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Brockman's alarms begin to alarm

21 alarms this semester have prompted questions about updates and safety

BY CHUCK COLLINS
Guest Writer

During the past two and a half months, no fewer than 21 fire alarms have gone off in Brockman Hall, which has prompted new discussions about how to update the system as well as how Cincinnati Fire may respond to future alarms.

Despite complaints about rowdy first-years, Brockman traditionally has more fire alarms than any other dorm on campus because of its specific fire alarm system. According to Robert McCoy, a technician with Physical Plant, Brockman's alarm system activates a general alarm that calls the fire department each time it goes off.

"(Brockman) was the first dorm, and at the time, that was code," McCoy noted.

This contrasts the system in other dorms, when only campus police are alerted.

"Kuhlman, Fenwick, Buenger and Husman were done after Brockman," McCoy explained. "When a room in Husman or Kuhlman goes off, it sets off a supervisory alarm, not a general alarm, so campus police will report instead of the fire department."

Because of the updated alarm systems, Cincinnati Fire rarely reports to other dorms besides Brockman.

"If an alarm sounds, anybody in your room in Fenwick can hear it. The campus police get a signal, but the entire building doesn't have to be evacuated," Associate Director of Maintenance and Operations Larry Prues said.

Because the system in

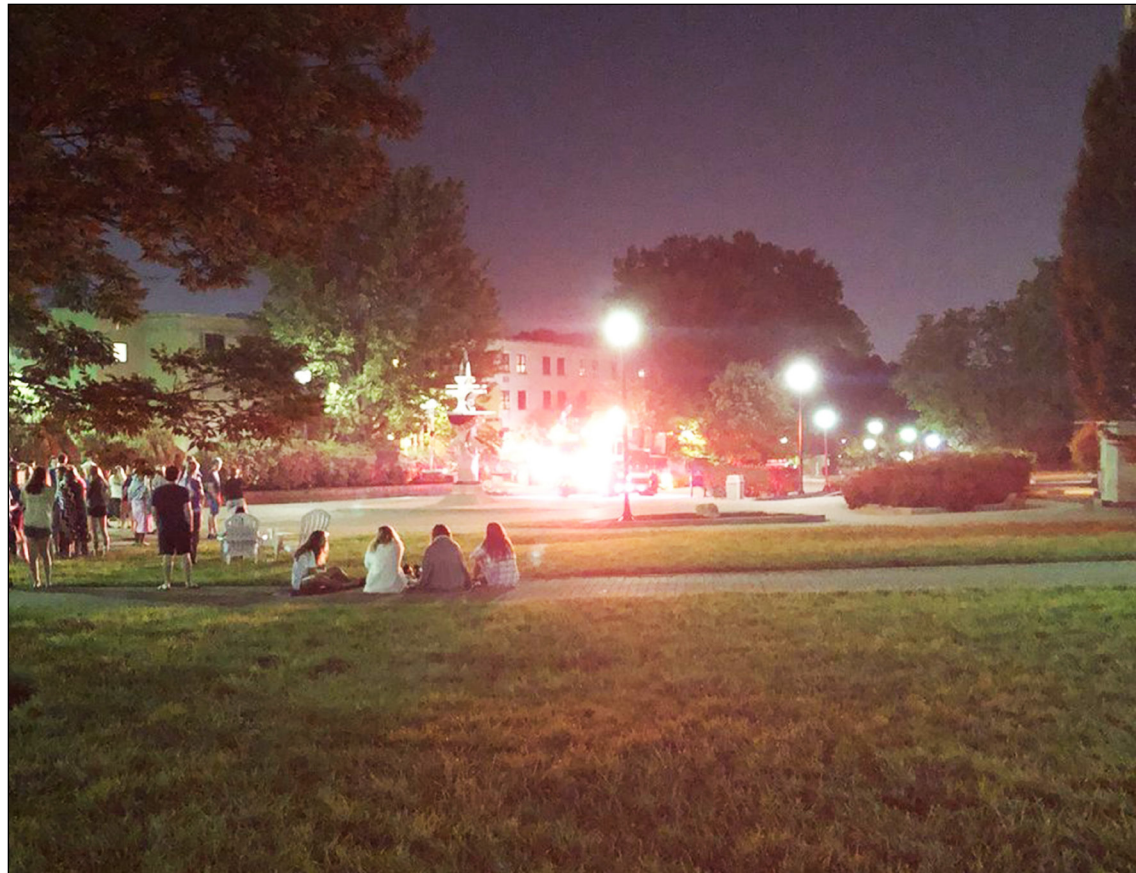


Photo courtesy of Twitter

Students wait to re-enter Brockman Hall after a fire alarm on Aug. 26. So far this semester, 21 alarms have gone off, raising questions about updating the system and concerns from Cincinnati Fire and Residence Life.

Brockman functions differently than those used in other dorms, updating the alarms would require the installation of a new device.

"We would have to put sounder bases in each room so the alarm would go off in the room but not the whole building," McCoy said.

The installation, however, would be an expensive project, according to Vice President of Risk Management Jeff Coleman.

"It's expensive, between 60 to 70 grand for Brockman," Coleman said.

Besides the system itself, the structure of the building makes an update more

difficult. The oldest dorm on campus, Brockman was built during a time when the idea of popcorn setting off the alarm did not yet exist.

"The other thing that complicates Brockman is that the rooms are smaller and ceilings are lower, so the opportunity for some burnt popcorn to activate those devices is greater at Brockman than any other dorm," Prues said. "Brockman was built in 1969, so there was no thought for microwaves or a lot of devices students use in the building. The system is working the way it was designed."

Along with the discussion surrounding updates to the

system come concerns from Cincinnati Fire. Each response expends time and resources, and it's gotten to the point where the department has deemed it necessary to talk about the situation with Residence Life.

"They want to talk about it, and the meeting will take place this week," Senior Director for Student Affairs Lori Lambert said.

Besides the concerns from the fire department, Residence Life also has concerns regarding students' safety.

"We know if the alarms continue, students are less likely to take them as serious alarms," Lambert said.

"I think I like the fire alarms because they build community. I don't like the 2 a.m. ones, but I like them on a general basis because they get everyone outside."

-First-year nursing major Sophia Whelpley on the silver lining in Brockman Hall's 21 fire alarms

Currently, Xavier has not expressed plans to update the alarm system. For Lambert, the solution is to learn from the situation.

"All we can do is educate students," Lambert said.

As for the students? While some Brockman residents abhor the thought of waking up for what amounts to a false alarm, others enjoy each other's company while waiting to re-enter the building.

"I think I like the fire alarms because they build community," first-year nursing major Sophia Whelpley said. "I don't like the 2 a.m. ones, but I like them on a general basis because they get everyone outside."

Others, however, like first-year nursing major Ally Rewers, dislike the disruptive nature of the alarms, no matter how much community they may build.

"They're annoying because I'm always doing something when they go off," Rewers said.

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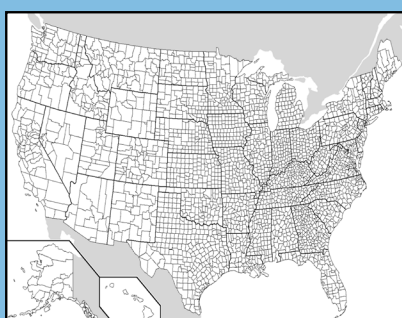
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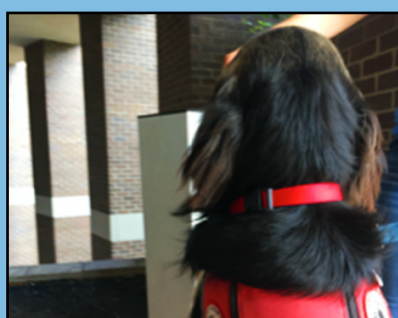
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Chalk incident response: big talk, little action

Conversations on follow-up, bias and free speech have yet to yield results

BY HANNAH PAIGE

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Staff Writer

It's been two weeks since Xavier Students for Life's (XUS4L) chalk art was washed away from sidewalks outside Kuhlman Hall and near Herald Avenue. Buzz of the incident has permeated campus life and grabbed the attention of a national organization.

The incident is currently being dubbed a "perceived bias incident" by the Bias Advisory and Response Team (BART) and is still under investigation with the Dean of Students Jean Griffin. According to Dr. Taj Smith, director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the incident will receive an official bias ruling after an investigation to determine if it meets BART's bias incident definition.

"BART is working with SGA to consider opportunities for campus-wide dialogue on respectful debate across differences," Dean of Students Jean Griffin said. The Student Government Association (SGA) discussed the incident during its weekly Monday meeting on Oct. 22.

President Johnny Srsich and Vice President Cole Stautberg both supported more conversation on campus to spark discussion. SGA members went back and forth discussing if the incident was truly bias-related or not but did not come to a conclusion.

Senators Sam Peters, Tyler Harmon and Robyn Arnould also discussed what it means to have pro-choice voices on a

Catholic school campus.

The incident was not discussed during the Oct. 29 meeting. SGA is waiting to hear more information about the investigation before doing any follow up, according to SGA Adviser Dustin Lewis.

XUS4L declined to comment further on the incident.

Students across campus had mixed reactions to the incident. Senior nursing major Tessa Mills said that as a Catholic university, Xavier should "stand for what Catholics stand for" and not sweep the incident under the rug simply because it is controversial.

