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# THE XAVIER UNIVERSITY NEWSWIRE

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## Hoff announces retirement

BY SARAH KELLEY  
Senior News Editor

At a press conference on campus last Thursday, Rev. James E. Hoff, S.J., announced he will retire as president of Xavier on May 31, 2001.

In a letter sent to members of the Xavier community, Hoff stated, "I believe Xavier will benefit greatly from a new President filled with fresh ideas and a bundle of energy. I believe this is the right decision for the long-term benefit of Xavier University."

A successor to Hoff has not yet been chosen, a decision to be made by the Board of Trustees. A committee of board members, administrators, faculty and students has been appointed to advise the board throughout its search for a new president.

Michael Conaton, Xavier alum and chairman of the Board of Trustees, held the same position when Hoff accepted the presidency in October 1990 following an eight-month search.

"We pursued Fr. Hoff from the beginning," said Conaton. "We liked his style, his record and his priorities. We will be very sad to see him go and very thankful for the contributions he made to Xavier University."

Hoff has led the university through XU2000, a long-term plan begun in 1992, created to make advancements and improvements at Xavier in preparation for the new millennium. He has also played a vital role in Xavier's Century Campaign, established in 1996 to raise funds for XU2000.

"In my mind, there are natural cycles in university administration," said Hoff. "My cycle at Xavier began shortly after my arrival with the implementation of XU2000, a long-range, strategic plan to take Xavier into the next millennium. On May 31, 2001, the Century Campaign, which has provided the funds to make many of the initiatives of XU2000 happen, will come to an end. A new cycle must then commence to further advance Xavier as a Jesuit Catholic university. I believe a new president should lead this cycle."

Xavier's Cornerstone Campaign raised \$31.4 million between 1986 and 1992, at the time the most ambitious capital campaign in Xavier history. The Century Campaign inaugurated by Hoff surpassed this record, being established as a \$100 million campaign.

"In my mind, the Century Campaign is not about raising funds, it's about building a university," said Hoff. "Those projects enhance the quality of student life and the academic reputation of Xavier University."

As president of Xavier, Hoff has overseen a long list of changes and improvements across the campus. Shortly after his arrival at Xavier, Schott Hall was converted from a Jesuit residence into an office building for faculty and staff. The acquisition of part of Ledgewood Avenue in 1993 enabled Xavier to create a landscaped residential mall. In 1996, Herald Avenue, which once ran through the middle of the academic buildings, was replaced with the academic mall.

In the past few years, Xavier's signature building, Hinkle Hall, underwent a \$3 million renovation. This project was followed by the transformation of Schmidt Hall into the university's administration building and the renovation and renaming of Alumni Hall as Edgecliff Hall in honor of Edgecliff College, the women's college Xavier acquired in 1980.

The grand opening of the Cintas Center, scheduled for September 2000, will mark the final chapter of

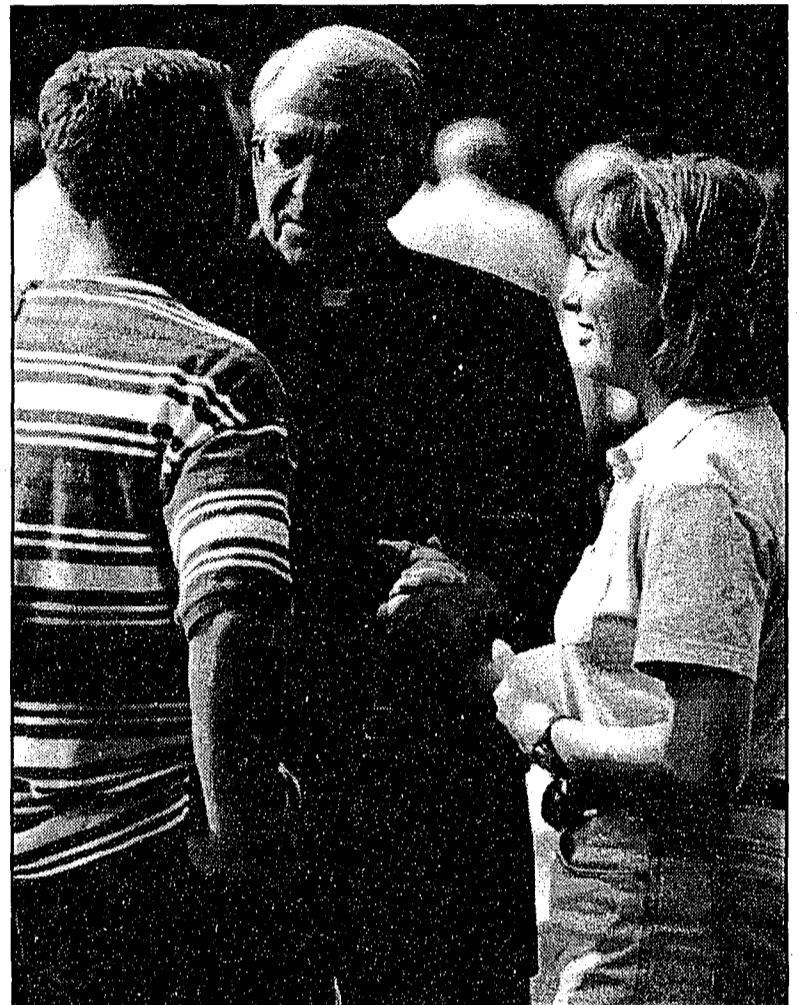


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Rev. James Hoff, S.J., takes the time to chat with students on campus.

Hoff's term as president, Xavier has also received recognition from *Money* magazine and the *John Templeton Honor Roll*.

The average freshman GPA upon Hoff's arrival at Xavier was 2.9 and is now 3.4. The university's endowment has also grown from

ety and to work for the betterment of that society."

Prior to becoming the 33rd Jesuit president of Xavier, Hoff served as vice president for university relations at Creighton University, a Jesuit university in Omaha, Neb. He brought with him to Xavier experience as an administrator, teacher and fundraiser.

"Fr. Hoff has helped define Xavier in so many ways," said Conaton. "But at the core of his service is dedication to academic excellence and graduating young people who are intellectually and morally prepared to take on the challenges of our world."

In addition to presiding over the university, Hoff has served on the board of several organizations including St. Xavier High School, Center for Holocaust Education at Hebrew Union College, Western and Southern Life Insurance, Public Allies and Chatfield College.

Hoff's plans after Xavier are not yet decided.

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— Rev. James Hoff, S.J.

<b>Applicants for Admission:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	2,760
1999-2000 .....	3,223
<b>GPA of Incoming Freshmen:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	2.9
1999-2000 .....	3.4
<b>Average SAT Composite Scores:</b> (incoming freshmen)	
1990-1991 .....	973
1999-2000 .....	1134
<b>Average ACT Score:</b> (incoming freshmen)	
1990-1991 .....	23.1
1999-2000 .....	24.9
<b>Freshman Class Size:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	646
1999-2000 .....	774
<b>National Merit Scholarships in Freshman Class:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	3
1999-2000 .....	7
<b>Freshmen Living on Campus:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	70 percent
1999-2000 .....	85 percent
<b>U.S. News &amp; World Report:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	unranked
1999-2000 .....	7th in Midwest
<b>Faculty:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	213 full time (70 percent held highest degree attainable in field)
1999-2000 .....	244 full time (80 percent held highest degree attainable in field)
<b>Athletics:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	Midwestern Collegiate Conference
1999-2000 .....	Atlantic 10 Conference
<b>Endowment:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	\$24 million
1999-2000 .....	\$86 million
<b>Annual Budget:</b>	
1990-1991 .....	\$47 million
1999-2000 .....	\$100 million

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## BRIEFS

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### Vote

Polls in the Cafe lobby close at 7 p.m. today.

### Group stands out

Students Taking Action Now for Diversity (STAND) is hosting an open discussion at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24 in the Terrace Room on the third floor of the University Center.

The topic is: "Oreos, Twinkies, Coconuts and Whiggers — Sold Out? Racial Identity vs. Individual Identity." Refreshments will be provided.

### X, Y, Zen

Zen Master Keido Fukushima Roshi will present "Introduction to Zen Meditation" at 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25 in the Schott Multipurpose Room. At 7:30 p.m., he will talk about "The Heart of Zen" in the Terrace Room. Admission is free and open to all.

This weekend, Saturday, Feb. 26-27, he will lead a Zen workshop retreat. Reservations are required for the retreat, and registration forms are available at the first floor reception desk in Hinkle Hall.

### Plant uproots

The Physical Plant is relocating this week through Saturday, Feb. 26. They expect to be operating "business as usual" by Monday, Feb. 28. The phone number, unchanged, is 745-3151.

### Grants available

Proposals are being accepted for this semester's John Grissmer Performing Arts Grants, available to individual students and faculty. Awards will total \$25,000.

Eligible programs and organizations include the department of music and all music majors, performance studies minors, electronic media majors, members of Xavier Players or student theatrical productions, musical performance groups and the Xavier television center.

Written proposals must be received no later than Friday, March 3. They should be sent to the attention of Paul Lindsay, University Relations, ML 5112.

A committee will review all proposals and announce award winners by Tuesday, March 21.

### Help 2000

Telephone volunteers are needed for WVXU's Spring Fund Drive 2000, which will take place Wednesday, March 15 through the following Wednesday. The shifts are in two-hour increments, but volunteers are encouraged to sign up for as many shifts as they like. If you can give of your time or if you have questions, call Jill Gross at 458-3144.

## NOTHING BEATS EXTRAVAGANZA



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY ERIN MOONEY

After singing the black national anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," led by Ericka Walton, Oginga Khamisi (third from left) played African drums and taught African music at Monday's Cultural Extravaganza in the University Center Theatre. He taught randomly selected audience members to play "The Dance of Strong Men."

## Many students attend debate

BY BRYAN RIECHMAN  
 Campus News Editor

More than 100 students attended Student Government Association's Executive Debate 2000 on Monday in Kelley Auditorium. Attendance was the largest in recent years.

Ticket A — Casey Shuff (president), Natasha Cuyler-Sherman (legislative vice president) and P.J. Zimmer (administrative vice president) — sat stage left of ticket B — Jeff Pugh (president), Mark Mallett (legislative vice president) and Jennifer Buckley (administrative vice president) — while addressing the student audience as well as a television audience.

A four-student panel asked questions of each ticket.

The questions posed to the presidential candidates focused on the role of O'Connor Sports Center and Xavier's relationship with the gay and lesbian community.

Each presidential candidate suggested Xavier should maintain the sports center and work on showing a greater acceptance for the gay and lesbian students.

"Maybe we need to stand up a little bit more [to the administration]," Shuff said of the sports center issue.

About the homosexuality issue,

Pugh said, "[Diversity is] not just a black and white issue anymore ... Education is the key ... There's just no place for discrimination here on our campus anymore."

Several students have said the responses (especially to the issue of homosexuality) were appropriate, but the candidates seemed to err on the side of politically correct rhetoric.

"I felt the debates weren't all that revealing about what distinguishes the tickets from each other. I wanted more concrete facts on the issues," said senior Kristen Barker.

Cuyler-Sherman and Mallett both defined their positions presiding over Senate meetings and attending as many club meetings as possible.

Cuyler-Sherman's three word definition of how she perceives her position is: "aggressiveness with respect."

Finally, the administrative vice presidential candidates responded to a question about why the tickets decided to run together. Each ticket pointed to the members' diversity of experience.

In her response, Buckley said, "This campus is not about student government ... this campus is for all of you."

