five of the six halves as well as we have all season," said Prosser.

Posey was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. He averaged 18 points and 10.7 rebounds per game in the tournament.

Xavier's Williams, Braggs and Lenny Brown were also names to the All-Tournament team. GW's Shawnta Rogers was the other member of the team.

At the end of the contest, the Xavier faithful charged the floor and mobbed the team. After the awards, XU cut down the net.

Fittingly, it was the senior Johnson who wore the net around his neck as he left the court clutching the Championship trophy.

"I think it was gratifying for him because he kind of personifies the transformation from the MCC to

the A-10," said Prosser. "Now, in his senior year, for us to win the Championship...I am very pleased for him."

"He is the guy who deserves it," said Williams. "As the years went on, everybody always scrutinizes him saying that he doesn't score enough points or do other things. But they don't see the little things that he does."

"It was an unbelievable feeling because this team has come so far," said Johnson. "Everybody told us we weren't ready for prime time. I wonder what those people are saying now."

Williams pleads not guilty to charges: Xavier junior forward Darnell Williams sat out Xavier's first game of the A-10 Tournament while serving a suspension after being arrested for drunk driving early last Monday morning.

This past Monday, Williams' lawyer entered a not guilty plea in Hamilton County Municipal Court.

Williams, 20, was stopped for a burned out headlight while in downtown Cincinnati. He registered a .209 on a Breathalyzer test at the time of the arrest.

Williams heads back to court for a pretrial hearing on April 9.

Neither Williams or Xavier was willing to comment on the situation.

Williams is Xavier's leading scorer with 17.3 points per game.

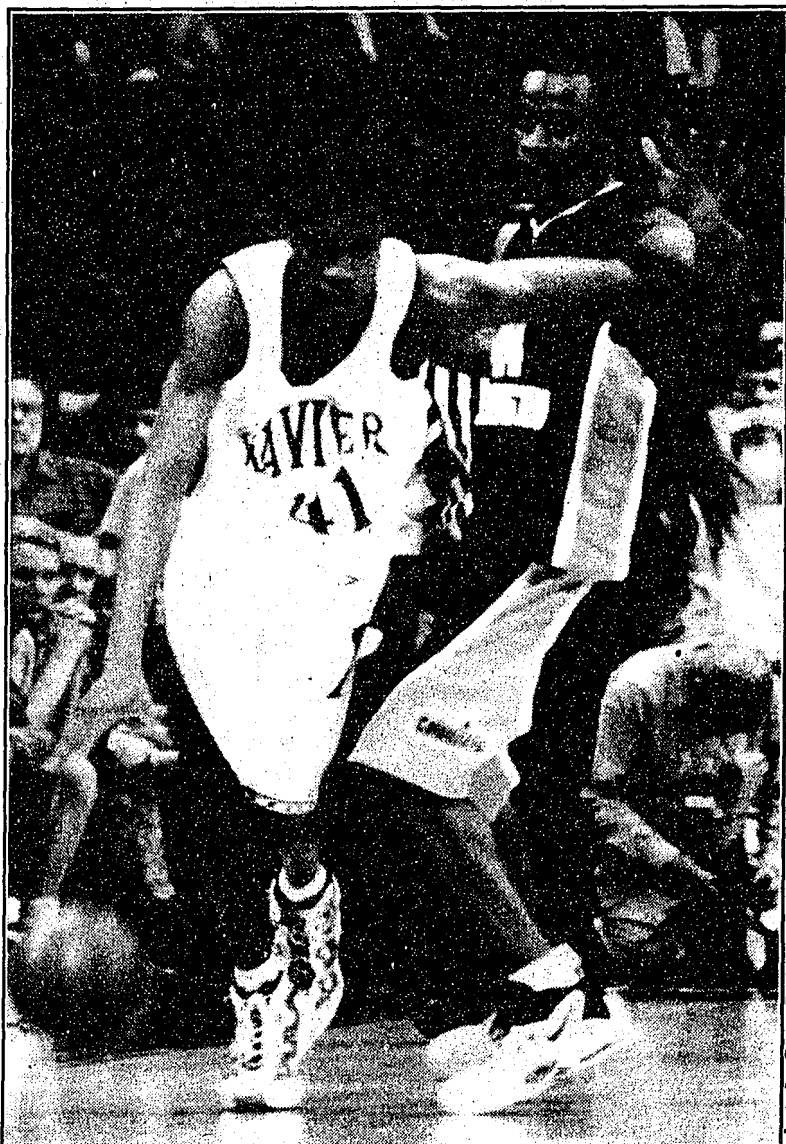


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Junior James Posey led Xavier through the Atlantic 10 Tournament to the conference title. He averaged 18 points and 10.7 rebounds in three tournament games. He was also named A-10 Sixth Man of the Year.

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XU halted in A-10 semifinal

By MATT BARBER
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For a team that averages 72.3 points per game, something must be amiss when they only manage 44 points. It was the shots that were missed for Xavier on Sunday as they dropped a 49-44 decision to UMass in the Atlantic 10 Championship semifinal.

The Musketeers (17-11, second seed in the West Division) shot a dismal 26.9 percent from the floor and only made four of their 18 three-point attempts. Yet, Xavier was still in the game during the final minutes, as UMass (19-11, first seed in the East Division) did not shoot very much better.

With 1:29 remaining in the game, senior forward Connie Hamberg made a three-pointer to cut the UMass lead to two points, 43-41. Xavier was then forced to foul, and UMass guard Kathy Coyner made good on both ends of the one-and-one to push the lead back to four points.