"Either you're a Catholic... university or, you're not standing for what you believe in," Mills said. "I think (washing away the chalk art) should be a bias incident."

Senior liberal arts major Lauren Dencker also focused on Xavier's Catholic and Jesuit heritage.

"It's a private institution, and we kind of waive our rights away to the institution itself," Dencker said. "Though, the climate of Xavier has progressively been changing away from its Jesuit and Catholic roots... so in 30 years — maybe even less than that — will this be the Xavier that is an actual institution of Catholic social teaching and Jesuit tradition?"

First-year nursing major Laura Life supports pro-choice voices on campus as well and said that everyone should have the freedom to speak, but that the chalk art

vandals took that voice away from pro-life students.

XUS4L exists under the larger organization Students for Life of America. Following the incident, the organization released a press release and blog post on Oct. 25 detailing the incident at Xavier as well as another pro-life vandalism incident at St. Louis University, another Catholic institution.

The press release, titled "The Mob Comes to Catholic Schools," criticized Xavier's response to the incident, saying it has not been productive. The press release and blog post were written by Matt Lamb, a spokesperson for the organization.

"Campus security is investigating the issue, but the Bias Advisory and Response Team initially ruled that the incident was not bias, even though the students were clearly targeted for their beliefs," Lamb wrote. "BART did send out a vague e-mail (sic) noting a 'perceived bias incident' has been reported and are still looking into it."

The blog post did not originally include accurate information regarding the undetermined bias status of the incident and was corrected on Oct. 29 after a request for interview.

Responses from the national Students for Life of America and XUS4L varied. In its editorial published in the Oct. 24 edition of the *NewsWire*, XUS4L stressed the importance of free speech on campus and expressed love for



Photo courtesy of Twitter

The Bias Advisory and Response Team has yet to determine if the washing away of Students for Life's chalk drawings on Oct. 17 was bias-related.

everyone, even those who destroyed the chalk art.

"To our community members who participated in the vandalism, we would like you to know that even though we are hurt, we love you," XUS4L wrote. "If at any point you would like to engage in a dialogue with us, you are welcome to."

The national organization referred to students involved in washing away the art as "pro-choice vandals."

In the press release, the organization's president Kristan Hawkins was also quoted supporting free speech: "We respect the free-speech rights of all students, and we only ask that pro-choice students respect ours," Hawkins said. "Sadly, under the influence of pro-choice politicians who incite violence and encourage kicking of conservative

people, many students believe it is OK to commit violence against people they disagree with and for no other reason."

Sophomore art major Bridget Walsh said that campus climate following this incident could negatively impact pro-life students, but not all of campus.

"They're just going to think that the university is against them," Walsh said. "In history, most universities tend to lean toward the liberal side unless you go to a super conservative university... I don't think it's going to have a huge effect on the climate of the campus."

Walsh encouraged people to extend a hand to pro-life students and those affected so they don't feel that the university is against them. "Everyone has their different political opinions but overall, 'all for one, one for all,'" she said.

Xavier goes Big for Cincy



NewsWire photo by Jack Dunn

Xavier staff helped organize The Big College Event to show college students the opportunities Cincinnati holds before and after graduation.

BY EMILIE KRACIK
Staff Writer

Xavier staff helped plan The Big College Event, hosted by the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce to give college-aged students in the city an opportunity to engage in the community professionally and socially.

This year, the second annual Big College Event was held on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Duke Energy Center. The free event highlighted the residential and employment opportu-

nities in the Cincinnati region for new and upcoming professionals.

April Robles, Xavier's senior assistant director for External Relations and Mentoring, described the event as "a mix of Club Day on the yard, Taste of Cincinnati and the Career Fair all wrapped into one."

Xavier staff was involved with this event and provided various incentives for students to come, such as free hourly shuttles to the event.

When registering, students had the option to select a student club or organization they represented. Student organizations that had 10 students register and attend The Big College Event received \$100 in additional club funding for their student organization budget. Individual Xavier students who registered were entered into a raffle to receive either a \$100 Macy's gift card or \$100 gift card to the bookstore.

At the event, students were given the opportunity to make connections with prominent businesses in the community like Kroger, the Cincinnati Reds and Lime. Many businesses were looking to hire students for jobs or internships at the fair, including the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, Amazon, Fifth Third Bank and more.

The event also had resources specifically for building a resume, offering resume advising and headshots free of charge.

Students could get a "Taste of Cincinnati" from a vari-

ety of restaurants, including spooky BBQ from Montgomery Inn, veggie wraps from Findlay Market, chili from Skyline and ice cream from Graeter's. Individual booths also had a variety of food. Jimmy John's gave away chips and cookies while Thunder-

dome Restaurant Group, the business that owns Currito, was offering free chips and guacamole.

Several volunteer and community organizations were present at the fair, such as Habitat for Humanity and the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati.

Oct. 29 Student Government Association Meeting Recap

- The candidate pool for a new Chief of Police will narrow down to three candidates in the next two weeks. Panels of university faculty, staff and students will meet with the candidates as part of the hiring process. The new police chief will be offered a position before Thanksgiving and will be confirmed at the end of the calendar year.

- In response to student feedback, there will be increased communication from XU Alert Me. The levels of response are categorized into three levels of importance — Immediate Action, Timely Warnings and Public Safety Announcements — and will be communicated across the system accordingly.

- The Academic Affairs Committee and the deans of each college have discussed additional methods for maintaining retention rates. Such measures may include using midterm grades as an indicator for students at risk of leaving Xavier.

Wave of political violence hits U.S.

13 pipe bombs are mailed to Democrats, while 11 are killed in a synagogue

BY RYAN KAMBICH
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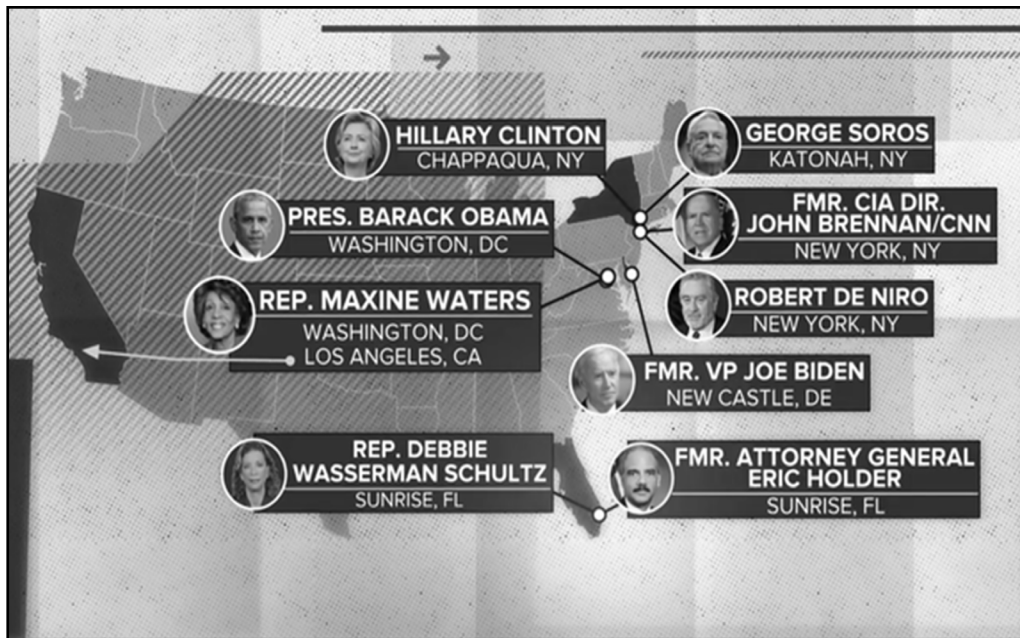
A wave of politically-motivated violence shook the United States last week and has since ignited a national conversation about inflammatory rhetoric and the place of civility in politics.

Between Wednesday and Friday, an individual in Florida allegedly mailed at least 13 makeshift pipe bombs to prominent members of the Democratic Party and frequent critics of President Donald Trump, including former President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

One package was sent to CNN's office in New York in an attempt to target former CIA Director John Brennan, who has contributed to the network.

None of the improvised devices successfully detonated, and federal authorities took a suspect into custody Friday on charges that include illegal mailing of explosives and threatening a former president.

The next day, a suspect shot and killed 11 congregants at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue before wounding four police officers in a shootout. A SWAT team eventually arrested the suspect, whom federal authorities have charged with 29 counts including obstructing the free exercise of religious beliefs, which falls under hate crime legislation.



Between Wednesday and Friday last week, 13 makeshift pipe bombs were mailed to well-known Flyers, like the one pictured above, were critics of President Donald Trump and Democratic Party members. None of the bombs detonated. Photo courtesy of Facebook

Hours prior to the attack, the suspect allegedly posted, "HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) likes to bring invaders in that kill our people. I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered," to the social media site Gab, which is an alternative to Twitter that is often used by white nationalists. HIAS is a Jewish philanthropic organization that works in 12 countries to support refugees and other stateless peoples. The nonprofit has been a target of extreme anti-Semitic and anti-immigration groups.

Trump responded to the first wave of bombing attempts with calls for national unity, affirming in an Oval Office presser that "acts or

threats of political violence of any kind have no place in the United States of America."