In his rebuttal, Zimmer said,

"What is good for the students is for us."

Audience members asked about such issues as how to increase Student Activities Council funding, how the ticket plans to stay in touch with students, how to address the loss of a sense of community, the new university center and how each ticket can distinguish itself from the opposing ticket.

"Leadership is done through action," Shuff said. "I think this ticket shows action."

Shuff also said his ticket is not only about leadership, but also about issues and about "getting things done."

In his closing remarks, Pugh said, "We have to get Xavier up and running in this day and age."

Buckley added, "Campus life is what makes the university home ... [we'll] put campus life back in your hands."

"I was very impressed that they really opened up about everything," said freshman Alex Fajardo.

Junior Terry McCafferty said, "I think the debate was good, but I was pretty torn [about which ticket to vote for]."

"I think a lot of people complain about what Senate does, but they don't play an active role and keep up with what's going on."

## Police Notes

**Tuesday, Feb. 16, 3 a.m.** — An unknown vehicle struck a car parked in the South lot. The driver fled the scene.

**Saturday, Feb. 19, 12:55 a.m.** — Campus police received a complaint about loud noise from a student party on the 900 block of Marion Avenue. Police advised the students to keep the music down and monitor their behavior.

**Saturday, Feb. 19, 12:01 p.m.** — A faculty member in Alter reported the theft of a camcorder from his office. The theft occurred between Jan. 16 and Feb. 16.

**Sunday, Feb. 20, 1:10 a.m.** — A student was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of two fake IDs when found in Brockman Hall.

**Sunday, Feb. 20, 5:45 p.m.** — Campus police found an 11-year-old child walking around on Uni-

versity Drive. She was lost and had wandered from her house on Sherman Avenue.

**Sunday, Feb. 20, 11:40 p.m.** — Campus police investigated several complaints of loud noise from a party on the 1000 block of Dana Avenue. Police found nearly 150 students and a lot of alcohol. Students were warned, and the case may be brought to the attention of the off-campus review board.

## Business career day

BY BRYAN RIECHMAN  
 Campus News Editor

The second annual Business Career Day is 1:30-3 p.m. on Monday, March 13 in Nieporte Lounge, lobby of the Williams College of Business (CBA) building.

All students are invited to attend, especially business and undecided students.

Students are also advised that a self-directed interest test will be administered at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 in Kelley Auditorium. The goal of the test is to offer students insight into their particular skill levels and interests.

The final day to sign up for the test is Thursday, Feb. 24.

Students can sign up on the second floor of CBA, in the lobby of each dormitory or in the Career Services Center. Students may also sign up by e-mailing Kathy McClusky, director of cooperative education and academic adviser, at McClusky@admin.xu.edu.

"This is an excellent opportunity," said McClusky. "Not only for business students, but for all undecided students."

At Business Career Day, representatives from a variety of community businesses will be on hand to discuss their particular expertise as well as the value of business majors.

The representatives will provide information on tables in the lounge and will give 30-minute presentations in CBA rooms divided by major.

Sessions will be offered in accounting, economics, entrepreneurial studies, finance, human resources, information systems, management and marketing.

Refreshments after the presentations will be provided by Servates. Door prizes, including items from Cincinnati Bell Wireless and the bookstore, will also be awarded during the gathering.

Among the companies to be represented are Hillshire Farms, Goetsch International, Fifth-Third Bank, Cinergy, Kroger and IBM Consulting Services.

"[Business Career Day] serves its purpose by helping students go from undeclared to declared," McClusky said.

For students who have already declared, organizers plan to provide more information about different majors and double majors.

## Police Note of the Week

**Saturday, Feb. 19, 1:35 a.m.** — Campus police responded to an accident on Victory Parkway. A non-student was arrested for DUI and failure to control his vehicle. He went left of center and through the property fence. The car overturned, rolled down the embankment and crashed through the outfield wall of the Xavier baseball field.



# Underground Railroad sees light of day at Xavier

BY BRYAN RIECHMAN

Campus News Editor

By September 2003, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will open at the foot of the Roebling Suspension Bridge in Cincinnati.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, Dr. Walker Gollar, Xavier theology professor presented his scholarly research on the Underground Railroad to a group of nearly 30 students, complete with a slide show of historical paintings, photographs and news clippings.

"The whole story of the Underground Railroad is one of the great stories of American history," Gollar said. "It's about people helping people regardless of the colors of their skin."

"Black History Month is about celebrating our history, and celebrating the Underground Railroad is celebrating a great part of our history."

Gollar, historical consultant for the Freedom Center, began by detailing the stories of several names commonly associated with the Underground Railroad and their connections to the Cincinnati area.

*"The story of the Underground Railroad is one of the great stories of American history."*

— Dr. Walker Gollar

Theology professor and historical consultant for the Freedom Center

He told his audience to look beyond the legendary stories it has heard about the houses of the Underground Railroad and look at the people. It was not about brave white people helping helpless black people, he said, but it was about people helping people.

Museum developers, working with Gollar for about five years, have established three goals. The Freedom Center, they say, should merge commemoration and education with inspiration, all toward an end result of reconciliation.

Students say the presentation, sponsored by the Diversity Aware-

ness and Appreciation Theme House, was important for Xavier and Cincinnati.

"Cincinnati has a rich history with the Underground Railroad, but everyone's oblivious to it," said graduate student Erin Keith.

Senior Tulisha Doctor said, "Personally, when I went to school, black history was not taught much. All we had was Dr. King's day ... Too much of what came before and after King is not properly recognized."

Junior Tameca Barron, one of Gollar's students, said, "It's good to have these kinds of programs at Xavier. More people should come out to see for themselves and learn."

The Freedom Center is to be modeled after Washington D.C.'s Holocaust Museum, in that people's experience in the museum is supposed to supercede passive watching and become real.

"You don't just go look at pretty pictures on a wall," Gollar said. "You feel the slave experience. The idea is to feel how it was to be a slave."

# Forum addresses global economy

BY RACHEL NAPOLITANO

Asst. Campus News Editor

Rev. Richard Bollman, S.J., the pastor of Bellarmine Chapel, said that he was excited to see students at the Contemporary Issues Forum because globalization is an "issue for the future."

The forum's topic was "The New Global Economy: Assessing What Happened in Seattle" and was held on the 10th floor of Schott Monday afternoon.

Dr. Timothy White of political science said, "Xavier students do not typically take courses that help them understand the nature of globalization, especially in an economic, political, and sociological sense of this term."

"If the liberal model of international trade is right, the more free trade that exists, the more likely students will be able to find good jobs."

Around a crowded table, 27 students, faculty and staff listened to White; Dr. Beth Wilson, economics; and Sr. Alice Gerdeman, C.D.P., theology and Intercommunity Justice & Peace Center.

"Even though it was painful to hear someone pro-globalization, it was nice to hear the other side. It was good they weren't imposing ideas on us," said junior Melissa Williams.

Wilson described the pro-global economy argument and the history of the World Trade Organization.

"The world is becoming more integrated and countries are becoming more interdependent. We can no longer afford to view the world in isolation," said Wilson.

The organization is composed of representatives of trade from around the world.

The free trade argument says every country will be able to focus on what they produce well, resulting in a greater world product. Theoretically, the world benefits from an ideal allocation of resources.

White described the liberal or neo-classical model as believing that the growth of trade will benefit all, although not necessarily equally. To them, any barrier to free trade keeps the world from operating at maximum efficiency.

White described the nationalistic/mercantilist perspective, as contending the world has a fixed amount of wealth.

In this model, countries try to maximize their own economy instead of maximizing the world's efficiency.

White said, "I wish more students had an opportunity to take basic courses that familiarize students with the realities of globalization. Unfortunately, these rarely fit into the core curriculum."

Gerdeman discussed the moral implications of globalization. She said that sometimes political and economic theory "does not add up to what the people are experiencing." She drew upon examples from Ghana, where the Gross National Product (GNP) is soaring while there are people in villages with no electricity. "This is considered a 'success,'" she said.

She said Ghana "looks better on paper." The moral view, she explained, is concerned with "what is happening to the people."

## LIFE'S A DANCE



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Arthur Murray Dance Studio offered free dance lessons in the Village Multipurpose room at 8 p.m. last Thursday. The above couple is learning the first rule: Don't watch your feet.

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## WORLD BRIEFS

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### Unexploded WWII bomb destroyed

ROME (TMS) — Italy shut down a central stretch of its main north-south rail and road routes and evacuated hundreds of people Sunday to blow up an American-made bomb dropped in World War II.

The rusted bomb contained about 550 pounds of TNT. Experts in explosives deemed it too fragile to dig out or disarm. Instead, they excavated a crater and used plastic explosives to destroy the bomb from afar.

Officials said Sunday they had found another unexploded World War II bomb in the same area, this one at the foot of a railway bridge. Authorities did not announce their plans for that bomb.

### Floating energy potential hazard

RUSSIA (UNF) — Russia plans to build a number of floating nuclear power plants to bring inexpensive energy to remote regions, but critics worry the stations are "potential waterborne Chernobyls."

Seven proposed units would serve as "huge atomic batteries" to be moored off coastlines. Each unit has the potential to provide power for 50,000 people.

Construction is already underway on the first station, to be

located 600 miles west of Alaska.

Russian ecologists say the reactors are accident-prone, and that a leak could spread radiation across the planet; also there is inadequate research on the impact of heated waste water on the marine environment.

Russian authorities say their nuclear technology has improved since Chernobyl, and the stations will be towed to maintenance facilities every 12 years.

### President Clinton rated as 'average'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TMS) — President Clinton's legacy gets an "average" rating, but his moral authority is among the lowest in presidential history, according to 58 historians.

Clinton hoped historians would remember that he presided over the longest U.S. expansion in history, but they noted his record has been stained by scandal. Notably: His December 1998 impeachment by the U.S. House of Representatives on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Of the 41 men who have served as president, Abraham Lincoln topped the historians' list, followed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and Harry Truman.

Clinton ranked 21st, behind George Bush, and ahead of Jimmy Carter.

# Annan applauds Australia

## NEWLY LIBERATED EAST TIMOR APPRECIATES PEACE EFFORTS

EAST TIMOR (UNF)—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan arrived in Australia Friday, praising Australia for their role in bringing peace and stability to East Timor.

Annan had just concluded a visit to the former Indonesian territory. "You should be proud of what you have done," Annan said on his arrival in Darwin. "You should also be proud of the role your nation in general played."

Australia was responsible for leading the international force that restored order in East Timor following its August independence referendum. "It is no exaggeration to say without Australia during the violence in September, the situation in East Timor might have gone from bad to much worse," Annan said. "East Timor might not have had the chance for peace."

### DEVASTATION IN DILI SHOCKS ANNAN

Before visiting Darwin, Annan went to Dili, East Timor's capital, and observed the damage that ravaged the city following the independence referendum. "The devastation I have been able to see so far is worse than what I had imagined from the reports and what I saw on television," the secretary-general said.

East Timorese leader Xanana Gusmao praised Annan, saying his visit was "another confirmation" of his commitment to the territory. "Had it not been for him, I would not be here today," Gusmao said.

Annan also reiterated support for Indonesia's domestic judicial inquiry into the atrocities in East Timor. If the trial does not go forward as planned, they may revert to an international tribunal.

*"Had it not been for him [Annan], I would not be here today."*

—Xanana Gusmao, East Timorese leader

### RECONSTRUCTION NO EASY UNDERTAKING

Annan called the reconstruction effort "an immense task," and said World Bank President James Wolfensohn would arrive in East Timor Monday. "I suspect he will have some good news for you," Annan said.