Xavier was unsuccessful on its next trip down the court and was again forced to foul, but this time UMass missed on the first shot, and Xavier pulled down the rebound.

The Musketeers still could not get a shot to fall and had to foul yet again when UMass rebounded an errant Xavier shot. Point guard Sabriya Mitchell made both of her free throws to push the Minutewomen ahead by six points with 29 seconds to go.

Hamberg came right back for Xavier with another three, making the score 47-44 in favor of UMass with 20 seconds remaining. However forward Tez Kraft iced the win for the Minutewomen with a fast-break layup during the final seconds of the contest.

The first half started out slowly, but with the score tied at nine 8:30 into the game, UMass went on a 10-0 run.

Xavier would then hold the Minutewomen to just two points in the final seven minutes of the first half en route to a 12-2 run of their own to pull the score even at 21 at halftime.

UMass opened the second half with an 11-2 run, including the first eight points of the half from which Xavier never really recovered.

"That was the big key, the



Photo by Jackie Giambrone
Forward Kim Hotz tries to get a defensive position against an opponent. Hotz had nine points for Xavier in the semifinal loss to UMass.

beginning of the second half when we came out flat," said Xavier head coach Melanie Balcomb. The closest the Musketeers would get in the game after that was two points following Hamberg's first three-pointer in the game's closing minutes.

Center Taru Tuukkanen had a double-double, 10 points and 10 rebounds, to lead Xavier. Hamberg ended with 10 points, and forward Kim Hotz added nine in the losing effort.

Guard Nicole Levandusky's two steals gave her 80 on the year, one shy of the school record for steals in a season set by Sheryl Krmptovich in the 1990-91 season.

The Musketeers would not point to nerves as the cause for their 14-52 shooting performance.

"We were confident," said Tuukkanen when asked if the team was nervous going into the game.

"We were more excited than nervous, that's why we had a rough start," said Hotz.

Balcomb pointed to the Minutewomen's and head coach Joanie O'Brien's well planned and well executed defensive game plan as the cause. "Although we did get some good looks at some threes that we missed," she added.

The Musketeers did not come out of the weekend with nothing to show for their efforts however, as three Xavier players were honored for their play during the season.

Hamberg and point guard Nikki Kremer were both named to the Atlantic 10 Conference Third Team. Hamberg leads the Musketeers in three point shooting and free throw percentage, as well as being second on the team in scoring averaging over 10 points per game. Kremer leads Xavier in assists with 158 and is fourth on the team in rebounding, averaging 4.5 boards per game.

Freshman center Jen Phillips was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team. Phillips is second on the team in rebounds averaging 5.4 per game and is fifth on the team in scoring with a 9.0 points per game average.

In the other semifinal game, Virginia Tech (21-9, third seed in the West Division) beat pre-season favorite George Washington (19-9, first seed in the West Division) 73-72 for the right to play in the championship game. On Monday, the Hokies made the most of this opportunity as they defeated UMass in overtime, 66-64, to win the Atlantic 10 crown and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Xavier next faces Indiana in the first round of the women's NIT in Bloomington, Ind., at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. If they win, Xavier will face the winner of the Cincinnati-Toledo game on Sunday at a time and place to be determined.

Besides Xavier, UC, and Toledo, Bowling Green State University will be playing in the 16 team tournament making Ohio the most represented state in the NIT.

In addition to Indiana, the other 12 teams are Penn State, Villanova, St. Joseph's (the only other A-10 team in the tournament), American University, Louisiana State, Boise State, Butler, Oklahoma State, Rice, Baylor and Mississippi State.

Third round games will be played on March 20 and 22. The NIT championship will be played on March 24.

men centers Jen Phillips and Taru Tuukkanen will draw the difficult job of guarding Barnes.

Kristi Green, a 5-2 junior guard, is Indiana's outside shooting threat. Green averages 11.2 p.p.g and has a .371 three-point shooting percentage. Most impressive though, is Green's .913 free throw shooting percentage. She has only missed nine out of 103 free throw attempts.

Xavier will also have to watch 5-6 sophomore guard Kameelah Morgan who averages 9.2 p.p.g. Xavier guards Nicole Levandusky and Nikki Kremer will have to defend these two players closely.

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The ground breaking was largely ceremonial. The actual construction on the site is not expected to begin in earnest until later this spring.

Nevertheless, the event was a large step toward making the project a reality. "This is truly a huge day for Xavier University in as much as this is the largest, and probably most important project in the 167 years of the University," Hoff said.

"To be honest with you, it's an emotional day for me," said Xavier head men's basketball coach Skip Prosser. "I can remember com-

ing here in 1985 as a coach, and this day being somewhat of a pipe dream...something that was spoken of, but never really believed in."

The men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the volleyball team, will practice and play home games in the arena portion of the facility upon its completion.

In addition, there will be a 27,000 square foot conference hall and banquet area. A new 21,000 square foot student dining hall that will seat 450 is also part of the building.

The Cintas Center will cost \$44 million, and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2000.

Xavier honored for Final Four effort

Xavier University was presented with the Spirit of Cincinnati Ambassador Award on Monday, Feb. 23, by the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau for Xavier's hosting of the 1997 NCAA Women's Final Four.

According to the bureau, the basketball games and surrounding events generated an estimated \$7 million for the Cincinnati economy.

"The event allowed Xavier to step up as a community corporate partner by providing this opportunity to the city," said Associate Athletic Director Ginger Fulton.

Xavier, along with the Greater Cincinnati Sports and Events Commission, hosted the tournament and events last year, from March 25-30. Activities included several receptions and dinners, pep rally on fountain square and a basketball clinic for local children.