The next morning he published a tweet in which he claimed that much of the division in American politics stems from mainstream media outlets' publication of "purposefully false and inaccurate reporting." Trump provided no evidence for his assertions.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer issued a joint statement in response, asserting, "President Trump's words ring hollow until he reverses his statements that condone acts of violence," in reference to the president's repeated

employment of divisive rhetoric, including a tweet on Monday in which he labeled the media "the true Enemy of the People."

In the days following the attacks, "false flag" conspiracies have been advanced by several high-profile conservative figures. Fox Business TV host Lou Dobbs, conservative pundit and author Ann Coulter and Donald Trump Jr., have all either tweeted or publicly endorsed fallacious theories that the attempted bombings were planned and executed by leftist activists seeking to garner sympathy for Democrats ahead of the November elections.

Flyers circulated throughout the University of Cincinnati's (UC) campus early Friday morning appeared to advance a similar false flag conspiracy theory, according to Preston Parrish, a UC student who first reported discovering the flyers.

Per the editors of the *News Record*, UC's student-run media organization, the individuals responsible for the flyers have not yet been identified.

The politically motivated acts of violence and subsequent statements from the president, congressional leadership and other high-profile commentators have launched a national debate about civility and inflammatory rhetoric in American politics.

"It's definitely ridiculously polarized, and I think that's been seen in the midterms now with how a lot of races are being run on TV," Sam Peters, President of Xavier College Democrats said, "A lot of those TV ads are very inflammatory and tend to give less positives about the candidates running and more negatives about who the candidates are running against."

Tyler Harmon, Fundraising Chair for Xavier College Republicans, agreed with Peters but also signed on to President Trump's indictment of the media.

"The media can definitely be biased and can be very

polarizing with how they blow things up," Harmon said. "There's no doubt that media sources show (Trump) in a negative light rather than a positive light."

When asked about Trump's polarizing rhetoric regarding media outlets, Harmon stood by the president.

"What he says is an opinion of his own on the matter," Harmon said. "In no way is he infringing on the media's right to free press, the right for them to say everything."

On the connection between the president's rhetoric and last week's spate of political violence, Harmon added, "We can't connect this guy who sent these mail bombs with Donald Trump. You can't blame Donald Trump for the actions of someone else."

Harmon and Peters both agreed on the need for greater civility and respect in politics and our culture more widely.

Peters spoke of redirecting angry sentiments into constructive political action.

"I think people are scared and unsure, and so taking the time to channel those emotions into something positive is important," she said.

She added that she tells her club, "If you don't like something don't go on Twitter and post, but instead knock some doors, make some phone calls and ensure we're positively channeling that energy into a message of 'We're Democrats, this is why we're voting for these people,' as opposed to 'This is why we aren't voting for others.'"

Harmon noted the need for spaces that exist outside of the political divide: "I think it comes down to social interaction between ideologies and parties. People just need to be civil and talk with each other, and not just want to hate."

"I think that's kind of on the individual," he added. "People willing to say, 'Hey I'm a Republican, you're a Democrat, (but) you can come over to my house and have some dinner, we don't even have to talk politics.'"

Week in review:

The Human Spider, Friends can thief and big starry friend

- A man known as the "Human Spider" has been banned from climbing any building in the United Kingdom after scaling of one of London's tallest towers without safety gear. Alain Robert climbed the 662-foot Heron Tower in about 45 minutes. Upon reaching the top, he immediately handed over his passport and the number of his lawyer to the police officers waiting for him (Oct. 26).
- A man bearing a striking resemblance to *Friends* star David Schwimmer

was recently caught and accused of stealing cans from a restaurant in Blackpool, England. Schwimmer, who plays Ross Geller in the classic sitcom, provided an alibi on Twitter. The tweet included a video in which he mimicked the thief, stealing cans from a store in New York, and asserting that he couldn't have committed the crime, as he was in a different country at the time (Oct. 26).

- Researchers in The Gambia have been able to train dogs to sniff out malaria through smelling people's

socks. The dogs were trained to detect the smell of the malaria parasite, transmitted through mosquito bites (Oct. 29).

- NASA's Parker Solar Probe is now closer to the sun than any other spacecraft. The probe will pass through the sun's outer atmosphere and will make 24 approaches throughout the next seven years, ultimately coming within 3.8 million miles of the sun's surface. The probe beat a record set in 1976 when the Helios-2 craft came within 26.6 million miles of the surface (Oct. 30).

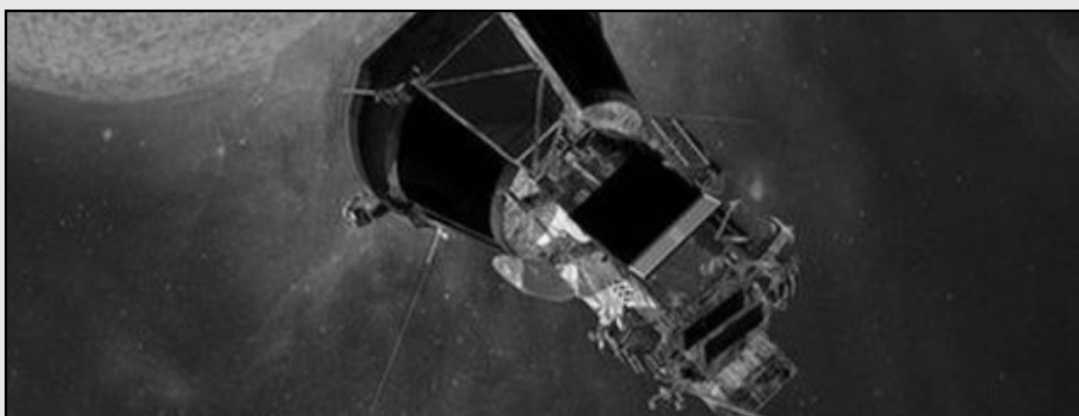


Photo courtesy of NASA

The Parker Solar Probe is expected to come within 3.8 million miles of the surface of the sun by 2025.

Feature: The struggles of socializing service dogs

My name is Shelby Timm. If you do not know who I am, you may know the little black and gold fluffball who wears a red vest (and the occasional bowtie) and follows me around on campus. His wagging tail and sad face are hard to miss when we are out and about, but when we are in class, rarely will you notice his presence.

The pup's name is Beacon, after the Beacon Apple Tree. He is a nine-month old Golden-Labrador Retriever mix, and he is my foster from 4 Paws for Ability.

4 Paws for Ability is a 501(c)3 organization located in Xenia, Ohio, which is about an hour north of Cincinnati. 4 Paws breeds and raises their own puppies to become service dogs for children and veterans in need.

However, this article is not about all of the joys that come with giving a puppy to a child or a veteran. It is not about the heartbreak that comes with giving a puppy back to the organization. I am writing on behalf of myself and other puppy socializers for 4 Paws about the pitfalls of having a puppy at your side — and some of the experiences that people with official and certified services dogs go

through. I hope that you leave this article in shock and with a new understanding of what my fellow socializers and I do.

We can start off with some of the lighter stuff — accidents. As a puppy foster, you truly must be prepared for the strangest (and smelliest) things. Beacon actually did this to me a few weeks ago.

While we were walking through Kenwood Mall, he suddenly and took a “Number Two” without warning.

Thankfully, it was solid, and I was prepared with WetOnes and a poopbag to discretely and swiftly clean up the mess and continue walking.

However, some fosters are not so lucky. One foster was in Target when her pup took a not-so-solid poo in the middle of the walkway and proceeded to step in the mess, while an older woman looked at her in absolute shock. She stared as the foster cleaned the mess.

Another foster took her pup to a meeting, and the pup decided to urinate all over a girl who was sitting down while petting him. Yet another fos-

ter had her pup go into heat in the middle of her lecture class (if you do not know what “heat” is, it is equivalent to the human menstrual cycle).

We cannot always control the pups' behavior, let alone their bowels and bladders, but these accidents are extremely inconvenient and embarrassing.

Fostering gets difficult when people make comments such as “It's so sad, those dogs won't ever get to be dogs again,”

or “It's a shame you don't use rescue dogs.” It is hard when you get scolded for correcting your dog in a manner that someone else doesn't approve of or when someone who “trains service dogs” needs to give you their two cents.

It's uncomfortable when I notice that I am being videotaped while walking through campus or sitting in Starbucks. It's also difficult when people with other dogs just assume their dog can play with mine. Why people think they can allow their dog to meet another strange dog without question is beyond me. People frequently just pet Beacon without asking for my permission, and I never hold back in telling someone “no.” A girl at an FC Cincinnati game called me a b*tch because I told her “no” after I stepped in front of her hand to stop her from petting Beacon without asking me. A friend of mine had her headphones removed from her ears by a college student who wanted to pet her pup — she gave a firm “no,” and he proceeded to get upset about it.

Restaurants have suggested I sit outside when I bring Beacon out to eat. I have been flat out denied entrance from places because Beacon isn't a



Photo courtesy of Shelby Timm

“certified” service dog. Tell me, do people think certified service dogs just appear out of thin air?

Socialization is the crucial period in the training of all service dogs. We socializers ensure that they are phased by nothing, because these dogs work hard for their person — that is their only priority. These dogs do not become the dogs that they are overnight, and they certainly do not do it without being exposed to every sight, smell and sound that we can provide for them.