East Timorese citizens, however, are beginning to question the speed with which international agencies are delivering aid.

To date, electricity has been restored for half the population, the water supply has been refreshed and work is continuing on the area's telecommunications system.

Despite a lack of teachers, 100,000 children are attending school, and health clinics have opened in all of East Timor. The slow reconstruction and consequent unemployment could cause these achievements to be overshadowed by social unrest.

owed by social unrest.

Furthermore, foreign entrepreneurs have created a great deal of resentment among the East Timorese population. The latter believe they put nothing back into the local economy, and the few who employ local staff pay a pittance. The UN is not responsible for this problem, but it may be blamed unless these carpetbaggers can be persuaded to spend more in the place where they make their profits.

### ANNAN QUESTIONS SENTENCING LAWS

Although praising Australia is the main reason for Annan's visit, the issue of mandatory sentencing laws will most likely surface. In the territory, jail terms for property offenses are mandatory for people as young as 15. For example, a 15-year-old Aboriginal boy committed suicide in his cell last week and another was imprisoned for a year after stealing a pack of biscuits.

Australian human rights groups want the UN to intervene against the laws, which they say violate children's rights by allowing children's imprisonment.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard warned Annan that he will not be lectured on human rights by outsiders. "Of course Australia decides what happens here in this country through the laws and the parliaments of Australia, but in the end we are not told what to do by anybody. We make our own moral judgments."

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# Xavier black history revisited

JENNIFER KENSILL  
News Feature Editor

Even though only the month of February is devoted to celebrating black history, over 50 years of African-American achievements have gone into making Xavier what it is today.

When St. Xavier was founded in 1831, the university's charter stated it was an institution designed to educate white men. These lines remained unchanged in the charter for over 100 years, and upon rediscovery in 1949 they were quickly changed to encompass all races.

"Although the charter was not changed until 1949, I believe that there were African-American students at Xavier prior to the change," recalls Rev. John Felten, S.J., Xavier University Archivist and member of the board of trustees that issued the charter correction.

Records dating the first African-American student and professor at Xavier were unavailable. However, former student and administrator member recalls how the campus has changed.

"As a freshman at Xavier 30 years ago, the campus was predominately white and male," said Adrian Scheiss, director of Retention Services. "African-Americans made up roughly one to two percent of the student body, and there were very few black faculty members."

As the number of minority students increased, organizations were created to represent the voices of these students on campus.

This year the Black Student Association (BSA) is celebrating its 30th anniversary as a campus organization although it had been present on campus several years before gaining the university's recognition.

Many of the activities that kicked off Black History Month were organized through combined efforts of the BSA and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Both of these groups have been part of Xavier's student life for over three decades.

"The BSA was formed with the goal of protecting the interest and self-esteem of black students, while also educating the campus on African-American history," said BSA President Ameerah Khalifa.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs was established in the mid 1970s. It was originally called Minority Affairs and was intended to cater primarily to African-American students. However, in 1994, the name of the organization was changed to demonstrate its broadening interest in all minority students.

Teresa Hamilton, Multicultural Affairs secretary and former student, believes Xavier has been successful in trying to diversify.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS  
Director of Multicultural Affairs Mila Cooper poses with members of Xavier's African-American fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, at a celebration during Greekfest last November. In addition to the fraternity, there are two African-American sororities at Xavier.

"Xavier has become more aware in trying to embrace all of its students and helping them achieve their goals," said Hamilton.

The campus is also home to three African-American Greek organizations: Alpha Phi Alpha, a fraternity, and two sororities, Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha.

A Sigma Gamma chapter was the first fraternity established at Xavier in 1991, which included seven members.

According to Damon M. Scott, member of the first chapter, it is important to consider the historical context and racial climate when black fraternities were first established.

"The first African-American fraternity was founded in 1906 at Cornell University, which was not that far removed from slavery," said Scott. "These organizations were created to serve as a support system for the upliftment and scholarly pursuit of African-Americans."

Scott went on to say that although these organizations are predominately black, they are not exclusive to African-Americans and anyone is welcome to pledge.

Xavier has not only worked toward creating a diverse environment, but also strives to retain and graduate students.

Xavier's retention rates for minorities are above the national average. Retention rates monitor the enrollment of a class from freshman to sophomore year. Studies have found the first year is the most vital, and if a student makes the transition to the second year, they are most likely to graduate. Xavier's retention rate from the fall of 1990 to the fall of 1997 was 79 percent for African-Americans and 86 percent for all students. The national retention rate of African-American students is around 36 percent.

"Xavier has had tremendous success in matriculating all of its students due to the university's effort in providing a combination of strong academic scholarships and grants," said Scheiss.

Several scholarships are available specifically for minority students. The Wieninger Scholarship and the Xavier Academic Achievement Grant are predominately for African-American students. These scholarships are intended to increase minority enrollment on cam-

pus. In an attempt to diversify the campus, an African-American admissions counselor has also been hired.

Xavier's graduation rates of African-American students are also above the national average. The six-year national average graduation rate of African-Americans is 31 percent, compared to 38 percent at Xavier.

"More work still needs to be done in increasing graduation rates. Retention of all students has been very successful, but that is just the first step. The next step is helping every student that enters Xavier to get a degree," said Scheiss.

African-American enrollment has been increasing, making diversity an even more important issue on campus. As of the fall of 1999, African-Americans made up 9.02 percent of all undergraduates and 7.06 percent of graduate students.

"In order to start improving diversity and whole campus involvement in minority functions, students of all races need to start going outside of their comfort zone and reaching out to students that they normally wouldn't talk to," said Khalifa.



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Members of Xavier's Black Student Association prepared gift bags which were donated to local charities, one of the many service projects they have taken part in throughout the year.

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# THE XAVIER UNIVERSITY NEWSWIRE

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— STAFF EDITORIAL —

## Spring break?

Don't misunderstand us. *The Newswire* is as thrilled as anyone to have next week off. But as journalists, we are concerned with calling things by their right names, and we feel the term "Spring Break" is a glaring misnomer.

Since it begins at the end of February, our "Spring Break" seems alarmingly like the resurrection of Imbolc, a pagan mid-winter festival welcoming the coming of spring.

In order to protect our Catholic Jesuit university from accusations of pagan observance, we feel it would be wise to move our vacation week a bit closer to the actual Spring Solstice, March 21.

In addition to the messy pagan issue, there are many other reasons why "Spring Break" should be postponed.

Most students dream of spending this vacation on hot, sunny beaches; however, it's difficult to find anywhere north of the Brazilian rain forest that is warm enough for bikinis or board shorts on Feb. 28.

This is also an opportunity for many to visit friends and relatives who attend other universities. Because our break is so early, almost every other school is still in session, automatically excluding distant loved ones from our plans (unless one wants to sit in their dorm/apartment all day until they get out of class).

Usually, our break coincides with the A-10 Tournament, giving students the opportunity to support our Musketeer basketball programs while relaxing in Philadelphia.

The women do not play until the last days of break, and if they advance to the championship on Monday, it is impossible for students to be there to support them without skipping class.

The men's tourney falls the week after, so I guess we can forget about that trip, too. Unfortunately, there will be considerably less blue and white in the bleachers at the First Union Spectrum this year.

Also, because March is such a popular time for professors to assign tests and papers, it is not uncommon that students spend a significant amount of their break with their noses in books. So much for vacation.

Finally, taking our break this early in the semester creates a very long stretch of merciless education from the beginning of March until the end of April, when we break again briefly for Easter.

In 1996, Xavier had a "Winter Break" and then a combined "Easter/Spring Break," and this was much more manageable.

To whom it may concern: Consider this just a little food for thought when creating next year's calendar.



— CAMPUS COMMENTARY —

## Votes influence year ahead

BY JOE NUGENT  
Contributing Writer

Today is the final day to vote for SGA executives. The polls close right after dinner. I am not here to tell you who to vote for or who has the better platform. I am here to tell you to go out there and vote. Each and every one of your votes count ... and I am a living example of that.

My sophomore year in high school I won an election for student council secretary by one vote. One vote is all it takes to either make or break a person, or ticket.

Ask the current president of SGA. I ran against her ticket two years ago. They won by seven votes! Out of all the people who voted, seven votes is all it took to declare the winner.

I am not gonna sit here and give you all feel-good stories of how one

person overcame all the odds and voted and made the difference and got the girl in the end.

Your newly appointed SGA executives will have more of a say than what you can imagine. Think of all the new hurdles they will have to overcome.

There is the brand new Cintas Center slated for completion sometime between now and the end of the world (Oh, come on — like I could miss an opportunity to make fun of the Cintas Center).

There will be a brand new university center that will be going up, which brings with it many new problems such as where offices are located, how construction will hurt traffic and whatever other parking issues have not been addressed yet.

There will also be a big building (Fieldhouse) that will sit virtually empty. Your new executives

will sit in on the meetings and help decide what to do with it.

The list goes on and on. My point is this: Your executives sit in on major meetings such as NCAA re-certification, disciplinary matters, dean appointments, housing, budgets for clubs and organizations and the soon to be newly created committee of finding a replacement for Fr. Hoff when he retires at the end of next year.

There are many functions and many responsibilities that go along with being an executive. All of the candidates know this, and all of them want to make Xavier a better place. This I can guarantee you.

So please go out and vote today if you haven't already. Your vote CAN make a difference. Besides, your next school year depends on it.

— CAMPUS COMMENTARY —

## 'Millionaire' hits rock bottom

BY ERIN NEVIUS  
Contributing Writer

Personally, I hate the show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" The next time Regis Philbin says, "Is that your final answer?" a beam of electricity with a very high voltage should be sent directly to his brain, rendering him mute. And maybe impotent, too, just because he helps keep Kathy Lee Gifford on television.

That show is merely a huge annoyance, asking such thought-provoking questions as, "How many fingers do you have? Are you sure? Final answer?"

However, the genre of bad television programming it's creating, based on the greedy side of mankind, helped to spawn the most disgusting thing I've seen on television since David Hasselhoff.

"Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" undermines everything that should be held sacred about marriage.

What happened to love? What happened to wanting to spend your life with another person because you know them so well? What hap-

pened to children conceived out of wedlock bringing two people together in holy matrimony?

"Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" aired Feb. 15 on Fox, the network known for its tasteful programming.

It featured 50 women in wedding dresses parading around the stage discussing their bra sizes in front of a multimillionaire who remained anonymous behind a screen and judged them, I'm sure, on their backgrounds in charity work.

Darva Conger, whom the wealthy mystery man chose as his bride, based solely on the two-hour program, only knew her husband for approximately 45 seconds before their on-air marriage.

The multimillionaire turned out to be Rick Rockwell, a comedian best known for his attempt to get into the *The Guinness Book of World Records* by telling jokes for 30 hours straight. I did not make that up.

Despite the fact this program blatantly depicted women as money-grubbing flesh peddlers, the most disturbing thing about it is that more

than one-third of this nation's women under the age of 35 watched this woman marry herself off for money. Is that the sort of message we want to send to America's young women?

Instead of searching for men with wit, intelligence and caring, should we show them on network television that money is what makes your life-partner?

It even makes men look bad, portraying them as mere income sources to their much younger blonde wives. Marriage is a sacrament, one that's supposed to be forever, and isn't grounded on Beamers and Rodeo Drive shopping sprees.