Matt Madges



The 1997 Women's NCAA championship game in the Crown. Xavier hosted the Final Four from which Tennessee emerged the National Champion by defeating Old Dominion in the final 68-59.

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Musketeers accept NIT invitation

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Xavier is 4-4 against teams that are in the NCAA Tournament this year.

The Musketeers will face a 19-11 Indiana University team that finished tied for third place in the Big Ten on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind. If Xavier wins, it will face the winner of the Toledo-Cincinnati game on Sunday.

Quacy Barnes, IU's 6-5 senior center, leads the Hoosiers in scoring and rebounding. She averages 18.1 points per game and 6.5 rebounds per game. Xavier's fresh-

Musketeers are national champions in air rifle

By PETE HOLTERMANN
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second time in three years, the rifle team has brought a national championship to Xavier. In 1996, the Muskies won the team air rifle title. This year, junior Karyn Juziuk captured the individual smallbore national title.

Juziuk was a member of the winning team in 1996, and that was an experience that helped her be successful this time around. "I didn't feel any pressure when I was shooting," she said. "I was very confident going in. Having the experience of going to nationals before helped."

In 1996, the two-time All-American placed sixth in the individual air rifle competition. She placed sixth again this year with a score of 386, just seven shy of the champion.

Juziuk was not favored to win the smallbore, and that also eased

some pressure for her. "I didn't feel any nerves," she said. "I felt that if I shot a good score, I'd be able to place."

She opened the competition with a score of 396 out of 400 in the prone position, but was not in first at that time. However, she shot a personal best score of 385 in the standing position to take a two point lead.

Juziuk simply needed a good score in the kneeling discipline to capture the title. "I had been having trouble with the kneeling," she said, "And I had trouble with the first target." She opened the kneeling with a score of 94 on that first target.

She recovered to register a score of 98 on each of the next three targets to finish with total of 388.

Juziuk won the smallbore title with a total score of 1169, giving her a two point edge over Jeff Coor from Wyoming.

With the win, Juziuk has earned the right to move on to big-

ger and better things. She has been named to the National Team, and will be allowed to train with the Olympic Team at their facility in Colorado Springs, Colo.

This is not Juziuk's first experience on the national level, having competed in the 1996 Olympic trials in Atlanta.

Juziuk helped Xavier to a strong showing at the Midwest America Rifle Conference Championships in Lexington a week before the NCAA Championships. Xavier finished third overall behind Kentucky and West Virginia.

Juziuk led all Xavier competitors in the event, placing fifth in both the air rifle and smallbore. She was named to the All-MARC First Teams in both disciplines, and was also selected to the All-MARC Combined Team.

Xavier finished in third with a combined score of 6095. XU shot a score of 1527 in the air rifle, and a



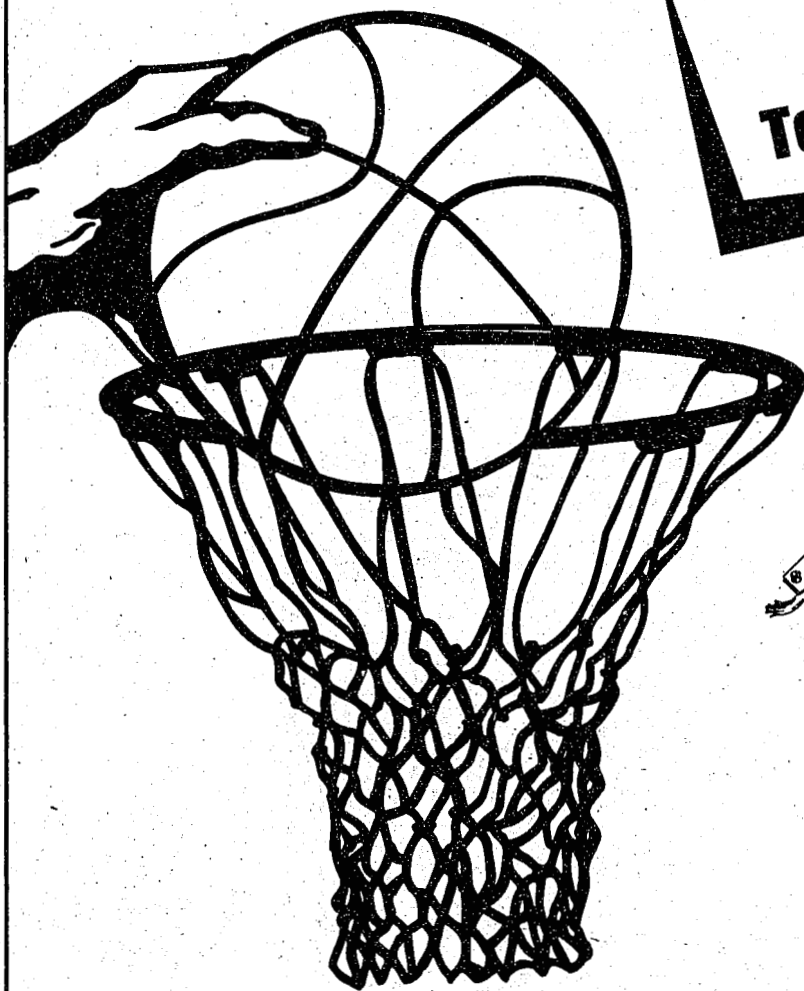
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Muskies struggle over break

By MATT MADGES
SPORTS WRITER

The Xavier baseball team traveled south for spring break to compete in 11 games in only nine days and returned home with a frustrating 3-8 record. This showing pushes the team to a 5-12 record early on in the season.