The shortest but also the worst of the worst is when people outright ask, “What's wrong with you?” First of all, in most contexts, that is illegal. Second of all, it is intrusive, obscene and inconsiderate. I took Beacon to a Cincinnati Cyclones game and the usher calmly told me, “You don't look blind.”

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Socializing is fun and worth every minute, but it is not always easy. These dogs have a greater purpose in their lives, and socializers are one of their first steps on that journey.

I went to the zoo with another foster, and our pups and two college-aged males mentioned as they were passing by that (we) “don't look like (we) have a disability.” On this point I encourage everyone to take some time to educate themselves about invisible disabilities.

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Guide to Voting in Ohio

BY KEVIN THOMAS
Managing Editor

Midterm elections are coming up, and they're looking to be pretty spooky for some. To help provide you with some quick information on the statewide election, here's a preview of who's running, what the job entails and what's going to be on the ballot when you go into the voting booth on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

What does the job entail?

As the governor and lieutenant governor run on one ticket, they have been lumped together for simplicity's sake. The governor is the face of the state, is in charge of signing or vetoing bills that come across their desk, proposes the state's budget and can appoint all state department directors. The lieutenant governor doesn't have any real responsibilities other than assuming the office of the governor if they leave suddenly but are typically placed as a state department director.

Who's running?

Richard Cordray (Democrat)



Photo courtesy of Legal NewsLine

- Betty Sutton as Lieutenant Governor
- Cordray is the former Director of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and Sutton is a former U.S. Representative
- Cordray won *Jeopardy* five times
- Want to have more watchdogs in the health-care industry to make sure people aren't taken advantage of

Mike DeWine (Republican)



Photo courtesy of The Blade

- John Husted as Lieutenant Governor
- Current Attorney General (DeWine) and Secretary of State (Husted)
- DeWine has held elected positions for 42 years
- Want to add a work requirement for recipients of Medicaid

United States Senator

What does the job entail?

There are two senators from each state, and they work to create new federal laws. They also vote on approving or rejecting Supreme Court nominees and have the authority to conduct impeachment trials.

Who's running?

Sherrod Brown (Democrat)



Photo courtesy of Civilized

- Incumbent Senator since 2006 and previously spent seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Helped write the Affordable Care Act
- Backpacked across India after graduating from college

Jim Renacci (Republican)



Photo courtesy of Clevelcene

- Ohio's 16th District Congressional Representative since 2010
- Promises to serve no more than two terms in the Senate
- One of the 10 richest members of Congress

Attorney General

What does the job entail?

The Attorney General is the state's lawyer and is in charge of making sure that laws are enforced according to the administration's priorities. They are also in charge of collecting all debts owed to the state, such as student loans, and coordinating with law enforcement agencies across the state.

Who's running?

Steve Dettelbach (Democrat)



Photo courtesy of The Alliance Review

- A prosecutor since 1992 who has spent decades prosecuting corrupt politicians and the people who bribe them
- Previously worked for the Department of Justice to investigate KKK violence in Texas
- Handled one of Ohio's first human trafficking cases

Dave Yost (Republican)



Photo courtesy of Dave Yost

- Current Ohio State Auditor and former Delaware County Auditor and Prosecuting Attorney
- Talks about being tougher on crime in Ohio
- Endorsed by the NRA and Ohio Right to Life

Secretary of State

What does the job entail?

The Secretary of State is in charge of running all election-related business, holding the position of the Chief Election Officer. They're also in charge of keeping records of business registrations and campaign finances.

Who's running?

Kathleen Clyde (Democrat)



Photo courtesy of the Oberlin Review

- Current state representative for Ohio's 75th district
- Previously introduced legislation for automatic voter registration
- Wants to expand early voting days and hours

Frank LaRose (Republican)



Photo courtesy of Ohio Senate

- Current state senator for Ohio's 27th district and former U.S. Army Special Forces member
- Introduced legislation for online voter registration in Ohio
- Says protecting voting sites overseas inspired his care for voting rights

Issue One

What is it?

It's a constitutional amendment that would change low-level, non-violent drug offenses from felonies to misdemeanors. This means that it would affect possession of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and drug usage. It would also make it easier for currently incarcerated people to get out of prison sooner by allowing up to a 25 percent sentence reduction in exchange for participating in betterment programs, such as drug and alcohol rehabilitation, as opposed to the currently allowed eight percent.

Why should I care?

This issue was originally an initiative that received more than 700,000 signatures to make it onto the ballot as Issue One. The initiative, which started out under the name "Safe and Healthy Ohio," was created by a group of non-profits working together as the Ohio Organizing Collaborative in an attempt to enact change in the criminal justice system.



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Men's basketball Big East outlook

2018-19 Schedule

Big East opponents in BOLD>

Date	Opponent
11/1	Ken. Wesleyan (Exh)
11/6	IUPUI
11/10	Evansville
Gavitt Games	
11/13	Wisconsin
Maui Jim Maui Invitational	
11/19	Auburn
11/20	TBD
11/21	TBD
11/28	Miami (Ohio)
12/1	Oakland
12/5	Ohio
12/8	at Cincinnati
12/15	Eastern Kentucky
12/18	at Missouri
12/21	Detroit Mercy
12/29	at DePaul
1/2	Seton Hall
1/6	at Marquette
1/9	Georgetown
1/13	Butler
1/18	at Villanova
1/23	Providence
1/26	Marquette
1/31	at Georgetown
2/3	at Creighton
2/9	DePaul
2/13	Creighton
2/16	at Providence
2/20	at Seton Hall
2/24	Villanova
2/28	at St. John's
3/5	at Butler
3/9	St. John's

BY JACK DUNN
Campus News Editor

The Musketeers were picked to finish sixth in this year's Big East preseason coaches' poll, which was released last Thursday.

Sophomore forward Naji Marshall was the only Musketeer to be named to the preseason all-conference team with an honorable mention. Marshall started 18 games last year and scored 7.7 points per game as well as recording 1.6 assists.

The Villanova Wildcats are looking to repeat as NCAA champions this year and win their third title in four years but will have to do so without their top four scorers from last season.

Five-star freshman point guard John Quinerly tops out coach Jay Wright's top 10 recruit class. The Wildcats will also look for redshirt junior forward Eric Paschall to step up in the starting role.

Marquette looks to junior guard Markus Howard to unseat Villanova in the top spot. Howard was among the NCAA's best in shooting last season, making 46



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Sophomore forward Naji Marshall (No. 13) was named as an honorable mention to the Big East preseason all-conference team for 2018-19.

percent of his field goals and 40 percent of his three pointers. The Golden Eagles have deep threats with the Hauser brothers, Sam and Joey. Sam shot 48 percent from beyond the arc last year, and his brother was a top-55 recruit this season.

Providence came in at third on the preseason poll but had some major holes to fill after the departure of Kyron Cartwright and Rodney Bullock. The Friars will look to sophomore guard Alpha Diallo, arguably one of the most athletic guards in the country.

The St. John's Red Storm

came in third in the poll, one point behind the Friars. Head coach Chris Mullins returns a good core of three starters. Junior guard Shamorie Ponds led the Big East Conference with 21.6 ppg last year. The Red Storm expects a boost with Auburn transfer Mustapha Heron, who was deemed eligible to play this season.

Butler finished one spot ahead of the Musketeers at five in the poll. Butler also lost its top scorer from last season in Kelan Martin but has six returners who averaged 15 minutes of playing time per game last season.

Freshmen add to front and back courts

BY JOE CLARK
Staff Writer

During an offseason that saw the men's basketball team lose 67 percent of its scoring from a year ago, the Musketeers brought in two freshmen additions for the upcoming season.

Xavier welcomes freshmen forward Dontarius James and guard Keonte Kennedy.

In addition, the men's team has rostered three walk-on freshmen: Ramon Singh from Sydney, Australia; Zak Swetye from Darien, Conn.; and A.J. Frazier from Tucker, Ga.

Both James and Kennedy committed to Xavier before Mack announced he was leaving for Louisville.

While James affirmed his commitment after Travis Steele was named head coach, Kennedy briefly reopened his

recruitment before choosing the Musketeers over SMU and Texas Tech last June.

James, a 6-7 stretch big, was ranked 222nd nationally in the 247 Sports' Composite Rankings. Residing in Kershaw, S.C., he played at Huntington Prep in Huntington, W.V.

At Huntington Prep, James averaged 9.3 points, 6.0 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.2 steals per game during his senior season.

Prior to attending Huntington Prep, James played at Andrew Jackson High School in his hometown of Kershaw, S.C., where he won All-State, All-Region IV Player of the Year and Lancaster County Player of the Year in his sophomore and junior seasons.

"Physically, (James is)

ready," Steele said. "It's just about getting the game to slow down for him."

Kennedy, a 6-5 wing, was ranked 241st nationally in 247 Sports' Composite Rankings.

At Westlake High School in Westlake, Texas, he averaged 14.0 points, 4.7 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 1.5 steals per game as a senior.

As a senior, Kennedy also earned 6A State All-Tournament Team honors in addition to being named First Team All-District 25, 6A Regional Defensive MVP and District 25-6A Academic All-District.

"(Kennedy) can shoot the ball," Steele said. "...As the game slows down for him, I think he'll earn more and more minutes."

Kennedy missed some time this summer because of inju-

The Bulldogs will look to this group as well as a talented set of newcomers to finish strong this year.