Anyway, as far as I can tell, television has hit rock bottom. Over the next 10 years, I predict a revival of the classics, such as *Sea Quest* starring Jonathan Brandis and the *Howie Mandell Show*.

Until then, I guess I have no choice but to stick with Regis. I may not marry a multimillionaire, but I'll finally find out what makes bread rise.

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## - MALL TALK -

## WHAT excuse have you used to break a date?



"I don't break dates — x8693."

—Danny Ollier  
Sophomore



"My wife won't let me go out tonight."

—Adam Ziemkiewicz  
Junior



"I have to milk a cow."

—Stacey Holbrook  
Senior



"I'm sorry, but I'm dating my brother/cousin/grandfather. I'm from West by god Virginia"

—Josette Mitsch  
Senior



"Colon cancer."

—Matt Wagner  
Junior



"I have to wash my hair. I have a date with Herbal Essences."

—Rachel Degracia  
Freshman



"I ran over a cat."

—Will Fenton  
Senior



"I told him I was a lesbian."

—Giuliana Cappelletti  
Senior

## - NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE -

## Cloning natural part of life

BY AARON WOELL

College Press Exchange

Our advanced intelligence has allowed us to improve the human race by using the resources on this planet as we see fit. Modern science can improve upon the natural order of the world and this extends to cloning and fetal tissue research. Opposition to those advances is based on poor logic and faulty reasoning.

The cloning success of Tetra the monkey is a dramatic leap beyond the tadpole experiments of the 1970s. Considering monkeys are our closest relatives in the animal kingdom, cloning humans is not far off.

Objections to human cloning based on the overpopulation argument are ludicrous. Economic factors make cloning very expensive and outside the reach of most.

It raises the hackles of those who despise cloning on ethical grounds. They claim scientists are playing God and creating life in a lab is unnatural.

The religious objection, that we are playing God, has been made before with birth control, organ transplants and in vitro fertilization. With the possible exception of birth control, no one would dare object to these scientific advances now.

The charge fails to distinguish between commonplace advances like penicillin and debated issues like cloning. Who is to say which scientific advancement is permissible?

The claim that cloning is unnatural is wrong. Death is a natural part of life yet we seek to cheat it at every opportunity. If death is natural and we try to defeat it, why should that not extend to life?

No one would dare try to stop in vitro fertilization. Yet people who need it to have children are determined by nature not to reproduce. If genetics tells us we are unfit to reproduce, we say "to hell with nature" and try, try again. Cloning is no different.

If we were made in the image of a creator and we possess the abilities to manipulate our envi-

ronment and ourselves, shouldn't we?

The one claim that has been raised and yet I think every rational person disagrees with, is that clones would not be people like the rest of us.

Since we have already determined a person is more than the sum of their genetic material, their origin of conception makes no difference.

*The claim that cloning is unnatural is wrong. Death is a natural part of life yet we seek to cheat it at every opportunity. If death is natural and we try to defeat it, why should that not extend to life?*

We have no idea what a soul is or where it exists, yet everyone believes in it. To say a clone would have no soul would be as ludicrous as saying a child born by in vitro fertilization has none.

Clones would be just as real as anybody and making them is not unnatural or morally wrong.

Fetal tissue research is another touchy area plagued by vehement opposition.

In 1998, researchers at the University of Wisconsin successfully used embryonic tissue to grow human stem cells. Stem cells are blank cells capable of developing into any type of cell in the human body.

Once they differentiate in the later stages of conception, they adopt a specific function and grow into a specific part such as liver cells or brain cells.

By isolating the stem cells before they differentiate, scientists

could theoretically use them to grow new cells in damaged organs.

While that advancement could someday be good news to heart attack victims, there are vocal opponents to the stem cell research. Their objections are based on where stem cells come from: fetuses aborted early in pregnancy.

One could make the claim that using an aborted fetus in research is the same as somebody filling out an organ donor card. They're both dead now, so what does it matter? You might as well make their death mean something instead of sticking them in the ground and piling dirt on top of a box.

However, scientists are working to assuage your feelings of guilt concerning aborted fetuses.

While some research was done using tissue from aborted fetuses, the scientists at Wisconsin took sperm from a man and used it to fertilize an egg from a woman.

The fertilized egg grew in a petri dish for a few days until it became a blastocyst, at which point certain cells were removed and cultured into stem cells.

The difference here was that no fetus was aborted. Rather, the clump of cells was grown in a lab and then cultured to produce the needed product.

There was no development of organs, indeed no evidence whatsoever that what was grown in the lab could be considered a human being.

Yet there are still opponents of fetal tissue research who rely on faulty reasoning. They argue that blastocysts are human life because given nine months it would eventually mature to become a person.

Using that reasoning one could consider a lone sperm a human being because it has the potential to fertilize an egg. Considering the millions of sperm within the male body, masturbation amounts to genocide!

Perhaps we should start arresting men who masturbate for crimes against humanity.

## - DOC TALK -

## Metabolife® dangers

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**I've been getting canker sores more frequently. They hurt and I'm tired of getting them, and most important they scare away potential dates. Help me stop them!**

No one knows what causes canker sores (aphthous ulcers). Some aggravating factors are stress, poor nutrition, viral infections and dental work.

Observe if certain foods are aggravating for you. Brush and gargle daily and use chloraseptic spray.

**This may sound stupid but I really want to know the truth. Is it better to pop a zit or leave it alone? I had a huge zit and everyone told me to pop the monster before it attacked someone.**

Unless it's a very superficial lesion, popping or traumatizing acne can lead to scarring. There are many acne medications to try. See a physician to discuss your options.

**I'm allergic to amoxicillin. Does this mean I'm allergic to all "cillins?"**

You're allergic to all penicillin-type antibiotics. You should tell any medical personnel what type of reaction you had.

There are many other types of antibiotics that you can take instead (quinolones, macrolides, tetracyclines, cephalosporins and sulfa drugs).

Questions answered by Xavier Physician Dr. James P. Konerman.

Questions may be dropped off at Health and Counseling or e-mailed to [opinions@xavier.xu.edu](mailto:opinions@xavier.xu.edu).

## - LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

## Graduation too early

Who is the goof who decided to hold commencement at 8:45 a.m. on May 13, 2000?

I live in Loveland and I'll probably have to get up at 6:30 a.m. or so to make it down to the money pit in time.

My parents, who live in Cheviot

and Hillsboro, won't be able to make it at all at that time. Let's get real. Back it up to 11 a.m. or even 1 p.m. Let our families get to the show without getting up with the roosters.

—Kevin Pyle  
MBA 2000

**Have a rant, but don't have time to write?**

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# BRIEFS

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## XU baseball in full swing

The Xavier baseball team opened up its season last weekend in Clarksville, Tenn., for a three-game stand against Austin Peay.

The Musketeers were swept in the opening doubleheader on Feb. 19, but recovered the next day to beat the Governors 7-3.

In the team's first game, sophomore starting pitcher Greg Wiggers lasted just 3.1 innings, allowing 10 runs (eight earned) on nine hits.

The Musketeers managed just five hits in six innings against starting pitcher Mike Weel, as the Governors rolled to a 14-2 victory.

Things didn't get any better in the second installment of the day, as junior starting pitcher Matt Raih found himself the victim of an eight-run explosion by the Governors in the second inning. The Musketeers never managed to recover, dropping the game 9-3.

In Sunday's game, freshman center fielder Kevin Cave led the way with a home run and three RBI as the Musketeers cruised to 7-3 victory giving junior Jeff Barger his first victory of the year. Barger, a co-captain, went seven strong innings allowing just one earned run.

The Musketeers will use the spring break to enjoy Florida's warm weather and polish up their baseball skills as they head to the Sunshine State for nine games.

## Volleyball marathon

Beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 10, a volleyball marathon will be held at the O'Connor Sports Center to benefit the Madonna House of Northern Kentucky.

Teams consisting of six to nine players will participate in the event for one hour. Each player must raise a minimum of \$10 in sponsor money.

Any player who raises \$15 in sponsor money will be awarded a free T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to those players who manage to raise the most money.

This year's marathon, which is the 22nd annual, will continue until 9 p.m. on March 11.

Those interested in participating in this event should contact Peggy Schutzman at 341-4523 to reserve your playing time.

## Soccer tryouts

Walk-on tryouts for the men's soccer team's spring season will take place from April 10 to April 14.

The Musketeers will look to use the spring season to work out the kinks, in an effort to improve next year on last semester's 5-13-1 record.

—Joe Angolia

# Williams shoots down Colonials

Senior combines with McAfee for 46 points in team's 88-76 win.

BY JOE ANGOLIA  
 Sports Editor

After hitting another low on the road against Virginia Tech, the Musketeers recovered by handing George Washington a 73-65 defeat in the Cincinnati Gardens last night. The win improved the team's record to 17-9, and put them in a tie with the Colonials for second place in the A-10 West.

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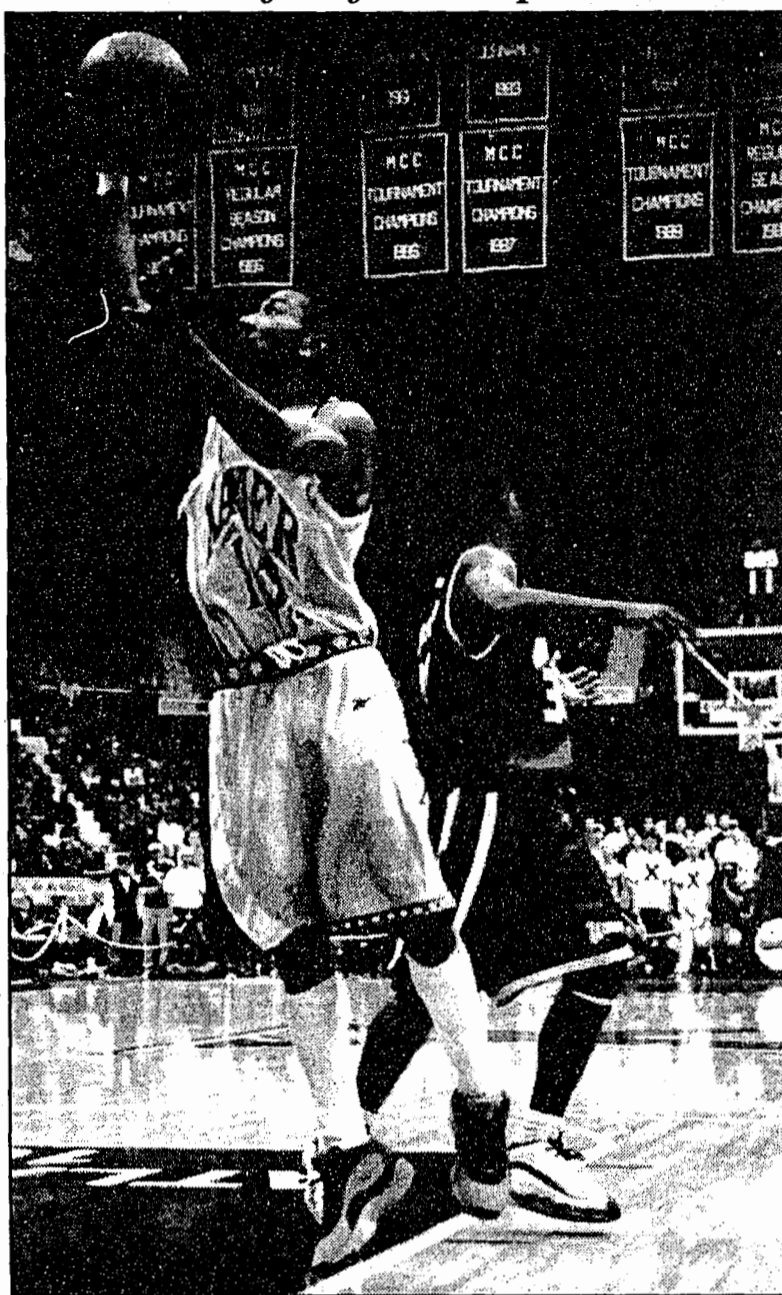
On Saturday the Musketeers were failed by their usual consistent free-throw shooting and were outrebounded by a Virginia Tech team that shot 51 percent from the field, on their way to ending a seven-game losing streak. The Xmen managed just 33.3 percent from the field and 63 percent from the line, while being beaten on the boards 37-31.