The team's performance so far is frustrating because of the high expectations and hopes that the season began with. Last year the team won the Atlantic 10 West Division crown and is expected to repeat as champions for this season.

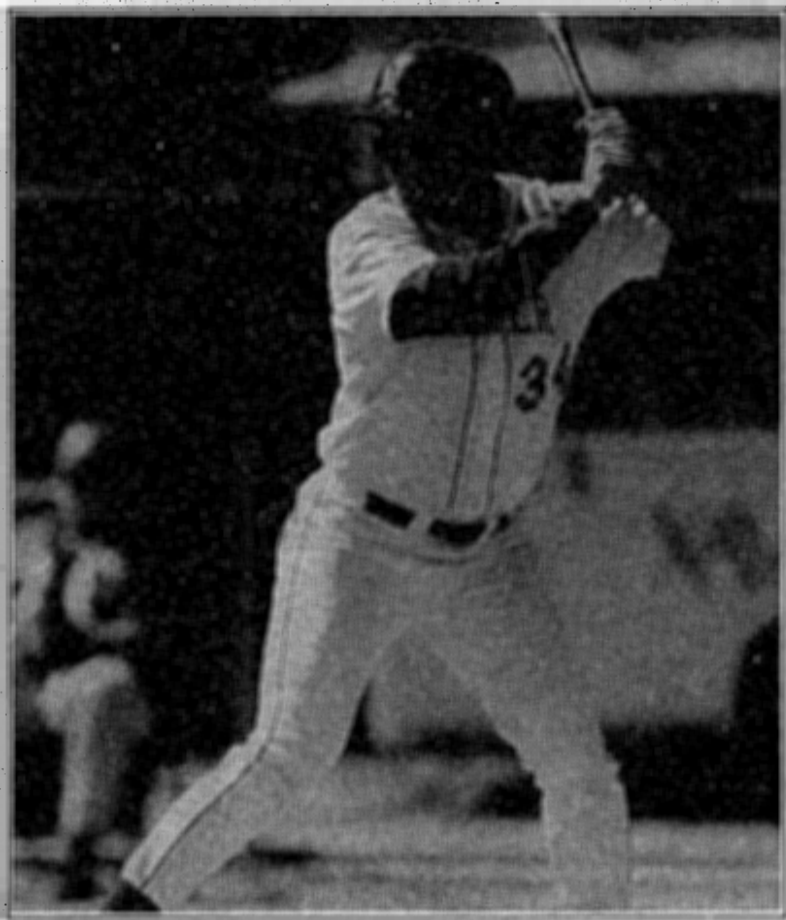
The first stop on the baseball team's southern journey was at 17th-ranked Georgia Tech for a three-game series. Due to outstanding Georgia Tech pitching, the Muskies were swept in the three game series.

In the first game, Georgia Tech defeated Xavier 8-2. In the loss, Xavier starter Lou Witte became Xavier's all-time strikeout leader with 190 when he fanned first-basemen Stephen Donaghey in the third inning. The old record of 189 career strikeouts was held by T.R. O'Brien who played for the Muskies from 1990-94. The celebration for Witte did not last long when he left the game one batter later due to back spasms. The loss pushed Witte to 1-1 on the season.

The Musketeers were also defeated in the second game of the series 6-5 in 10 innings. The winning run for Georgia Tech came when Donaghey singled off of Xavier reliever Patrick Gavin through a drawn-in infield in the 10th inning scoring Heath Honeycutt from third. Tech had never led in the game until this point. The loss brought Gavin to 0-2 on the season.

Zach Swisher led Xavier with three hits, including a pair of run-scoring singles. Jim Dallio and Clay Maurer also singled home a run each for the Muskies, and Matt Watson added a solo homer in the sixth that gave Xavier their last lead at 5-3.

In the third and final game of the series, the Musketeers were defeated 6-2. Georgia Tech was led by freshman Cory Vance who pitched seven shutout innings. Dallio accounted for both Xavier runs with a two-run homer in the eighth off of



Outfielder Bill Fish went 3-5 with a double, home run and 6 RBI in a game against Troy State last week. Xavier won the game by a score of 12-9.

Yellow Jacket reliever Robert Aaron. Jeff Barger pitched six innings in the loss giving up six earned runs while walking three and striking out two. Barger is now 1-1 for the season.

Next, the team traveled to Jacksonville, Fla. for seven games from March 2-7. The Muskies managed to win three of the seven games during the week.

Xavier defeated St. Bonaventure in a double header 5-1 and 14-2. In the first game, Witte pitched seven innings allowing six hits while walking one and striking out seven. With the victory, Witte moves to 2-1 on the season.

Xavier scored all of their runs in the game in the first and third innings. Third baseman Rodd Hampson went 2-2 with two RBI. Left fielder Bill Fish also had two RBI and scored a run.

In the second game, Matt Raih pitched six innings allowing one earned run on two hits while walking three and striking out five. The victory was Raih's first collegiate win.

Matt Watson went 2-3 with a

three-run homer in the game. Mark Modrovsky also hit a three-run homer for the Muskies and contributed four RBI. Jim Dallio also hit a solo home run.

The other victory for Xavier during the week came in a 12-9 defeat of Troy State University. Bill Peters pitched 5.1 innings in the contest to garner his first win for the season. Designated hitter Bill Fish went 3-5 in the game with a double, home run, and six RBI.

In the remaining games of the week Xavier lost to Central Michigan University 11-3, Creighton University 9-5, and two games to Western Michigan University 12-3 and 7-3 respectively.