Patrick Ewing and his Hoyas finished at an even 15-15 last year, which resulted in Georgetown coming in at No. 7 in the poll. Senior big man Jesse Govan looks to improve on his double-double average, the only Big East player to do so last season.

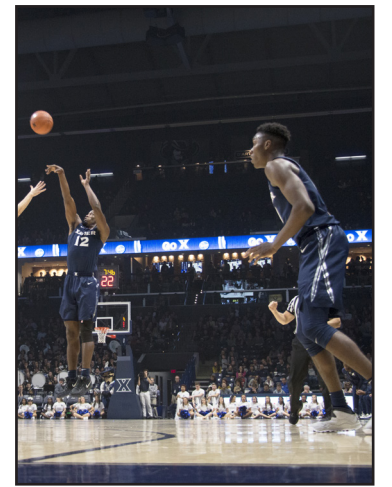
Seton Hall ranked No. 8 this year. The Pirates are in a transition year as they look to replace four senior players who won 84 games together. Big East Most Improved Player Myles Powell looks to lead a new crew that includes two transfers in forward Taurian Thompson and guard Quincy McKnight.

Creighton came in at No. 9 in the poll, despite having a 21-win season last year. However, after some key losses from a season ago, it's a question of if the offense can pick up the slack from players they lost defensively.

DePaul was picked to come in last for the second straight year, but returns its top scorer with Max Strus.

ry but is expected to be ready for the season.

With James and Kennedy officially on board, the Musketeers hope to have a secure and positive future ahead of them thanks to the youthful additions to this year's team.



Newswire photo by Desmond Fischer
Pictured above: forward Dontarius James and guard Keonte Kennedy.

2018-19 Men's Team Roster

Number	Name	Year	Position	Height	Hometown	Coaching Staff
0	Tyrique Jones	Junior	Forward	6-9	Bloomfield, Conn.	Head Coach: Travis Steele
1	Paul Scruggs	Sophomore	Guard	6-3	Indianapolis, Ind.	
2	Kyle Castlin	Graduate	Guard	6-4	Marietta, Ga.	Assistant Coach: Jonas Hayes
3	Quentin Goodin	Junior	Guard	6-4	Campbellsville, Ky.	
4	Elias Harden	Sophomore	Guard	6-5	East Point, Ga.	Assistant Coach: Ben Johnson
10	Leighton Schrand	Junior	Guard	6-1	Villa Hills, Ky.	
11	Keonte Kennedy	Freshman	Guard	6-5	Aurora, Colo.	Assistant Coach: Dante Jackson
12	Dontarius James	Freshman	Forward	6-7	Kershaw, S.C.	
13	Naji Marshall	Sophomore	Forward	6-7	Atlantic City, N.J.	Associate Athletic Director for Basketball Administration: Mario Mercurio
14	Nick Vanderpohl	Sophomore	Guard	6-1	Harrison, Ohio	
20	Ramon Singh	Freshman	Guard	6-4	Sydney, Australia	Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Jeremy Growe
21	Zak Swetye	Freshman	Guard	6-1	Darien, Conn.	
22	A.J. Frazier	Freshman	Forward	6-3	Tucker, Ga.	Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Jeremy Growe
32	Ryan Welage	Graduate	Forward	6-10	Greensburg, Ind.	
34	Myles Hanson	Sophomore	Guard/Forward	6-7	Chaska, Minn.	Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Jeremy Growe
35	Zach Hankins	Graduate	Forward	6-11	Charlevoix, Mich.	

Women's hoops Big East preview

BY JACK DUNN
Campus News Editor

The Musketeers will contend in the Big East with a majority of the team returning. Junior guard Na'Teshia Owens comes back as the only returning starter. Xavier also retained sophomore guard Aaliyah Dunham, who was named to the Big East All-Freshman Team last season.

DePaul tied for its fifth regular season title and third Big East Tournament title last season. It will return four starters, including its top two scorers in Mart'e Grays with 14.4 ppg and Ashton Millender with 13.6 ppg. DePaul finished the season as the nation's sixth-highest scoring team with 83 ppg.

Marquette tied for the regular season crown last year and advanced to the Big East Tournament final for the second straight year. The Golden Eagles are also the only Big East team to return all five of its starters for the season, who collectively averaged a conference-leading 80.1 points against Big East opponents. Senior guard Allazia Blockton looks to defend her title as Big



Newswire photo by Desmond Fischer

The women's basketball team saw its first taste of action in front of a crowd with an intersquad scrimmage at Musketeer Madness on Oct. 19.

East Player of the Year.

Villanova came in third place in the regular season standings last year and also comes in at No. 3 in this year's preseason poll. The Wildcats return three starters from last season including reigning Big East Sixth Woman of the Year Mary Gedaka.

Creighton was the last Big East team to make it into March Madness last season, with a 19-13 record. Its biggest surprise was upsetting No. 6 Iowa in the opening round of tournament play. The Blue Jays also finished fourth in the Big East last season, going 11-7. The team has

a trio of returning starters including the top two scorers in Audrey Faber (14.8 ppg) and Jay Angnew (15.6 ppg).

The Hoyas made it to their first Big East semifinals in 18 years but ultimately came up short. Georgetown finished with an even .500 across the board, going 16-16 overall and 9-9 in Big East play. The Hoyas will look to Big East Defensive Player of the Year Dionna White to get the squad above the .500 mark.

The Red Storm didn't make it to the Madness last year but made a quarterfinals appearance in the Women's NIT. St. John's finished 19-15 overall

last season and returns four of its top five point scorers. Reigning Big East Freshman of the Year Qadashah Hoppie scored 10.1 ppg and contributed 1.6 assists per game. The Red Storm hasn't finished lower than fifth in the Big East regular season standings since 2013.

The Butler Bulldogs return four of their starters this season, along with their top three scorers in Whitney Jennings (16.8 ppg), Tori Schickel (16.4 ppg) and Kristen Spolyar (11.6 ppg). The Bulldogs finished in seventh place in the conference last year, going 7-11.

Seton Hall finished an even .500 last year at 16-16 overall and come in at No. 8 in this year's poll.

The Pirates will need to improve upon their 3-15 conference record and have their top scorer Jovana Nogie to do it. Nogie finished in the top 10 in assists, steals and assist-turnover ratio in the Big East last year.

Providence went 3-15 in Big East play to round out its 10-21 season. The Friars return four starters and Chanell Williams, who earned All-Freshman honors last season.

2018-19 Schedule

Big East opponents in BOLD>

Date	Opponent
11/7	Chicago State
11/11	Tennessee Tech
11/14	Minnesota
Lauren Hill Tipoff Classic	
11/17	Fairfield
11/21	at Wake Forest
11/29	Bowling Green
12/2	North Alabama
12/9	Delaware State
12/16	at Cincinnati
12/18	Alabama State
12/22	New Orleans
12/29	at Georgetown
12/31	at Villanova
1/4	St. John's
1/6	Seton Hall
1/11	Butler
1/18	at Creighton
1/20	at Providence
1/25	Marquette
1/27	DePaul
2/1	at Seton Hall
2/3	at St. John's
2/8	at Butler
2/15	Providence
2/17	Creighton
2/22	at DePaul
2/24	at Marquette
3/1	Villanova
3/3	Georgetown

Freshmen bring unique flavor to Xavier

BY ALANNA BELMONT
Staff Writer

The four freshmen players on the Xavier's women's basketball team this year — Maddy Johnson, Lauren Wasylson, Carrie Gross and Ayanna Townsend — are all unique in their own respect.

One has never broken a bone. One has a sour skittles/coffee addiction. One always tears the cheese off her pizza, then eats it. The last always puts her left sock on first.

Despite these differences, when I asked about their majors, the unknown similarities came out.

"Business and entrepreneurship," Johnson said.

"Business Undecided... maybe Marketing?" Wasylson said. "Business and Marketing," Gross said. We all looked

to Townsend expectantly. "Social Science," she said.

The girls began laughing at the fact they never knew that almost all of them were in the same major. Through their giggles, the discussion continued about their ambitions and what they wanted to do with their majors.

"I have to work for myself," Gross said. "I'm all about that money, you know?"

Johnson agreed, stating she wants to open up a multi-sport exercise complex one day, much like a friend of hers back home in California.

"I wanna work with kids," Townsend said. "But I'm really into anatomy, so I've been thinking about therapy, and like occupational therapy for mentally-disabled kids... but who knows?"

"I have no idea," Wasylson said. Ideally, she hopes to play basketball internationally one day.

When asked how they balanced their schoolwork and time on the court, the girls collectively groaned.

"It's tough," Gross said. "The grind never stops."

"I had a hard time adjusting," Wasylson said. "You have such rigorous academics, and then you go to practice. With all that stress, it just becomes a non-stop cycle.

"But I've gotten used to it now," Wasylson added once the laughter had subsided.

"I mean, there really are no off days because off days are for homework, but you get used to it," Gross echoed.

But the girls are there for one another, both on and off

the court.

"I know based off the first scrimmage we had that we all connected well on the court, and we connected well teammate wise," Wasylson said.



Newswire photo by Marissa Nelson

Guard Carrie Gross (No. 25) is one of four freshmen this season.