With 6:30 remaining in the first half, the Musketeers were enjoying a 24-18 lead when the Hokies came to life, closing out the half with a 16-2 run to take a 34-26 lead. The Hokies held on to their advantage until the 14:35 mark when junior Maurice McAfee knocked down a three-pointer to put the Xmen ahead 41-39.

The Musketeers never led again, as the Hokies managed to hold off the Xmen, who pulled within two (53-51) with just 6:31 to go but never got any closer. Led by junior forward Rolan Roberts, who poured in a game-high 19 points, the Hokies snapped their own losing streak while handing the Muskies their fifth straight A-10 loss on the road.

Xavier entered the game with two of the better free-throw shooters in the conference, in McAfee (.846) and sophomore Kevin Frey (.852). McAfee went 8-10 from the line while Frey connected on just 5-8 attempts as the team converted just 17 of its 27 trips to the stripe (nine of those misses coming in the second half).

The Musketeers' scoring woes can be partially linked to the lack of production from the Muskies' second-leading scorer sophomore Lloyd Price, who was held to just nine points on 3-10 shooting from the field. The forward has been held to under 10 points in consecu-



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY PHILLIP VON FURSTENBERG

Junior point guard Maurice McAfee poured in 22 points on 5-7 three-point shooting in the team's 88-76 win over GW.

tive games after having scored in double-figures in 12 of his previous 13 games.

Freshman David West posted his seventh double-double of the year in the losing effort, putting together a 10-point, 11-rebound performance.

McAfee and senior Darnell Williams led the team in scoring, finishing with 16 points, apiece.

Frey rounded out the top scorers with his 11 points, marking the first time the Xmen have lost this season when the forward scored in double-figures.

The loss dropped the Musketeers back to third in the A-10 West, making last night's matchup with sec-

ond-place George Washington all the more critical.

### XAVIER 88, GEO. WASH 76

The Colonials came into town last night one game ahead of the Musketeers in the A-10 West after winning seven of their last eight contests. The first half hardly turned out as the Colonials expected as the hot-shooting Muskies (.643) came out with a 9-0 run on their way to establishing a 48-31 lead.

The highly anticipated arrival of freshman standout SirValiant Brown turned out to be rather disappointing, as the highest scoring Brown of the first installment turned out to be sophomore Alvin Brown,

who came off the bench to score eight first-half points. Val Brown on the other hand was limited to just 1-12 shooting.

The last time these two teams met, back on Feb. 5, the Muskies had enjoyed another significant halftime lead, 39-24, before the Colonials fast-paced offense took over in the second-half sparking the comeback.

For most of the first part of the second half, the Musketeers managed to keep the Colonials at bay, trading basket for basket.

The Xmen were enjoying a comfortable 69-51 lead following a drive by Price, but were ambushed from that point on as the Colonials attempted to stage a repeat of their February comeback.

Junior Mike King single-handedly willed the Colonials back into the game by knocking down three straight trifectas. GW used King's sharpshooting and strong play from freshman Chris Monroe to propel a run that cut the Xavier lead to six points, 76-70.

The Musketeers used a time-out to regroup. When play resumed, Williams answered the Colonials' surge with a three-pointer. Val Brown overcame his earlier struggles to knock down a three-pointer followed by a basket from the baseline.

With the Xavier lead down to five points, Price went to the line and nailed both of his clutch attempts. Though the Colonials made their comeback due to the efforts of King and Monroe, Val Brown isolated his teammates in crunch time taking all the critical shots.

Val Brown tried to respond to Price's free-throws, but his drive to the lane failed to fall. Frey hit both of his following free-throws to ice the game. McAfee added a breakaway dunk with little time left to put an emphatic end to the Musketeers' win.

Williams' team-high 24 points moved him ahead of Denver Nugget rookie James Posey into 12th place on Xavier's all time scoring list.

McAfee, who finished with 22 points, and Williams came up with clutch shots throughout the game, helping the Musketeers to stay in the race for the A-10 West crown.



## On Tap



Thursday, Feb. 24

•Women's basketball vs. Duquesne at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 25

•Baseball vs. the Citadel at 3 p.m. \*

Saturday, Feb. 26

•Baseball vs. Jacksonville St. at 3 p.m. \*  
 •Rifle in Midwest America Rifle Conference Championship TBA

Sunday, Feb. 27

•Men's basketball vs. La Salle at 2 p.m.  
 •Rifle in Midwest America Rifle Conference Championship TBA  
 •Baseball vs. Michigan at 3 p.m. \*

Monday, Feb. 28

•Baseball vs. Jacksonville Univ. at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 29

•Baseball vs. Western Michigan at 3 p.m. \*

Wednesday, March 1

•Men's basketball vs. St. Bonaventure at 7:30 p.m.  
 •Baseball vs. Western Michigan at 3 p.m. \*

Home women's basketball games are held in Schmidt Fieldhouse.

\* these baseball games will be played at the University of North Florida

Home games are in bold.

## GAME of the WEEK

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. DUQUESNE  
 7 p.m. at Schmidt Fieldhouse on Thursday.

The women will close out the regular season tomorrow against the visiting Dukes. After losing to GW on Sunday, the Musketeers are 22-4 (12-3 in the A-10) and would love some momentum heading into the A-10 Tourney. This game is also the last ever at Schmidt Fieldhouse. Don't miss it!

# Eleven-game win streak ends at GW

## Colonials top Musketeers by two, lead West Division by one-half game

BY MATT BARBER

Sports Writer

After spending most of the season in second place, the Xavier women's basketball team finally made it into first place in the Atlantic 10 West Division last Thursday when Massachusetts knocked off division-leading George Washington, but the Musketeers' stay on the top lasted just three short days.

Xavier (22-4 overall, 12-3 in the A-10) was tied with GW (21-4, 12-2) following the Colonials' 67-54 loss to UMass on Thursday night, and, after topping La Salle (10-15, 5-9) on Friday, XU held sole possession of first place in the West.

That led to Sunday's marquee-matchup between George Washington and Xavier to decide the West Division. And it did, giving the West to the Colonials for the time being, with a few remaining games.

**XAVIER 85, LA SALLE 72**

Four Musketeers scored in double figures, and two of them grabbed double-digit rebound totals as well as Xavier, playing its first game of the season in first place, out-paced La Salle, 85-72.

La Salle, playing without junior point guard Jen Zenser (broken hand), who led the Explorers in scoring each of the past two seasons, was no match for the high-powered XU offense and often had to foul the Musketeers, who are second in the conference in free throw shooting percentage.

Xavier converted 23-31 trips to the free-throw line, led by freshman point guard Amy Waugh who was 9-10 and junior forward Jen Phillips who was 8-10.

Phillips finished the game with 24 points and 11 rebounds, both game-highs. Junior guard Nicole

Levandusky added 19 points, including four three-pointers, and Waugh scored 17. Senior forward Kim Hotz recorded her first double-double of the season, pulling down 10 rebounds and scoring 10 points.

Xavier led at halftime 43-32 and outscored the Explorers 42-40 in the second half. Xavier took off on a 13-0 run to start the second half and led by as many as 24 before going flat and letting La Salle get back in the game.

**GEO. WASH. 70, XAVIER 68**

In a battle of streaks, it was George Washington's 18-game home winning streak, 10th longest in the nation, that had another game added to its total, and Xavier's school-record 11-game win streak that came to an end.

XU sprinted out to a 23-11 lead to start the contest, but GW answered with six straight points. Still, Xavier's offense was hitting on all cylinders as the Musketeers powered to a 39-29 halftime lead, shooting 62.5 percent from the floor.

Things got a lot rougher in the second half as the play became more physical. Both Xavier post-players, junior center Taru Tuukkanen and Phillips each earned their fourth fouls with most of the second half to be played, taking away much of the inside game of the Musketeers' offense.

Knowing this, the Colonials were able to harry Xavier's outside shooters and keep the guards from making many of their shots.

"We played a long time in the second half without our best players," said Xavier head coach Melanie Balcomb. "That really hurt us ... on the offensive end."

George Washington led by four points with just under two minutes

to play. Waugh scored for XU to cut the lead to two, but junior guard Kristeena Alexander, who scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half, converted on both ends of a one-and-one trip to the free throw line to push the lead back to four.

Waugh's three with 3.4 seconds remaining cut the lead to one, but GW pushed it back to two points on a free throw by junior center Petra Dubovcova. Hotz grabbed the rebound on Dubovcova's missed second shot, dribbled toward the Xavier basket and heaved a three-quarter court shot that was a little too strong, bouncing off the backboard.

Waugh led XU with 20 points, followed by Phillips and Hotz with 11 each. Tuukkanen grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. Xavier's shooting percentage was nearly 20 points lower in the second half compared to the first.

Just like Xavier's last loss to St. Joseph's on Jan. 9, the Musketeers squandered a double-digit lead in the second half and lost by two points, this time, 70-68.

"It was a basketball game in the first half, and a war in the second half. So we won the basketball game and lost the war," said Balcomb of the contest.

**WHERE IT STANDS**

George Washington holds a half-game lead over Xavier in the West Division of the A-10 with two games left to play, against Dayton (14-11, 9-5) and at Duquesne (8-17, 4-10). The Musketeers have just one game remaining, a Thursday night matchup against Duquesne in Schmidt Fieldhouse at 7 p.m.

Thursday's game will be the last ever in Schmidt Fieldhouse, as well



Junior guard Nicole Levandusky (right) scored 19 points on Friday against La Salle and is eighth on XU's career scoring list with 1,157 points.

as being senior night for Hotz and guard Amy Hughes.

If XU defeats the Dukes, and the Colonials lose either of their remaining games, the West Division title would have to go to a third tie-breaker because the head-to-head and intradivisional records of the two squads would be the same.

If GW wins both of its contests, it wins the division outright, if it

loses both and Xavier wins, the Musketeers would have their first West Division title in school history.

Both teams have secured first-round byes for the upcoming A-10 Tournament at Temple, but the winner of the West would receive a top seed and be placed on the half-bracket opposite from St. Joseph's (22-4, 13-2), who clinched the East Division title this past weekend.

### Phillips fourth to hit 1,000

Junior forward Jen Phillips became the fourth Musketeer to top 1,000 career points this season on Sunday at George Washington.

Phillips needed 30 points before the weekend began, and she scored 24 at La Salle on Friday

before tossing in 11 more at GW to give her a career total of 1,005.

Juniors guard Nicole Levandusky and center Taru Tuukkanen and senior forward Kim Hotz all reached the milestone earlier this season.

—Matt Barber

# Phillips earns first Player-of-the-Week award

BY SEAN O'BRIEN

Asst. Sports Editor

Xavier junior forward Jennifer Phillips was named Atlantic 10 Co-Player-of-the-Week along with Tere Williams of Virginia Tech.