The baseball team will look to improve on their performance over spring break today as the Muskies travel to cross-town rival Cincinnati for a game at 3:00. After the game at UC, the Muskies will return home to Hayden Field for four games this weekend. Xavier will host a double header on Saturday against I.U.P.U.I. at noon and another against Youngstown State on Sunday at noon.

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St. Bonaventure
(W) 5-1, 14-2

Troy State
(W) 12-9

North Florida
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— DIVERSIONS —

“She took on the world and lost everything on the way...”

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—CONCERT REVIEW—

‘Super’ summer day

By TIM TRAYNOR
DIVERSIONS WRITER

To me, Superchunk’s music expresses summer teen-age fun. So it seemed appropriate that their show occurred on that summer-like day last Thursday when the temperatures soared into the 60s.

And what better way to top off a day of frisbee, devil-sticking, and skateboarding with your friends by going to see a Superchunk show?

We had figured that Sudsey’s would be crowded since Superchunk is a pretty popular band, and we were right. We had to park about 10 miles away.

The crowd was about 70 percent indie geek and about 30 percent college frataholic.

In spite of Superchunk’s young-fun sound, there weren’t many teen-agers present—due to the fact that Sudsey’s refuses to put on all-ages shows.

Before the first band started we stood outside and talked with a Short Vine squatter named Johnny Brown, who told us thrilling and chilling tales of his nationwide adventures.

After talking with Brown, the first band came on. They were Struggle Unit, an indie noise quartet with predictable chord progressions.

The guitar players turned their gain up so high that they might as well have had only one guitar altogether—either that or a dishwasher. There are a trillion bands like this.

Struggle Unit was pretty tight, but I’ll take innovation over tightness any day.

They announced that this was their last show in Cincinnati, and that they were finally “getting out.” Good riddance.

Neutral Milk Hotel played next. Holy cow, they blew my socks off. They were a pop outfit with a



photo by Tim Traynor

Laura Ballance of Superchunk sings into the microphone.

slight folk influence, as indicated by the hollow-body guitars. They had a traditional rock line-up but all of a sudden these guys with wacky, mariachi-sounding horns jumped on stage.

They were the perfect compliment to magically sweet pop songs that reminded my friend Mark of the Flaming Lips.

The bass player also accompanied with an accordion and later he played a saw with a violin bow. I have since done some research on this band.

They are from Athens, Ga., and they have a few full-length records out on Merge. Get one; Neutral Milk Hotel is cool.

NMH was an incredibly hard act to follow, in my mind, but Superchunk did okay. They are a pretty consistent band, and they’ve been putting out consistently good-

sounding records for the past eight years.

With many bands, consistency can end up being tedious, but Superchunk is still fun to watch.

Their bouncing around on stage got people bouncing around in the crowd.

I am amazed at this band’s stamina—they are able to remain as excited and hyper in their encore as they are at the beginning of their set.

“Seed Toss” and “From the Curve” were the highlights, as well as the instantaneous bounce from “100,000 Fireflies” to “Precision Auto,” the latter of which ended at light speed.

Yes, Superchunk was indeed invigorating, but my favorite part of the show was the pleasant surprise of Neutral Milk Hotel.

A perfect end to a perfectly fun day.

—THEATER—

Let the ‘Games’ begin

The Xavier Players will present “Paris Games: The Life of St. Francis Xavier” Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the University Theatre.

This is a change from the originally scheduled performance times of Fri.-Sun. at 8 p.m.

This production was written by Michael R. Kolb, S.J., from Madison, Wisc. and directed by Cathy Springfield and the Directing for



Stage Class.

“Paris Games” is a controversial piece portraying the life of St. Francis Xavier, according to Springfield. And it should cause a stir

amongst the Jesuits that see the play.

There will be a panel discussion, with refreshments, following each performance.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 general admission.

For more information call the Xavier Box Office at 745-3939.

—Lauren Mosko and Steve Smith

the details Choral concert

On Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m. there will be a concert of choral music featuring the voices of Xavier women in the University Theatre.

Featured will be works by Gabriel Faure, Francis Poulenc, William Billings and Palestrina along with readings from Scripture.

The women’s choir will be directed by senior music major Sarah Dorff and accompanied by Guy Vanasse.

Radio Kings

The Radio Kings are coming to town. Hot on the heels of their latest release on Bullseye Blues & Jazz, *Money Road*, the Radio Kings are hitting the road. They will be playing at Jefferson Hall on March 12.

For more information, hit the internet at <http://www.rounder.com>.

String music

Roni Ben-Hur, accompanied by Bob Bodley on bass, will perform for the Xavier Jazz Guitar Series on Sunday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Theatre.

Ben-Hur arrived in New York from Israel about a decade ago with a goal to study with piano great Barry Harris. Not only did he accomplish that goal, he now tours with Harris.

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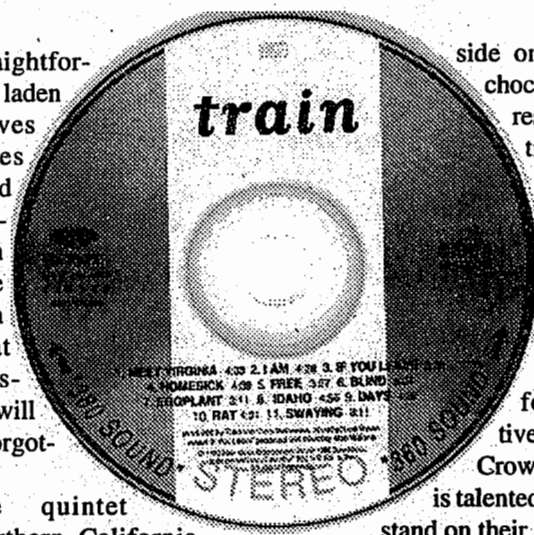
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Critic’s pick

Train self-titled (Aware)

Straightforward soul laden rock drives the forces behind Train’s debut on Aware Records, a disc that once listened to will not be forgotten.