2018-19 Women's Team Roster

Number	Name	Year	Position	Height	Hometown	Coaching Staff
0	Sarah Leyendecker	Sophomore	Forward	6-4	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	Head Coach: Brian Neal
2	Deja Ross	Sophomore	Forward	6-0	Providence, R.I.	Assistant Coach: Crystal Kelly
3	Aaliyah Dunham	Sophomore	Guard	5-4	So. Charleston, W.V.	Assistant Coach: Christian Stefanopoulos
4	Lauren Wasylson	Freshman	Guard	6-0	Valencia, Pa.	Assistant Coach: Mark Stephens
5	Princess Stewart	Sophomore	Guard	5-9	Frankfort, Ky.	Assistant Coach: Mark Stephens
10	Ashley Gomez	Junior	Guard	5-9	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Assistant Coach: Mark Stephens
15	Aly Reiff	Sophomore	Guard	5-11	South Whitley, Ind.	Assistant Coach: Mark Stephens
20	Na'Teshia Owens	Junior	Guard	5-5	Mexia, Texas	Director of Basketball Operations: Netta Floyd
21	A'riana Gray	Sophomore	Forward	6-0	Cleveland, Ohio	Director of Basketball Administration: Dave Bezold
23	Maddy Johnson	Freshman	Guard	5-11	Irvine, Calif.	Director of Basketball Administration: Dave Bezold
25	Carrie Gross	Freshman	Guard	5-11	Clinton, Md.	Director of Basketball Administration: Dave Bezold
40	Tierra Floyd	Junior (RS)	Forward	6-1	Toledo, Ohio	Director of Basketball Administration: Dave Bezold
44	Ayanna Townsend	Freshman	Forward	6-2	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Director of Basketball Administration: Dave Bezold

Brown family talks Xavier hoops

Musketeer basketball has created a lasting legacy spanning three generations

BY COLIN COOPER
Staff Writer

When attending Xavier basketball games — whether they are at home or on the road — the strong alumni base always supports the Musketeers.

Decked out in their vintage Xavier gear, they play just as big of a role as students do in cheering on Xavier.

But even though students and alumni sit close to each other in the arena, often times we don't have a chance to talk with them about their own Xavier roots.

Through junior Alex Brown, *NewsWire* was able to get in contact with one of the biggest Xavier alumni fans around — his grandpa. Richard (Dick) Funk graduated from Xavier back in 1959 and has been a dedicated fan of the program ever since.

NewsWire sat down with both grandfather and grandson to ask them questions about their Xavier fandom.

Grandpa Funk, could you give me a brief history of



Photo courtesy of Alex Brown

The Brown family are longtime Xavier basketball fans, and the lineage of attending the school has persisted for three generations.

your connection to Xavier basketball?

Funk: "Well I tried out for the team, does that count? When I was a freshman I tried out and got cut, but I did make it to the last cut. But after I got cut, I still followed the team just like everyone else at school. After that I used to be a bus driver for the team in 1958. I drove the team back and forth from the Cincinnati Gardens and had a great time doing it."

After graduating from Xavier, what has kept you so involved in Xavier basketball?

F: "I think Xavier always being a top program has a lot to do with it. No matter the conference we have been in, Xavier has always been at the top of it. Keeping that winning tradition is important to me."

Why do you consider it special to be a Xavier alumnus?

F: "The alumni here at Xavier are just a great community. I know that me and my family always feel we have a place at Xavier. The past few have been a great job a perpetuating that, as I think our attendance has been the best in the country."

Have any thoughts on this year's team?

F: "Well I don't know much about them yet. I know we got the new coach and some new players, but I hope they can join together and win some games."

So Alex, what's it like to have such a strong family connection to the school?

Brown: "It's really cool. Being a third generation Xavier student makes me feel like I have a place at this school. My mom and dad both graduated from here, plus multiple cousins, too. Xavier means a lot in my family, and I'm happy to continue the tradition."

Do you see any difference of opinions on X basketball among the generations of Xavier fans?

B: "Well, my grandpa is

a lot more negative on the team, as most people are. But for me and my younger cousins, I'd say we all share the same passion and optimism for the team. We've seen a lot of success in our time as fans, so we know this team is capable of anything."

What do you think the alumni base means to Xavier?

B: "It means a lot. As my grandpa said, the community is great. The alumni are always supportive of the team in multiple ways, whether is cheering them on or giving them money. We all want the team to be successful."

Going forward, will you continue to stay connected to Xavier and its program?

B: "Absolutely. I love this program."

Now, can I have a prediction from both of you for this season?

F: "If we stay over .500 I think that would be great for this team."

B: "4th in the Big East, Big East Championship Game, Sweet 16."

Tandy adds depth to c/o 2019



Photo courtesy of Kentucky New Era

Four-star guard Dekeyvan (KyKy) Tandy is the Musketeers' latest addition to round out the 2019 class. He is a native of Hopkinsville, Ky., and announced his decision to attend Xavier last Tuesday via Twitter and Instagram.

BY DONNIE MENKE
Staff Writer

Dekeyvan "Kyky" Tandy, a 6-1 combo guard out of Hopkinsville, Ky., announced his commitment to Xavier on Oct. 23, becoming the fifth member of new head coach Travis Steele's first recruiting class.

Tandy is a strong scorer with explosive athletic ability. He averaged more than 30 points last season as a high school junior.

Though he can make plays for teammates and run the offense as a point guard, he projects to play more of an off-ball role in college.

Tandy joins Zach Freemantle, Daniel Ramsey, Dionte Miles and Dahmir Bishop in a class that currently ranks 10th in the country and second in the Big East behind only Villanova.

It is unlikely the ranking will remain that high, as many top recruits still have yet to decide, but it would be

a surprise if the class falls out of the top 20.

Ramsey was the first of the group to commit, pulling the trigger on Aug. 6 — only a few days after his official visit.

He's a 6-8 power forward who is considered a consensus four-star prospect, according to 247sports.com.

Ramsey has the ability to get playing time during his freshman year as there won't be a lot of depth at the big man spots.

Freemantle, a 6-9 center from Oradell, N.J., committed just 15 days after Ramsey. He is also considered a consensus four-star prospect, according to 247sports.com.

Freemantle could be an impact player as soon as his freshman year for the same reason as Ramsey.

Miles committed a few days after Freemantle on Aug. 25. Miles, a 6-11 center, is a three-star prospect from Walton-Verona, Ky.

He's considered a raw prospect, as he spent most of last season sidelined with injuries. However, Miles appears to be very mobile for his size and has good athleticism.

The last player to commit before Tandy in the 2019 class was 6-5 combo guard Dahmir Bishop from Philadelphia.

He committed on Sep. 14 and looks like a potential day-one contributor.

Bishop is a scorer who can not only shoot but also create on drives.

Bishop could potentially play either the shooting guard or the small forward positions.

The first day these players are able to sign their National Letter of Intent is Nov. 14, and the beginning of the early signing period for college basketball lasts a full week.

The 2019 class may not be polished off either, as the staff could look to add another wing player later in the year.

Xavier gets uniform update

BY COLIN COOPER
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive season, the Xavier men's basketball team has made changes to its uniforms.

While these changes aren't anywhere near the overhaul on uniforms that was seen prior to last season, they are still enough to notice on the court.

Back in late August, veteran players Tyrique Jones and Quentin Goodin took to Instagram Live to unbox the team's new threads for the 2018-19 season.

Only debuting the navy uniforms during the unboxing, both the players and Xavier fans were able to get their first look at the team's updated jerseys.

The most notable change to the uniforms is the new, metallic "X" on the side of the shorts. Although the "X" has always been present on the shorts, the new metallic finish looks much cleaner than past installments.

Another noticeable feature is the trim. The trim on the uniforms will now match the color of the whole set. For example, the navy blue set will have navy trim as opposed to white last year.

The final change to the uniforms is the font size for "XAVIER" and the numbers on the chest.

This larger font size will undoubtedly please the older folks in attendance at games, as they'll be able to read the players' backs more easily.

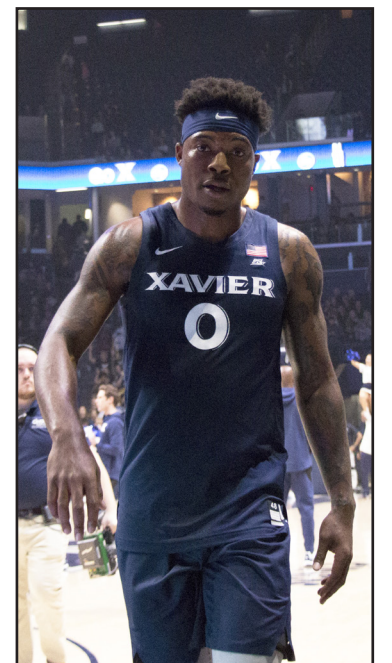
The final big uniform an-

nouncement from the offseason has been in the works for some time now, but it looks like it may finally be happening.

The highly-anticipated release of the blue "Running Man" jerseys have been teased by the program, and we can expect to see them at some point this season. The team didn't sport the throwback jerseys last year because Nike was unable to supply Xavier with the uniform set.

Regardless, the program's work in continuing to evolve the team's look shows that they are committed to the future.

This modern look, while showing respect to the past, allows the Musketeers to have some of the best uniforms in all of college basketball.



NewsWire photo by Desmond Fischer
Xavier made slight alterations to its uniforms for the 2018-19 year.

Writer reminisces about years with the *Enquirer*

Sports journalist Peter King details his time reporting about Musketeer hoops

BY JOE CLARK
Staff Writer

Peter King, known today for his work at *Sports Illustrated* and NBC Sports, once covered the Xavier Musketeers for The Cincinnati *Enquirer*.