Phillips was rewarded for her play in victories over Fordham and La Salle. In the Muskies' 83-50 victory over Fordham, Phillips was 7-7 from the field and finished with 16 points and seven rebounds. Phillips then recorded her first double-double of the season as she scored 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as Xavier won their 11th in a row as they beat La Salle 85-72. For the week, Phillips averaged 20.0 points per game and 9.0 rebounds per game.

In Xavier's hard fought 70-68 loss at George Washington on Sunday, Phillips became the fourth Xavier player this season to reach the 1,000-point club for her career. Phillips joined senior Kim Hotz and juniors Nicole Levandusky and Taru Tuukkanen to become Xavier's first ever group of four to reach the plateau in the same year.

Virginia Tech junior Tere Williams has been on a roll all season long. Nothing changed this past week as she earned her third Player-

#### A-10 AWARD WINNERS THROUGH GAMES OF FEB. 19

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

**JEN PHILLIPS**  
XAVIER

20.0 PPG, 9.0 RPG

**TERE WILLIAMS**  
VIRGINIA TECH

20.5 PPG, 8.5 RPG, 3.0 SPG

**ROOKIES OF THE WEEK**

**STEFANIE MILLER**  
DAYTON

23 POINTS, 5 ASSISTS IN WIN

**AMBER SNEED**  
MASSACHUSETTS

8.0 PPG, 3.0 RPG, 2.5 SPG

of-the-Week award. Williams averaged 20.5 ppg, 8.5 rpg, and 3.0 spg as she lead the Hokies to a 2-0 record this past week. She has scored in double figures in nine straight games and has posted nine double-doubles this season.

Stephanie Miller of Dayton and Amber Sneed of Massachusetts were named A-10 Co-Rookies-of-the-Week.

Miller earned her award for her outstanding second half play in

Dayton's 76-68 win over Duquesne. Miller scored all of her career-high 23 points in the second half. She was a perfect 7-7 from the field, including five three-pointers. Along with her team and career-high 23 points, the freshman had five steals and four assists.

Sneed averaged 8.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg and 2.5 spg as the Minutewomen went 1-1 this past week. She had three three-pointers in UMass' 67-54 upset victory over No. 25 George Washington. In their 66-45 loss to Virginia Tech, the Cincinnati native scored seven points and had five rebounds.

After their loss to GW, the XU women fell to 11-3 in conference play and remained one game behind GW in the West. With only two conference games remaining, Xavier will most likely finish in a tie for first or in second place all by themselves. The XU women are a lock for the NCAA Tournament and depending on their performance in the A-10 Tournament next week, could find themselves seeded as high as sixth in one of the Dance's four regions.

On the men's side of things, Rasual Butler of La Salle and Shannon Crooks of Massachusetts

#### A-10 AWARD WINNERS THROUGH GAMES OF FEB. 19

**PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

**RASUAL BUTLER**  
LA SALLE

20.5 PPG, 6.0 RPG

**SHANNON CROOKS**  
MASSACHUSETTS

24.5 PPG, 4.0 RPG

**ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

**SIRVALIANT BROWN**  
GEORGE WASHINGTON

26.0 PPG OVER 2 WINS

were named Co-Players-of-the-Week.

Butler averaged 20.5 ppg and 6.0 rpg as the Explorers went 1-1 this past week. The 6-8 sophomore forward is the third leading scorer in the conference at 18.7 ppg.

Crooks averaged 24.5 ppg and 4.0 rpg in leading UMass to two victories. In the Minutemen's 81-72 win over Fordham, he scored a career-high 29 points to go along with four rebounds and four steals. On the season, the sophomore is averaging 11.6 ppg and he leads the team in assists with 74.

The Rookie-of-the-Week award went to none other than SirValiant Brown of George Washington.

Brown collected his sixth citation as he scored 26.0 ppg in leading GW to wins over Virginia Tech and Rhode Island. Brown dropped 22 points on Virginia Tech, then he blew up for 30 points against Rhode Island. Brown is second in the country in scoring at 25 ppg. Brown trails Fresno State's Courtney Alexander who averages 26.2 ppg. The 6-1 guard could become the first freshman in NCAA Division I history to lead the country in scoring.

Temple continued to dominate A-10 play as they improved to 11-1 in conference and 20-4 overall. The Owls are without a doubt the top team in the A-10. With a commanding three game lead in the East, Temple is the team to beat in the A-10 Tournament.

Temple earned a spot in the national spotlight by upsetting No. 1-ranked Cincinnati 77-69 on Sunday. With that victory, the Owls proved to the whole country they are the real deal. Temple jumped to No. 12 in the USA Today Coaches Poll and improved to 15-1 with Pepe Sanchez in the lineup.



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Theater event

"Man of La Mancha," Broadway's musical about the eternal dreamer, comes to the UC College-Conservatory of Music mainstage for 11 performances this February and March.

The show will be presented Feb. 24-27 and March 1-5 at the Patricia Corbett Theatre on the UC campus.

Performance times are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$22 for reserved seating.

Symphony update

The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and guest conductor Christof Perick will be performing on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4 at 8 p.m.

Featured works are Schreker's "Prelude to Drama," Haydn's "Cello Concerto in D Major" and Strauss' "Symphonia Domestica."

Tickets are \$12 to \$46 and are available by phone at 381-3300. Student tickets are \$10 the week of the concerts.

Open auditions

Two roles are available for the world premiere of the play "In Rebel Country," by Kevin Barry.

One male and one female, aged 20 to 30 are needed. All races and creeds are invited.

Auditions are 9:30 a.m. to noon on March 11 at Gabriel's Corner.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call 871-1429.

Musical art

The Contemporary Arts Center presents an exhibit of the work of Céleste Boursier-Mougenot through March 26.

The French composer explores the music of day-to-day objects and living creatures in constantly evolving installations.

For more information, call 721-0390.

Free concert

The University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music continues its season of free performances with a Chamber Music Series concert on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. in the Robert J. Werner Recital Hall.

Mikey, the big 20

If you happen to see Assistant Diversion Editor Mike "Mikey" Kohlbecker walking around today, wish him a happy belated birthday. Gifts are optional.

— RESTAURANT REVIEW —

Sit a spell, you urban cowboys

YOU MAY NOT FIND A MECHANICAL BULL, BUT YOU WILL FIND A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE

BY JACKSON GOODNIGHT AND MARIE LEIST

Contributing Writers

If it's been your quest in life to find the world's best fried chicken, then look no further. According to the Hitching Post, your search is over.

Located on the corner of Madison Road and Edwards Avenue, the Hitching Post is neighbor to the famous all-nighter Perkins in Hyde Park.

The Hitching Post features "pot n' pan" cooking, much like every other restaurant in Cincinnati, which includes an array of breakfast, lunch and dinner foods.

The menu is broken down into such categories as "World's Best Fried Chicken," Simply Supper, Hot Pan Sandwiches and Breakfast By Mom, just to name some of the highlights. And if you dare to venture out, be sure to try Uncle Bubba's Ultimate Omelets.

Breakfast includes your basic selection, including eggs, bacon, sausage and more.

One item created "by Mom" includes two eggs any style, with your choice of bacon, sausage, ham or goetta (a combination of sausage, beef and either oats or barley), with home fries and toast.

This breakfast is extremely filling, and is recommended for those who only have time for one meal a day. The goetta is highly recommended as a side choice, but beware of its grease content, especially when combined with the home fries.

This breakfast combination was made for those looking for an traditional morning meal "by Mom."

The "kettle kakes," destined for fame (according to the menu), can be described as something between a biscuit and a doughnut.

We both agreed they had a startling resemblance to the funnel cakes found at any county fair.

The "kettle kakes," much like the breakfast combination, are not the best choice for a pre-workout meal due to their heaviness.

The potato pancakes, a rarity in the Cincinnati area, are found on the Hitching Post menu. The Hitching

Post style of potato pancakes is much different than most — they are spicier and crispier than the average potato pancake.

So if you're in the mood for something a little different, choose the potato pancakes over the standard issue french fries.

Otherwise, on the breakfast section of the menu, there are biscuits and gravy, French toast, a variety of (Uncle Bubba's) omelets and steak and eggs.

When it comes to lunch and dinner, you have many choices. The main entrees include hot, open-face turkey, country fried steak and Mom's beef liver and onions (oh boy!) to name a few. All these Simply Suppers are served with two side dishes.

Another choice for lunch or dinner is, of course, the "World's Best Fried Chicken," which is served mixed, all white meat or all dark meat, and can be packaged as two, three or four pieces.

If chicken is your taste buds' craving, you can also order the Buffalo wings with either original hot sauce or barbecue sauce.

If you aren't brave enough for world famous chicken, go for the Hot Pan Sandwiches or Butcher Block Salads. Some sandwiches include the Texas burger, the Classic BLT and Aunt Ruth's Meatloaf.

Butcher Block salads include



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY JACKSON GOODNIGHT

Hyde Park's Hitching Post features "Pot n' Pan Cooking" and, according to the menu, the "World's Best Fried Chicken." That's a pretty bold statement, partner.

Hitching Post

Phone: 871-9201

Address: 2713 Madison Road, Hyde Park

Hours: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. Closed Mondays

the Buffalo salad, tuna or chicken topper salad and the grilled chicken salad.

The grilled chicken salad is described as "a healthy portion of grilled chicken breast on a bed of

mixed greens and diced tomatoes, served in a crispy shell, topped with cheddar cheese."

This salad is definitely a highlight of the menu. The lettuce is all very fresh and the chicken is tender and very flavorful. In addition, this meal won't leave you feeling sluggish.

To top off a good meal, head to the back page of the menu to find the Delicious Desserts section. The dessert list includes fruit pies, homemade cream pies and chocolate torte cake.

The service at the Hitching Post wasn't exactly the kind you would expect at a small, family-run business. The waitress seemed to hurry us along and failed to give us personal attention. It seemed, however, the "regulars" were treated

much better than first-time customers.

If you are planning on making a trip to the Hitching Post, be sure to keep your group small. Seating is limited in this uniquely decorated storefront home-style restaurant.

The restaurant walls are decorated with action photos of pie throwing and cartoon drawings of the owners.

The atmosphere, in contrast to the service, is very inviting and will make you want to stay and chat.

Menu prices range from \$2.50 for the cheapest breakfast all the way to \$7.50 for one of the higher priced Simply Supper items.

Carryout is also available for any menu item by calling 871-9201.

The Hitching Post, with its big variety of menu choices and inviting atmosphere, makes it worth a departure from your normal Perkins visit, even if you're not searching for world famous chicken.

Rating: ★★★

★ OFFICIAL NEWSWIRE FOOD RATINGS ★

- ★ — You've had better food at summer camp.
- ★★ — Maybe we should have gone to Mickey D's instead.
- ★★★ — It's better than your skill level, Chef Boyardee@.
- ★★★★ — Just like mom used to make.
- ★★★★★ — Better than mom used to make, just don't tell her.

New Releases

The following discs are due for release on or before Feb. 22 ...

The Chieftains, *Water from the Well* (RCA Victor) ... Da Brat, *Unrestricted* (Columbia) ... The Deadlights, *The Deadlights* (Elektra) ... Dokken, *Live from the Sun* (CMC Intl) ... Millencolin, *Pennybridge Pioneers* (Epitaph) ... Poster Children, *DDD* (spinART) ... Union, *The Blue Room* (Spitfire) ... Yo La Tengo, *And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-Out* (Matador) ... ZEKE, *Dirty Sanchez* (Epitaph) ... Dan Castellaneta, *Two Lips* (Oglio) ... Peter Searcy, *Could You Please And Thank You* (Arista) ...