The quintet from Northern California takes listeners through an enjoyable journey through the country-



side on this disc chock full of irresistibly introspective rock songs.

Train will draw comparison to fellow California natives Counting Crows, but Train is talented enough to stand on their own.

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—IN YOUR EAR—

Train headed down right track

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They deliver their sound with a confident elegance that will win the ears of music fans across the country.

Other comparisons would include the like of Freddy Jones Band and the Badlees, but to compare Train is to disregard their unique talents.

Lead man Patrick Monahan has a rich soulful voice that matches the riffs and beats put forth by the band on every song.

Monahan is by far not the only highlight on the disc. Each guitar strum, drum beat and energizing harmonica chord is performed loosely yet perfectly. The production of the self-titled debut album is high quality and leaves little to be desired.

Disc highlights include "Meet Virginia," "I Am," "If You Leave," "Homesick," "Free," "Blind," "Eggplant," "Idaho," "Days," "Rat," and "Swaying."

Funny, that's every song on the disc, except of course the two bonus songs at the end of the album which we'll keep a secret. Don't take my word for it though, go buy the disc and pleasantly surprise yourself.

This young band is about to

be yet another success story in the short tenured, but long listed history of Aware Records

-Steve Smith
Diversions Editor

Plumb self-titled (Silvertone)

It doesn't take much listening to realize the strengths and weaknesses of Plumb's self-titled new record.

The lyrics and lead vocals are superb, but the music poses an enormous problem to the album and will prohibit it from success.

The soul-wrenching lyrics are sung masterfully by Tiffany Arbuckle with her highly spirited voice.

Vocally, the best title on the album is the fourth track, "Endure." This is one of the few tracks of the record where the music is tame enough to allow for Arbuckle's voice to be understood and enjoyed.

The problem with the album lies in the contributions from the

rest of the band members.

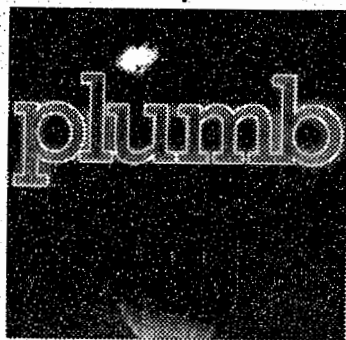
They provide awful, head-banging music that drowns out Arbuckle's searing lyrics.

A prime example of the band's incompetence is shown by the second track of the album, "Who am I."

The electronic melody and high-pitched volume of the music provided me with a headache and prohibited me from enjoying Arbuckle's melodious voice.

In the future, the band needs to learn that their strength is in the vocals of Arbuckle, not the music.

The band must realize that the music should compliment the vocals, not over-



shadow them.

If Plumb doesn't realize the strength of the vocals and take advantage of them, Arbuckle could do better finding a new group that could compliment her.

With the right band behind her, Arbuckle would become a hit lead vocalist in the music industry.

-Matt Madges
Sports Writer

—SINGLES ONLY—

Janet gets 'Lonely'

Janet "I Get Lonely" (Virgin)

native to the tired old instrumental B-side which normally wraps up a CD single.

-Lauren Mosko
Asst. Diversions Editor

Gang Starr "Royalty" (Noo Trybe)

Gang Starr has joined lyrical forces with K-Ci and JoJo, the brothers from the R&B group Jodeci, to produce their latest single "Royalty." It is now available as a CD single from Noo Trybe Records.

The first track on the disc is the radio version of "Royalty." The song lays a tight Gang Starr vocal line over a repetitive piano sequence coupled with a beat-box rhythm. It's a pretty catchy track but nothing necessarily innovative or noteworthy. K-Ci and JoJo add the back-up vocals, lending a smoother R&B feel that takes the edge off an otherwise average song.

The second track is the Street version. It's no different from the first

Janet Jackson's latest radio hit "I Get Lonely" has been released by Virgin Records as a CD single.

This disc features four different versions of the song in addition to two 11-second hooks.

Overall, this is a smooth, honest track. Janet emotes beautifully with a style no one else can match. Here, she unites the essentia of some of her previous work—the anguish of "Again," the longing of "Anytime, Anyplace," and the pop appeal of "Miss You Much."

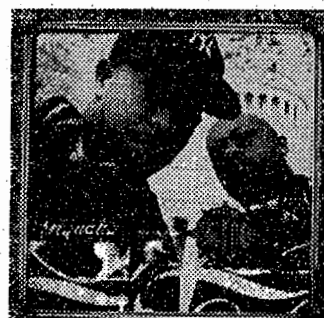
Version one is the TNT remix edit featuring BLACKstreet. Janet's sweet, sensual vocals team up with BLACKstreet's synth-grooves to produce a sultry dance track. Janet's is a rather melancholy song, but with back-up vocals like these, you can't help but tap your feet.

The second version is the LP edit, slowed down for the satin sheets and champagne by candlelight effect.

The third is the Janet vs. Jason/club remix/radio edit. This version is even faster than the first; it is strictly for the clubs. Some of the emotion is lost in the tempo up-swung, but it is still a solid hit.