After graduating from Ohio University, King worked as a general assignment reporter for the *Enquirer*. He covered Xavier basketball, high school and college football and served as the Reds' backup beat writer.

Recently, the *NewsWire* had a chance to talk to King about his time covering Xavier.

"It wasn't in any way a powerhouse program," King said about the state of Xavier basketball when he covered the team from 1980-1984. "I think the first year I covered them, there was some thought that they may not stay in Division I."

"Bob Staak did a really good job in basically emphasizing and making sure that they had a good bedrock program."

Staak, the Xavier head coach and athletic director from 1979-1985, is credited by many for turning around Xavier basketball. In his first three years, Xavier went 28-



NewsWire photo by Sydney Sanders

Sports writer Peter King spoke to the *NewsWire* about covering the Musketeers at the *Enquirer* during the early 1980s, a time when Xavier was just beginning to ascend to prominence in the college basketball scene.

54. In his final three years, the Musketeers went 60-32 before he left to coach Wake Forest. Staak also recruited Byron Larkin, who remains the leading scorer in program history.

King credited an unlikely figure for helping Staak along. He was inspired by Hall of Fame NC State head coach Jim Valvano.

"His whole thing was recruiting," King said about Staak. "Because he was such good friends with Jim Valvano, one time I was in Staak's office that first or second year and Val-

vano was recruiting some kid in Cincinnati, and he showed up in Staak's office. (Valvano) was the one who really emphasized recruiting, and I don't know if Staak would say he learned that from him, but I know that the biggest thing for them (at Xavier) was doing better in recruiting than the previous staffs had done."

During King's time covering Xavier, the team was in the Midwestern Cities Conference (MCC). In King's first two years, the Musketeers went a combined 20-33, including a

9-14 record in the MCC. At the time though, King said he was more concerned with a rivalry occurring off the court — one between the *Enquirer* and the now-defunct *Cincinnati Post*.

"I just wanted to cover the team and beat *The Post*," King said. "We had a good competition at the time between the *Enquirer* and the *Post* in those days, and so I was most concerned with winning any news story there was on it instead of however the team did."

King also credits Staak's demeanor for helping him as a writer.

"Staak was an interesting guy to cover. He was very fiery, he was kind of an explosive guy. If you wrote something he didn't like, he would let you know it loudly," King explained. "I was whatever at the time, 25 years old, so it was good to cover a competitive beat with a guy who is sometimes tough to cover. It was really good experience, and I enjoyed it."

Despite being years removed from his days covering Xavier and having moved on to to cover numerous Super Bowls and more prominent names than those that graced the hardwood at Schmidt Fieldhouse, King still remembers many of the players he covered during his time in Cincinnati.

Some names that he mentioned were Steve Wolf, Anthony Hicks, Tom Condon and Dexter Bailey.

"This team was a really, really good group of guys to cover," King said. "They were all great human beings. I think Wolf was probably my favorite guy on the team."

NewsWire staff predictions



NewsWire photo by Sydney Sanders

Junior point guard Quentin Goodin returns as a starter and is one of the most seasoned players on the roster. He will be a key factor for Xavier in its quest to spearhead another Big East regular season title.

Luke Feliciano: Xavier has a nice blend of young talent and experienced players. It will be interesting to see the team play without a true senior player on the roster, but I believe the three graduate transfers will all play a significant role in the team's success this year. I would like to see at least a Sweet 16 appearance.

Paul Fritschner: Depth will be an enormous issue this year, if only because of injuries. If anyone gets hurt, that will be a big issue. However, if everyone is healthy, Xavier should finish top five in the Big East and earn another trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Colin Cooper: Xavier takes care of business in non-conference play, possibly

surprising some in Maui. Big East play will be fun to watch, as there will be a lot of unknowns throughout the whole conference. Overall, I predict Xavier to finish fifth in the Big East and make an appearance in the Round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament

Jack Dunn: I think the Musketeers finish third or fourth in the Big East but will surprise everyone by advancing to the Sweet 16 in March Madness.

Donnie Menke: The team looks vastly different this year, but that's not really a hot take. The defense finishes ranked inside the top 20 while the offense struggles early. The team goes on a tear from the middle of February

on, makes the Big East semifinal again and ultimately falls in the Round of 32 during March Madness.

Tim Kramer: Xavier will have a successful non-conference run and defeat Auburn in Maui. I see a victory at the Crosstown Shootout. The Musketeers will finish fourth in the Big East and leave Madison Square Garden as Big East Champions. Xavier will parlay that as a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament and advance to the Sweet 16.

Ellen Siefke: The spooky Steele curtain will prove impenetrable as Xavier finishes atop the Big East while making a Sweet 16 run fueled by the power of Steele puns alone.

Musketeers go pro

BY DONNIE MENKE
Staff Writer

Five members from last year's men's basketball team are now playing professionally — in the NBA or overseas.

Trevon Bluiett was not chosen in the NBA draft this past season. He signed a two-way contract with the New Orleans Pelicans on July 17 after a strong preseason showing. He averaged 18.3 points per game on 57 percent from the floor. He also averaged 3.5 rebounds and 2.3 assists a game.

After starting the season on the Pelicans' roster, Bluiett was sent down to the G-League affiliate of the New York Knicks, the Westchester Knicks, because the Pelicans do not have a G-League team.

J.P. Macura also went undrafted this June and signed a two-way contract with the Charlotte Hornets on July 2.

However, he didn't put up fantastic statistics, averaging 6.0 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game.

In true Macura fashion

though, he impressed in summer league with his hustle and tenacity. He made the opening night roster for the Hornets and is still on the team.

Kaiser Gates chose to forego his senior season to play professionally. Gates received an invite to training camp for the Bulls' G-League team, the Windy City Bulls.

Sean O'Mara signed a professional contract with BC Nokia — a team in Finland. He teams up with former Xavier guard Malcolm Bernard.

Through five games, O'Mara has established himself as the starting center for the team. He is averaging 20 points per game while shooting 65 percent from the field.

Kerem Kanter is currently playing in France for JL Bourg. He signed his contract on Aug. 6.

He has appeared in six games, averaging 13.8 minutes a game and 8.67 points per game on 64.7 percent shooting.



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Former Xavier guard Trevon Bluiett hopes to make a splash with the New Orleans Pelicans after signing a two-way contract with the team.

Men's out-of-conference preview

Musketeers have some winnable games early but face strong field in Maui

By JOHN GHAWI
Guest Writer

As Xavier gets ready to kick off the men's basketball season, there are some exciting games to look out for that are outside of the annual Big East schedule.

After a preseason exhibition with Kentucky Wesleyan College, Xavier opens up its regular season against the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Jaguars.

The Jaguars finished middle of the pack last year in the Horizon League at 11-19 on the year, although big wins against Morehead State and Detroit Mercy helped define the year.

They look to get off to a hot start by scheduling Xavier, Boston College and Richmond as three of their first four games.

Next on the opening home stretch for Xavier, the Muskies will take on Evansville. The Purple Aces will not have 6-9 forward Deandre Williams available for this matchup after the NCAA ruled him ineligible for the 2018-19 season.

From there, Xavier will

play its Gavitt Games matchup, taking on the Wisconsin Badgers for the second year in a row and the third time since 2016.

Wisconsin looks to improve from last season after finishing in the bottom half of the Big Ten.

The Badgers return nine of 15 from last year's roster and added three three-star recruits.

This leads Xavier to the Maui Invitational where it will open against the Auburn Tigers.

This year's Maui Invitational also includes a loaded group consisting of Arizona, Duke, Gonzaga, Illinois, Iowa State and San Diego State.

This tournament will challenge the Musketeers early in the season but will allow them to showcase their talents on a national stage.

Depending on how Xavier's matchup with Auburn goes, the Musketeers will play either the winner or loser of the Duke and San Diego State game.

Fans eager to see the Musketeers battle Duke in Maui will have to get through the game against Auburn first as



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Graduate transfer forward Zach Hankins hopes to make an impact as Xavier matches up with challenging opponents in non-conference action.

it returns most of its team. The Tigers come off a pretty good season where they were eliminated in the Sweet Sixteen by Clemson.

After returning from Maui, Xavier will take on Miami (OH), Oakland and Ohio University in a three-game home

stretch.

These games against two MAC teams and a Horizon League team will be important tune-ups in preparation for Travis Steele's first Crosstown Shootout as Xavier's head coach.

The Crosstown Shootout

will be played at the newly renovated Fifth Third Arena and will feature returning starters Jarron Cumberland and Cane Broome attempting to get revenge after last year's beat down at the Cintas Center.

Following the Crosstown Shootout, Xavier will take on Eastern Kentucky in a cool down game, where the Colonels will try to knock off the Musketeers and make a push to win out the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC).

Eastern Kentucky will be led by first-year head coach A.W. Hamilton after firing Dan McHale, who went 16-34 in the OVC. Xavier will then match up with a Michael Porter, Jr.-less Missouri team in Columbia, Mo.

Aside from the Maui Invitational and Crosstown Shootout, this is the last chance Xavier will have to play a major conference team.

The final game before the Musketeers jump into Big East play will be a matchup with Detroit Mercy.

The Titans finished last in the Horizon League in 2017-18 before firing head coach Bacari Alexander.