... all dates are tentative.

Live Wires

Thursday, Feb. 24  
 LFO  
 w/ SK8  
 @ Bogart's

Wednesday, Feb. 23  
 Powerman 5000  
 w/ Static-X  
 @ Bogart's

Friday, Feb. 25  
 Primus  
 w/ P.O.D.  
 @ Bogart's  
 and  
 ZZ Top  
 w/ Lynrd Skynyrd  
 @ Cincinnati Gardens



—IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT—

# Mad Frog showcase

CLIFTON CLUB TO SPOTLIGHT REGION'S TOP ACTS

BY JONATHAN MOSKO  
*Diversions Editor*

Unfortunately, many a talented local band has withered and died due to a lack of attention.

Fortunately, an area club is doing something to help new bands get what they so badly need — exposure.

In the tradition of South by Southwest and other regional music festivals, the Mad Frog in Clifton has joined with local, regional and national promoters to create West by Midwest, an opportunity for local bands to gain exposure and win various prizes.

The showcase will be limited to 250 bands of all types of music, from rap to rock to country. Each night, about five bands of the same genre will be showcased and advancing acts will be chosen.

The West by Midwest Millennium \$2K Showcase will take place on Tuesdays this April, and will continue through the summer.

An independent panel will attend each showcase and select bands to return for later rounds.

Bands invited to return for a third and then a final round may receive recording sponsorships, equipment certificates, radio airplay, financial backing (up to \$2,000) for a CD, Internet distribution and media attention.

The final band will receive up to \$2,000 worth of support and promotion.

The top 10 bands overall in the showcase will win support in the form of recording time or equipment gift certificates.

All regional bands of any genre are welcome, and those interested in participating in West by Midwest need to register at the Mad Frog (1 East

McMillan Street) by the end of this month.

To cover the cost of sound technicians, A/V support, guest panelists, ads and radio spots, a registration deposit of \$100 is required. Upon entering the showcase, there is no contractual obligation by the band to the club.

For more information, contact Mike at 929-4444 or the Mad Frog at 784-9119.



M.K.

— F A T M A N ' S C O R N E R —

# The next course: Quatman's

QUEST FOR CINCINNATI'S GREATEST BURGER LEADS THROUGH NORWOOD

BY THE FAT MAN

*Contributing Writer*

The great philosopher Cicero once said, "Eat to live, not live to eat."

Ahh, what the hell does that guy know anyway? He knows philosophy, I know food. Who do you trust?

For this week's article, the "Fat Man" rolled through the hallowed streets of Norwood in search for yet another burger joint. I stumbled upon Quatman's, a local establishment frequented by many of Norwood's elite.

Did you know some people say there is a controversy over best burger in Cincinnati, between Quatman's and Zips? Well, I intended to find out, using my savvy eating skills.

When I approached the place, a smiling man greeted me on his way out. I thought to myself, "either they've got good food, or they're showing "Skinamax" inside."

Either way I knew I was going to have a great time. My buddy and I strolled in and noticed the local folk watching a Xavier game sipping on some Hudy.

Wait a minute, if all of them are drinking Hudy ... that's right, Hudy is the only beer

served at Quatman's.

Next we took a seat, and our waitress asked, "What'll it be?"

I asked, "Can we see some menus?"

She replied, "It's on the wall."

The wall read: hamburger, cheeseburger, ham and cheese, chili, roast beef, corned beef, turkey and the famous fries.

For all you vegetarians out there, this isn't the place to go. You know if God didn't want us to eat meat, he wouldn't have made it so darn good!

I proceeded to order the burger, chili and fries, which came highly recommended to me. My buddy and I had little time for small talk because our food came in about three minutes.

I quickly dove into my chili and noticed a similarity between Quatman's chili and Zip's chili. Although they taste virtually the same, I have to go with Quatman's. Quatman's chili is thicker and meatier, in my opinion.

As far as the burger was concerned, Zip's may have been heavenly, but Quatman's was cooked in God's own kitchen. The burger was served with fresh onions, lettuce and tomato. When I bit into the burger, sinful thoughts ran through my head. It was so good I savored every bite.

By the time I touched those fries, I had already had two cigarettes to let my stomach take a breather. When I was finished the waitress came over and said, "You look pretty beat!"

I knew then that Quatman's had made an impact on my life. I finally had to work to finish a meal — unbelievable!

Knowledge Gained During the Construction of this Article: Bigger burgers equal better burgers.

RATING: ★★★★★

Address: 2434 Quatman Ave., Norwood

Phone: 731-4370

Hours: Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m., closed Sundays

**FAT MAN'S RATINGS**

- ★★★★★ — Consumes every thought
- ★★★★ — Dream about it at night
- ★★★ — Sometimes tempting
- ★★ — Have nightmares about it
- ★ — Cringe at the thought

— I N Y O U R E A R —

D'Angelo  
Voodoo

(Virgin Records)

It has been almost five years since D'Angelo's last album, *Brown Sugar*, introduced his style of music to a very receptive audience.

The duration of his absence is noticeable on this new disc, not only in its 78-minute length, but also in the recreation of a distinct style of music. The song styles differ greatly from his last release, which exhibits his growth as a musician and songwriter.

Don't be confused by the admonition that this music is entirely innovative. So often throughout the disc, he sounds like Prince or Marvin Gaye with a little twist of Stevie Wonder, shaken, not stirred.

However, what emerges, at times are enjoyable, original compositions concerning life, love and the importance of tradition.

There are several highlights: "Send It On" showcases a falsetto vocal ability which almost mirrors Gaye. The trumpet throughout brings to mind passionate R&B ballads of the past.

D'Angelo certainly is not shy about his influences. "Devil's Pie" offers reverence to Prince — the good, older Prince, before he went a little loopy, with vocal fluctuations ranging from high-pitched whine to baritone whispers.

In the process, he reveals lyrics of his capitalistic struggle to succeed and survive: "Temperatures at a high degree / where niggas come 2 feast / Hell's this all about / Apocalypse ain't no doubt."

Other highlights of this disc include "One Mo' Gin," which I think translates as "Once more again" because he sings of his feelings for a woman he has not seen or held or kissed or, well, anyway, it's a sensual number about hidden and not-so-hidden desires.

"Root" builds vocal layers around each other which give the song the feel of a gospel testimonial, while "Untitled (How Does It Feel)" offers a smooth guitar that creates a wonderful song of seduction. I started to put the moves on my roommate while this was playing — now that's a powerful song.

I also give D'Angelo a lot of credit for utilizing actual instruments on this disc. In a musical world of samples and drum programming, he manages to create some wonderful tracks of real instruments from drums down to the flugel horn, most of which he plays himself.

If there is anything wrong with the disc, it is the duration of some of the songs, several over seven

minutes, which end up sounding like jam sessions in which someone forgot to stop recording.

Also, a lot of songs sound very similar, which gets confusing after over an hour of music.

The last track of the album, "Africa," ends with the lyrics: "From which U came was love / and that's how it should be / U and my soul are 1 / through all the time and history."

He understands the importance of emotion in life and in making an album. On *Voodoo*, D'Angelo also shows his understanding of the past by not only paying tribute to past artists, but also promising the continuation of the elements that began these traditions: inspiration, passion and creativity.

Note: It is a good thing this CD was No. 1 on Billboard after one week, because throughout the liner notes, there are photos of him without a shirt on. In fact, there are 15 counting the cover.

I'm kind of worried that he might not own any shirts. I can't think of any other reason not to wear a shirt in so many photos. I hope he sells a lot more discs; at least I now know that his navel is rather oval-shaped.

This CD earns \$\$\$.

— Adam Ziemkiewicz,  
*Contributing Writer*

Various Artists

Listen Picks — Vol. 1  
(Razor & Tie)

With the recent explosion of dot-com enterprises, it seemed only a matter of time before compilations from music Web sites began hitting the market.

One of the first to do so is listen.com, with their *Best of Downloadable Music, Volume 1*. Of course, "best" is quite a subjective term, especially when applied to this disc.

Some of the names on the disc may be familiar to your average college student, but the majority of these tracks are by fairly unknown bands, and if the rest of their work sounds like the included picks, they are going to stay that way.

The first number is a piece by Pavement, "Spit on a Stranger," off their '99 LP, *Terror Twilight* — in a word, forgettable.

Sleater-Kenney offers up the next cut, "Burn, Don't Freeze," and while more noteworthy than the Pavement contribution, still fades from memory shortly after its end.

Track three is from a group

called Pretty Mighty Mighty, that sounds reminiscent of Matthew Sweet. That is, bad Matthew Sweet.

Surprisingly enough, Public Enemy offers up the first genuinely deserving track, with "What, What" off their '99 disc, *There's a Poison Goin' On*.

Other notable names include The Smithereens, Kelly Willis singing British folk singer Nick Drake's "Time Has Told Me" and DJ Spooky delivering a rather trip-happy tune.

While these songs are nothing extraordinary, compared to the rest of the included tracks, they rise to the top.

Of the lesser-known bands, Mercury Rev's "Holes," stands out, featuring a mournful trumpet solo over a lonely guitar riff.

In this day and age of MP3s and CD burners, I have to question the release of this CD.

It would seem to make more sense to burn a compilation of songs you know you are going to actually enjoy from start to finish, than to blow \$17 or \$18 on this CD.

In fact, you could even use listen.com to help locate songs you want to download. I recommend this over the illogic of buying this CD.

This CD earns \$\$.

— Will Fenton,  
*Contributing Writer*

— MOVIE REVIEW —

# 'The Beach' leaves audiences stranded

PERFORMANCES LIKE THIS MAKE YOU WISH PRETTY BOY DICAPRIO HAD DIED WITH THE TITANIC

BY MIKE KOHLBECKER

Asst. Diversions Editor

We have all seen previews for "The Beach." They present images no teenager with a pulse can resist.

A white sand beach merges with a sparkling crystal ocean. Leonardo DiCaprio is running around with his shirt off. A sexy French girl in a bathing suit asks, "Do you want to go to the beach with me?"

"Yes!" I answered enthusiastically, "Take me to this beach!" Who could resist? Males and females alike have fantasized about a scenario like this for years.

So, I went to "The Beach" with high expectations. Two hours later, I was extremely let down.

The film opens with solo traveler Richard (DiCaprio) arriving in Bangkok in search of adventure. He settles down in a run-down

hotel, where he meets Daffy (Robert Carlyle). This Irishman has serious issues that seem to be dictating his odd behavior. Before his grand exit, Daffy gives Richard a map to an island and describes it as the most beautiful place in the world.

Richard has a plan — ask the beautiful French girl down the hall (Virginie Ledoyen) to run away with him to the island.

It works, kind of ... the problem is, she brings her boyfriend along.

In the midst of planning the adventure, Richard meets two Americans who tell stories of a secret island. They refer to it as a "paradise." The island supposedly has the most beautiful beach in the world. Oh yeah, and there are fields of marijuana.

Knowing he has the map to this "paradise," Richard leaves a copy to the Americans and sets out in

search of the island with his friends, the French voyagers.

When they find the island, it is exactly as the American travelers described — beautiful beaches and fields of marijuana. A thorough exploration ensues.

After outsmarting some gun-toting pot farmers, the trio stumbles across a secret society. This society is supposed to fit the classic American definition of paradise, but they were more representative of a hippie commune.