The last rendering is the Jam & Lewis Feel My Bass mix/radio edit. This song is designed for a car stereo—up tempo with a forefronted bass. This will get you slickly through traffic, down the highway, and to the party.

Two 11-second vocal hooks (one fast, one slow) conclude the album. These are a welcome alter-



—IMPORTS AND COLLECTIBLES—

Singles 'Push' acoustic ability

Matchbox 20 shoved their way to the top of the charts with their hit single "Push." And now the quintet from Florida is capitalizing on the single's success with two import singles, offering unreleased tracks as the incentive.

The first disc is the Australian single release of "Push." This three track CD offers the album version of "Push" matched with an acoustic



version of another *Yourself for Someone Like You* track, "Busted," and a bonus song that does not appear on their hit debut album, "Tired."

On the album, "Busted" is a lyrically driven rock song that pounds the voice of lead singer Rob Thomas through a CB microphone. As with any fully produced, "electric" song turned acoustic, a newfound intimacy is created between the song and the listener.

Thomas' rough, natural voice is clearly understood and heard over the quiet strums of an acoustic guitar. This version of "Busted" is done justice by the band's efforts to maintain the song as lyrically driven, without losing touch with the form the album version takes.

The third song found on the disc, "Tired," is a bonus track that was originally recorded for Thomas, drummer Paul Douchette, and bassist Brian Yale's early project, Tabitha's Secret. The song never made it onto *Yourself*, but has been reworked since its Secret days.

The single version of "Tired" is a good listen, but when compared with the version found on the Secret disc, it is over-produced and over-

instrumented. The simplicity is lost and lyrics are restructured to fit the faster M20 version.

The second import single carrying Matchbox 20 and "Push" as the title was released in Japan.

This disc brings four collectible songs with it and is a must for collectors. In addition to the standard album version of "Push," there are acoustic versions of the title song and radio hits "Long Day" and "3 AM."

When Matchbox sits down to play acoustic they show their truest talents. The slight reworking of the songs offer an intimacy and sincerity that can be lost amidst a full length, non-acoustic album.

All three acoustic versions allow Thomas' voice to capture listeners and take them to a different world.

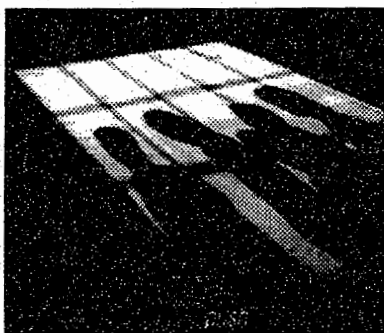
The guitar and bongo work on "Push" and "Long Day" are superbly fitting and do more good for the original versions than can usually be found in an acoustic reworking.

The highlight though, is the calming match between Thomas and a delicate piano on "3 AM."

This radio smash is redone in such a powerful manner, that some may never go back to the album version. Slowed down to add personality and insight, this version shines through as if it was originally meant to be performed this way.

There aren't many bands that write "electric" music that can be appropriately performed "acoustic." For Matchbox 20, it's a natural fit.

-Steve Smith
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darci's delights diners

BY LYNN SHANAHAN
DIVERSIONS WRITER

It was a dark and stormy day in Cincinnati. That is, until I stepped into darci's California Cafe. This Hyde Park eatery has brightly painted walls which resemble a sunset with their red, orange, and yellowish hues. The contemporary and cheerful decor is also indicative of darci's food and service.

Upon being seated I glanced over the menu. The first item which caught my eye was the baked Mushrooms Rockefeller (\$5.95).

This appetizer consists of spicy portabella mushrooms which are stuffed with spinach, red onion, garlic, tomato and topped with three different cheeses. While this was not the only appetizer available, it sounded the most promising.

Instead of ordering an appetizer, I settled on the soup du jour. The chicken gumbo (\$1.95) was very good. I am usually reluctant to order gumbo due to its spicy nature; however, when this soup arrived I found a delicate balance of spices, which did not have me fumbling for

my water glass. This tomato-based soup with its okra, celery and chicken was a mere "taste" of what was to come.

This eatery offers salads (\$5.95-\$7.95) and pastas (\$5.95-\$7.95), as well as pizzas (\$5.95-\$8.95). While there were many tempting choices, the wraps sounded most appealing.

I ordered the San Diego Chicken Wrap (\$4.45) which is composed of seasoned grilled chicken with spicy buffalo wing sauce, ranch dressing, tomatoes, lettuce and cheeses.

When my entree was brought to me, I was surprised at its colorful presentation and portion size.

The spinach tortilla, with the above mentioned contents, was a bit messy to eat but well worth the effort. The combination of the buffalo wing sauce and ranch dressing was interesting and well suited the grilled chicken.

While the wrap itself was tasty, I felt the side dishes were wonderful in their own right.

The tossed greens, mixed with Balsamic vinegar (the house dressing), was refreshing and very fresh.

Another side dish worth or-

dering is the blue corn chips. I had never had these before, but now I'm sure I will order them again.

While food is the main focus of this restaurant, it has many other qualities worth noting.

The restaurant has a nice selection of wines and beers to meet the needs of an individual.

The wine menu contains a variety of wines, a rarity for their establishment, a rarity for most restaurants. Darci's Chardonnay and Cabernet wines (\$2.95) are made in California, at the Chateau Pomije.

While the Chardonnay was a bit sweet for my taste, I found the Cabernet to be very pleasing. This red wine boasts a full body, a minimal amount of dryness and a pleasant bouquet.

If you are not familiar with the wonderful world of wine, darci's can teach you as there is to know. During the summer months darci's hosts several wine tasting events.