Women's basketball out-of-conference preview

Musketeers primed for non-conference slate with nine matchups at Cintas

By EMILIE KRACIK
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Xavier women's basketball non-conference play looks to be diverse and promising with the Musketeers taking on teams from 11 different conferences while hosting nine home games.

Throughout the last four seasons, the Musketeers have won 34 non-conference games, including a 28-4 record at Cintas Center.

The team's dependable home play should serve it well during non-conference action.

Nine of the 11 games are at home this season — the second most in school history following 10 non-conference home games played in the 2015-16 season.

The Musketeers' season kicks off at home versus Chicago State next Wednesday. The Cougars belong to the Western Athletic Conference and finished last season with a 1-29 record.

However, the Cougars should be better competition this year given they just acquired a new head coach, Misty Opat.

Opat led Rock Valley College to four NJCAA Division III National Championships in the last seven years.

Xavier then plays Tennessee Tech — a team in the Ohio Valley Conference who



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The Xavier women's basketball team will have home court advantage in a majority of its non-conference games before it heads into Big East play. The team captured seven out-of-conference victories last season.

finished with a 7-22 record last season.

The Musketeers also take on Minnesota for the second straight season.

The Golden Gophers recently hired former Minnesota All-American Lindsay Whalen to be their new head coach for the upcoming season.

Minnesota is expected to be a quality opponent since last year's team finished its season with a winning 24-9 record while also making it

to the NCAA Tournament — losing to Oregon in the second round.

The fourth annual Lauren Hill Tipoff Classic is set for Nov. 17 when Xavier will face off with Fairfield for the first time in school history at Cintas Center.

This game honors Lauren Hill, a Mt. St. Joseph basketball player who passed away from brain cancer in 2015. The tournament raises awareness for The Cure Starts Now Foundation.

The following week, the Musketeers will travel to Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C. The Demon Deacons finished last season with a 14-17 overall record.

Xavier will be back in town at the end of November to play Bowling Green.

The Falcons finished with an 11-19 overall record last season and recently hired a new head coach, Robyn Fralick. She has a head coaching record of 104-3, the best in NCAA history at any level.

After taking on the Falcons, Xavier faces North Alabama on Dec. 2.

This will be the first time Xavier competes against North Alabama, a member of the Atlantic Sun conference who ended the 2017-18 season with a 24-5 record.

The Musketeers will then take on Delaware State at Cintas on Dec. 9. The Hornets had an overall record of 6-24 last season.

The Musketeers look to defend their Crosstown Shootout title on Dec. 16 against the University of Cincinnati. This year, the game will be played on the road.

Xavier has won 11 out of the last 14 games against the Bearcats, including a nail biting 53-50 Xavier victory last season.

The Musketeers will be playing Alabama State for the first time in school history on Dec. 18. Last year, the Hornets finished their season with an overall record of 8-22.

Finally, Dec. 22 marks the end of out-of-conference matchups when Xavier takes on New Orleans.

The Privateers finished their 2017-18 season with a 15-15 record.

Big East play begins on Dec. 29 when Xavier travels to the nation's capital to open its conference slate against Georgetown.

Steele: 'We have the toughness and togetherness'

Head coach Travis Steele and players speak at annual basketball media day

BY LUKE FELICIANO
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The Musketeers will enter the 2018-19 season as a new-look team from both a player and coaching perspective.

Xavier acquired three key graduate transfers in the form of Kyle Castlin, Zach Hankins and Ryan Welage.

The Musketeers also welcomed the additions of the same number of assistant coaches as graduate transfers — Jonas Hayes, Ben Johnson and ex-Xavier guard Dante Jackson.

However, one aspect of this team is the same. Travis Steele remains on the coaching staff, but this time around, he assumes a new role as the Musketeers' head coach.

Steele will embark on his first season at the helm of the program after serving the last nine seasons as an assistant coach.

"(The team) has heard my voice a lot over the last nine years ... there wasn't a big adjustment — as much as I thought there would be," Steele said about his transition to becoming the head coach.

Following a season in which the Musketeers emerged as the winner of the Big East Conference during the regular season, excitement from players is already brewing. This was evident with junior forward Tyrique Jones.

"I think we can do big things this year," he said. "... My excitement is through the roof. I can't wait to play



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First-year men's basketball head coach Travis Steele spoke at length about the team for the upcoming season. Steele assumes the helm of the program after serving as the associate head coach last season.

someone (else)."

Jones figures to be a force on both ends of the floor and on the glass.

"He's lost about 25 pounds," Steele said about Jones' work throughout the offseason. "That's going to allow him to play longer. He's quicker (and) can guard on the perimeter...I have all the confidence in the world that Tyrique, if it's a one-on-one matchup down there, he is going to score and get fouled. I think he can be an all-conference guy — there's no question in my mind."

Steele also discussed the outlook for offense as a whole.

"Offensively, we'll look different than we have the last few years," he explained "...I do think we can be very effective on the offensive end. We just have to play to our strengths and know who we are."

One such strength is apparent through the production of junior point guard Quentin Goodin.

Last season, he cemented himself as a playmaker with the ability to create with the ball in his hands.

Last season, Goodin dished out 4.9 assists per game to go along with 8.7 points per game.

He is the Musketeers' leading returning scorer from a season ago.

"I think you'll see a different Quentin this year," Steele said. "...He has to be the leading assist guy in the Big East this year. He's going to score more than he ever has, and I know that just because of who we have on our team.

"He shoots it better than what people think (and) he's worked really hard on jump-shot, but as any good point guard does, he has to always do what the game tells him to do."

Steele noted some key insights about the expected on-

court lineups this season.

"We want to develop our bench and play at least eight guys," he said. "...We are going to try to keep the best players on the floor as much as possible."

Additionally, Steele referenced how the rotation could see a mixing and matching of personnel.

"Certain games are going to call for certain different lineups," Steele said. "We may play two bigs ... Some games we may play with four guards. Some games we may play with five guards."

"We have to be able to adjust quickly. So offensively, we are trying to have that versatility to play all three different ways with different spacing on the floor."

Defense was a staple for Xavier teams under former head coach Chris Mack, and Steele will undoubtedly continue to emphasize that facet of the game.

He remarked that Xavier will put pressure on teams through utilizing a press defense more frequently.

"We will press after free throws. We want to try to create turnovers to create offense off our defense," Steele said.

"I think that's really important for this group of guys."

The Travis Steele era of Xavier basketball kicks off on Thursday with an exhibition matchup against Kentucky Wesleyan before the Musketeers host their season opener against IUPUI next Tuesday at Cintas Center.

Analysis: grad transfers will produce for Xavier

BY PAUL FRITSCHNER
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One narrative that pervaded this offseason is how Xavier will be able to replace the talented graduating class of Trevon Bluiett, J.P. Macura, Sean O'Mara and Kerem Kanter as well as Kaiser Gates who left for the NBA Draft.

Luckily for the Musketeers, head coach Travis Steele was able to land three significant graduate transfers to bolster the roster of Team 97.

The first is Kyle Castlin, who joins the Musketeers from Columbia University in New York.

Castlin has made a significant first impression and was named a captain of this year's team alongside Quentin Goodin and Tyrique Jones. The 6-4 guard battled injury issues while at Columbia and had to redshirt for what would have been his junior season.

Castlin will not jump off the page statistically, but he is a good scorer and can defend at a high level.

Coach Steele has praised his intelligence, and Castlin's methodical approach to the game will allow him to fully embrace the leadership role he's already undertaken.

Xavier also corraled the Division II National Player of the Year last season with Zach Hankins. A native of Charlevoix, Mich., Hankins was fairly underrecruited out of high school and went to Ferris State, where he dominated. He led Ferris State to a national championship last season before deciding to transition to Division I for his final year of eligibility.

If fans are looking for someone to replace the attitude and tenacity Macura brought to the table, they will have to look no further than Hankins.

While the 6-11 forward plays a different position than Macura, Hankins is not afraid to show off some flare. He is a true rim-protector, something Xavier fans haven't seen during the last few seasons.

Hankins led the country in

blocked shots in his final two years at Ferris State and averaged nearly a double-double at 15.1 points and 9.7 rebounds per game. Look for Hankins, headband and all, to be an effective post scorer and defender this year.

Finally, Ryan Welage comes to Xavier from San Jose State University. While he transferred from a school in California, he's very familiar with the area.

Welage played high school basketball for Greensburg Community High School in Indiana, where he led the team to two straight state championships.

The most important thing to know about Welage is his ability to shoot the basketball. He will stretch defenses because of his range.

In just three seasons at San Jose State, Welage climbed the school ranks and finished sixth all time in scoring and left as the program's all-time leading three-point shooter.

During the 2017-18 season Welage shot 43 percent from beyond the arc.

As Steele mentioned while talking about Welage, the biggest question mark for his playing time will be how he matches up defensively with the physical nature of Big East basketball. He will need to respond quickly on defense, but if he can prove to be a good defender, he should

play significant minutes.

These three pieces will be crucial to the success of this year's team.

The Musketeers are lower in depth than in previous seasons, but if these three graduate transfers can perform well early in the year, Xavier should be in good shape.



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Graduate transfer guard Kyle Castlin (No. 2) will be at Xavier for his last year of college eligibility. Last season, he averaged 10.5 points per game.

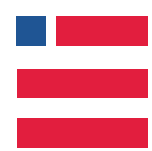
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