Richard basks in the warm glow of paradise, but only briefly. The carefree attitude begins to take its toll.

From here out the film attempts to tackle a "Lord of the Flies" meets "Apocalypse Now" theme. It tries to document what happens when people regress into their most primitive form.

"The Beach" was, in one word, terrible. The scenery was amazing and the script has promise, but there are too many annoyances that rob the film of all potential.

Man's primitive form can be a

frightening vision. DiCaprio, however, was terribly miscast and his attempts at a primitive form were just a joke. Imagine Leonardo DiCaprio, the hero of teenage hearts all over the world, playing a savage. Get the picture?

Also disturbing was the society's stunning resemblance to an Abercrombie and Fitch catalogue. Quite a trendy fashion statement for a society in isolation.

Finally, there were the shark attacks. Throughout the course of

"The Beach," there were *three* shark attacks.

These unrealistic instances make a joke out of a potentially serious script, and believe me, there are more of them.

Check reality at the door; you won't be needing it. Oh, and leave your brain — that won't be necessary either.

NewsWire rating: ★



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Francoise (Ledoyen), Richard (DiCaprio) and Etienne (Canet) (left to right) prepare for a little swim to a hidden paradise known as "The Beach."

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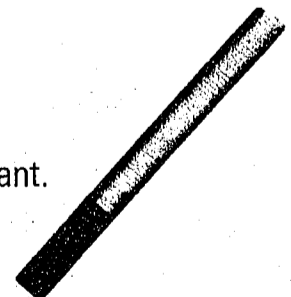
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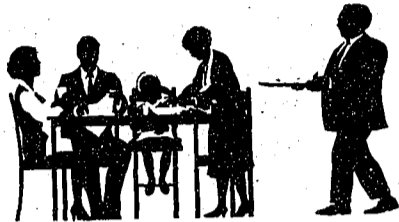
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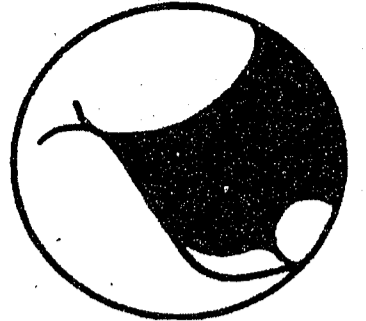
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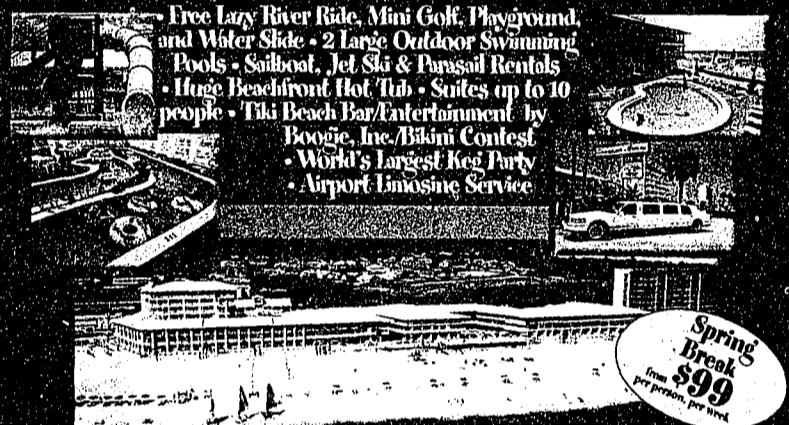
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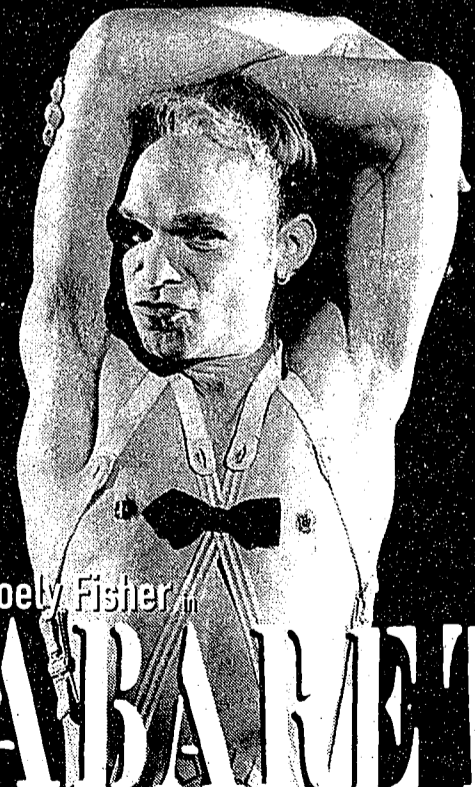


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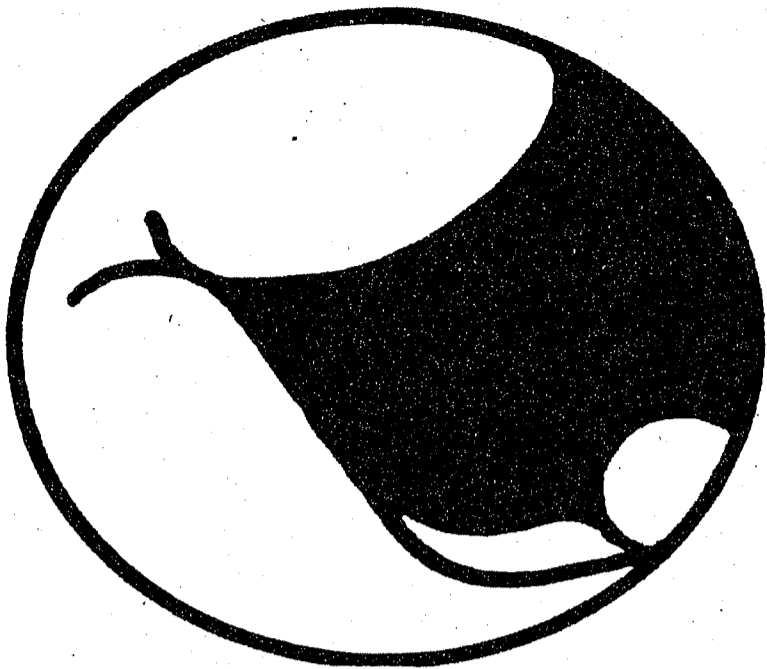
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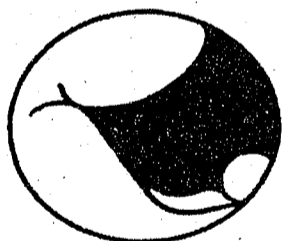
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**WEDNESDAY**

February 23

What's the best part about spring break? Sun? Not particularly this time of year. No school? **Senioritis** took care of those worries long ago. No, the best part of spring break, for some of us, is the license to wear obnoxious T-shirts. Sure, they're offensive and sophomoric, but how else would you be aware that you can "Get Crabs from Joe's" or "Get Blown at the Glass Menagerie?" How else would you realize "If you didn't come to party" you should "go the [fork] home." Thank God these shirts and the individuals that wear them are around to advise us. Otherwise I would have no idea there was such a thing as "Co-ed Naked Skeet Shooting."

If one can skeet shoot *sans* clothes with members of the opposite sex, why then could one not go co-ed naked **coffee drinking**? One certainly could. Although under this circumstance spills would be especially regrettable, *non*? Regardless of the clothing **statement** you wish to make at the International Coffee Hour, do it at 3:30 p.m. in the Romero Center.

"Voting: If you don't do it, someone else will." "Voting: It's easier than being an org. comm. major." "Vote: The life you save could be your own." No wait, that's blood donation, isn't it? I could be mixing my metaphors

**Calendar City**

By Jennah Durant To place an item in the calendar, call 745-3122 or mail to ML 2129.

here. Whatever, it's the last day for SGA executives election. You can get vote-tastic in the Alter lobby 8 a.m.-noon, at the Grill noon-2 p.m., in the CBA lounge 2-4 p.m. or the Cafe lobby 4-7 p.m. **Big cash prize** from SAC for the one who votes the most often (just kidding). And yes, seniors, you can and should vote.

**THURSDAY**

February 24

This is it, your absolute last chance to see the school's best **basketball** team at home this year. If you've never been to a women's game before, you don't have to go in on your knees, but please do repent by bringing 50 of your closest friends. The **dastardly** Dukes of Duquesne are rollin' into Schmidt Fieldhouse for the final women's home game of the season at 7 p.m. (By the way—"dastard: (noun) a coward.")

Was there an after school or Saturday morning cartoon about **Laser Tag**? It seems to me there was, or at least there should have been. It could have been about five middle schoolers who became the Laser Tag Gang after the bell rang, solving all the crimes the

grown-ups couldn't, like what happened to Timmy Johnson's cat. Everyone else said it must've run away, but not the Laser Tag Gang! They figured out just in time that old Mrs. Wickerham was about to turn it into stew. I'm getting a bit carried away here, so let me just tell you SAC is sponsoring Laser Tag from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the **OKI room** in the University Center. Make up a theme song for the Laser Tag Gang and you'll get in free! Just kidding, it's free for all.

Can't decide if you want to be an accountant or a **foosball** coach? Take the CBA self-directed interest test and find out you're really supposed to be an elephant poo shoveler at the circus. Look for sign up info on bulletin boards in the **dorms** and look quick because today's the last day to sign up.

**FRIDAY**

February 25

Don't get too happy happy and joy joy about spring break yet, there's one more death movie left. Last in line is "**After Life**," a Japanese movie in which everyone dies because they don't know why their mouths are moving but en-

tirely different words come out. For example, someone says, "**Konichiwa**" and, "Hey, how's it going?" comes out. Clear up the mystery at 7:30 p.m. in Kelley Auditorium.

If your mom cancelled your subscription to Time-Life Books "Religions of the World" series before you got to Buddhism, go and be introduced to Zen meditation at 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose room. Before you know it, you'll be a regular Ninjitsu.

If you haven't attained enlightenment after a few hours, you might as well give up. If you feel like you're almost there, go to the Terrace room at 7:30 p.m. to hear Master Keido Fukushima talk about "The Heart of Zen." If Master Fukushima is anything like Huey Lewis, and I think he might be, he'll tell you it's still beat-in."

Mr. Muskie applications due. **Maintenant!**

**SATURDAY**

February 26

If a girl leaves for spring break on Friday, can she still go to a retreat on Saturday? That was sup-

posed to be a deep, **meditative** riddle, but it sounded more dumb than anything. Sign up quick like a bunny at the Hinkle Hall reception desk for **Zen Master F's** workshop retreat that runs from 9 a.m. today to noon Sunday. It's \$25 for students.

**SUNDAY**

February 27

So, you're still around? Too bad. There's not much I can tell you, except watch the **men's basketball** game against La Salle on A-10 TV at 2 p.m. Good luck with that one, though. If you want more of a sure thing, go for the **classical guitar** concert at 2:30 p.m. It'll be a quiet guitar, since the concert's in the art museum.

**MONDAY**

March 6

Still with me? We jumped ahead a bit. **Welcome back!** I'm sure you learned a lot about human nature on break, so go learn some new ways to think about it at a **seminar** at 1:30 p.m. in Kelley Auditorium.

**TUESDAY**

March 7

The sounds of **pinging** aluminum bats and John Fogerty reverberating off of metal bleachers from across Victory Parkway means **baseball** is here again. See? It really is spring. IU comes to play at 3 p.m.

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