Finally, a word of caution before you order your lunch or dinner. Leave room for dessert. Take a peek at the dessert case upon enter-

ing the restaurant in order to view the variety of cheesecakes, and chocolate delights.

Darci's has resided in Hyde Park square for the last two years. During the summer its outdoor, cafe style patio offers customers a full service menu. But, while weather can be unpredictable, you can count on darci's attentive staff and quality food and beverages any time of year.

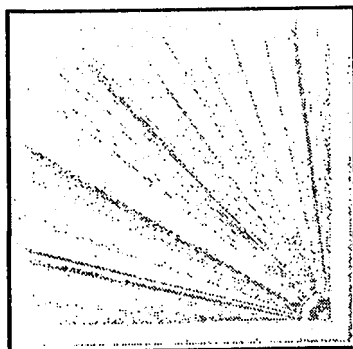
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wednesday

March 11

Warm or cold, snow, rain, or sleet—there will be a cookout on the academic mall today. There is nothing better than grilling out some hamburgers or hot dogs in the cold. Oh, the smell just makes you so hungry. Good thing they'll have the grill going around lunch time, 11:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

In our ever-changing global world, it is important to learn, understand, and experience the different cultures that surround us everyday and that will be a part of and effect our lives in the future. We need to join together now to learn about others. What better place to learn about other cultures than at school, and you probably never knew. Join the cultures of Xavier together at International Coffee Hour. It is in the Romero Center this week at 3:30 p.m.

That hot band, Reel Big Fish is playing at Bogart's around 8 p.m. So dig deep in the dirty clothes from spring break and find some of that leftover change to treat yourself to a nice night of live music.

This is a good television watching night. If you don't already know what is on, sit with the remote and surf the channels from 8-11 p.m.

thursday

March 12

The men's basketball team made it to NCAA Tournament after winning the Atlantic 10 Conference. Congratulations. We do not encourage the act of skipping class. But, if you do skip, or if your professor sees your loyalty and spirit towards Xavier and men's basketball and just cancels your class today, tune to CBS on your local television. Xavier will be playing University of Washington in Washington, D.C. at 12:25 p.m. That is not a quarter past noon, nor is it half past noon, but 25 minutes past noon. If you were lucky enough to get tickets to the game, have a safe trip. Whatever the circumstances, we do not condone skipping class.

"Tap Dogs" is the hottest show on legs and playing at the Aronoff Center at 8 p.m.

Find out who the hottest man at Xavier is in the cafe at 9 p.m. You can get free prizes and gaze at the men of our campus as they compete for the title that everyone is dying to hold, Mr. Muskie.

friday

March 13

FRIDAY THE 13TH, AND FREDDY IS OUT TO GET YOU.

Watch that black cat cross your path as you walk under the ladder and crash into a mirror, breaking it into billions of little pieces. You know, you really should be a little more careful.

The women's basketball team made it to the NIT Tournament. Let's hear it for our women. Go Team! Game starts at 7:30 p.m. They are playing Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. If they win, which the most likely will because we have faith in our women, they will play again on Sunday. Time and place are unknown, so check your local listings.

The art faculty will be holding an exhibition. It is time to see where everything they teach our art friends came from. The opening reception is from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit will be open until March 27, Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sign-up at the Commuter Info Desk to join all of the cool kids on campus for a roller skating party from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It only cost \$2.50 and that includes skate rental. Remember roller skating with the big purple dinosaur in grade school?

saturday

March 14

If the men's basketball team won their game on Thursday, they play at 4:38 p.m. in Washington, D.C. against whoever won the other game. If everyone supported these guys and prayed real hard, and they did their best, they will be playing. If none of that happened, you can watch Washington and the winner of the other game. Catching on to how all of this works?

Xavier Players present the opening of "Pairs Game, The Life of St. Francis Xavier." The play begins at 2:30 p.m. and is only \$3 for students in the University Center Theatre.

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The music department is putting on their Spring Coral Concert at 8 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. Come see what they have been working so hard on this entire semester.

An Irish town has 50 people and six pubs that are all doing well.

sunday

March 15

Xavier Players Presents "Pair's Game, The Life of St. Francis Xavier." The final performance is at 2 p.m. in the University Center Theatre. A discussion will follow with refreshments. Tickets are \$3 for students.

Henry Johnson will be at the University Center Theatre as part of the Jazz Guitar Series. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Isley Brothers will be at the Cincinnati Music Hall. If you are not familiar with this band, call your parents and ask them for the load down on this once happening band.

Go to bed early so that you may have plenty of rest for green beer day on Tuesday. Wherever it is that you spend this wonderful day, you will need lots o' rest.

monday

March 16

"Pigment of you Imagination" is a display in honor of National Pig Day at the McDonald Library. So for all of those who thought that all of the pigs in the world have been forgotten, they haven't. You can visit the exhibit till March 27.

For anyone vegetarian or anyone having an urge to eat a lot of vegetables, join the Veg-Out at the Dorothy Day House at 5:30 p.m.

Zaxxon with Crash and The Coin Collector's are playing at Sudsy Malone's. Zaxxon is the wonderful Xavier band whose members write for the Newswire. What wonderful people they are.

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tuesday

March 17

...HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Find your favorite Irish friend, Pat Cassidy, that wants to get a keg o'Harp to celebrate this most special day of the year. So join him in singing and dancing to everyone's favorite Irish tunes.

Attend the Xavier Study Abroad info session in Kuhlman Hall Rec Room at 6:30 p.m. Learn about studying in Austria, Mexico, Spain, and France. Then pretend you are Irish and celebrate.

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