The Board Giveth And The Board Taketh Away

Trustees Announce End Of Football, Vote Major Tuition Increases For '74

by Barbara Bellot
News Reporter


"This was an exceedingly difficult decision for the board to make," said Father Robert W. Mulligan, President of the University, "but costs of intercollegiate football are no longer compatible with our long-range financial plans. The last five years have shown that we are spending more than we get back in contributions, athletic grants, etc. In 1973 we will lose more than $100,000. Quite simply, today's action is that of a Board of Directors in the best self-interest of the University, as we must continue to operate the University at a profit or it will not be able to continue to serve its students.

"The decision was made on November 15, after Father Mulligan directed Rodgerick C. Shearer, Vice President and Dean for Student Development, to make a complete report to the Board of Trustees at its first meeting upon completing of the 1973 football season concerning the various possibilities for the future of intercollegiate football. As a result, the campus reasoned that a deplorable conspiracy on the part of the Board has no basis in fact.

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Board Decision Was Not A Conspiracy

by William Arnold
Editor-in-Chief

The facts and circumstances surrounding the decision of the Board of Trustees to discontinue football at least as far as 1970. That was the first year the Board has considered the football question. Every year since then the Board has been asked to consider the future of Xavier's football program, to the point that, at least as far as football is concerned, the Board has no basis in fact.

According to Shearer, he presented Mr. John Rothwell, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, with a proposal to put Xavier in the small college level, in playing schools on the level comparable to Xavier with 2000 undergraduate students. I was quite surprised, therefore, when the Board decided to discontinue football.

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In an unexpected move to "settle this thing once and for all," the Board of Trustees voted to approve the final decision on December 19th, after the Board approved a deplorable conspiracy on the part of the Board has no basis in fact.

Shearer emphasized that the Board of Trustees "came through with a sound decision, the Board has no basis in fact.

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UNITY OCTAVE PRAYER SERVICE

The Hyde Park Community Methodist Church and the Bellarmine Chapel Community are the co-sponsors of an ecumenical prayer service to be held at the Hyde Park Community Methodist Church on Sunday, January 20, at 2:30 P.M. The host church is located on Observatory and Graves Avenues and will be open parking on the streets or in the adjoining parking lot. The principal speaker will be the Most Reverend Joseph L. Bernardin, archbishop of Cincinnati, who will deliver the homily. In addition, prayers and readings will be led by the Rev. E. Colaw (Pastor, Hyde Park Community Methodist Church), Mrs. Paul McEnery (member of Bellarmine's Ecumenism Commission), the Rev. E. Braugman (Chairman, Bellarmine Ecumenism Commission), the Rev. T.X. Graham (Pastor, St. Mark AME Zion Church), the Rev. A. McKay (Pastor, Know Presbyterian Church), and others. Music will be supplied by the Hyde Park Community Methodist Choir and by the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor Chorale.

The service will be followed by a social hour in the refectory of the Hyde Park Church. Both the prayer service and the social hour are open to all who wish to attend.

These needing transportation are asked to leave their name and phone number in the Bellarmine Chapel Office or to call Mrs. Dorothy Garasceia (581-7710) or Mrs. Paul McEnery (641-9720).

AUNT TILDA'S FLEA MARKET

Breen Lodge will be sponsoring a Flea Market, Friday, January 11, from 11:30 to 4:30 on the ground floor of the UNIVcenter, across from the GFA Campus organizations have been invited to set up their own tables of saleable items, with all profits going to the club or organization. Groups participating include Breen Lodge, the Piel Piper, the GLA Wing of Brookman Hall, the Racing Team, the Psychology Club, the Yearbook, and the Fourregeres.

Knick-knacks, what-not, and bric-a-brac will be the main attractions, provided from Aunt Tilda's dusty hope chest, which finally stopped hoping after her fatal parachuting accident last spring. The executive was to be held at the Hyde Park Community Methodist Church on the Flea Market, while $100,000 in stocks and bonds will provide for the establishment of a perpetual, 24-hour novena to St. Catherine, the patron of the group. The program will be repeated four times, but never married, explaining that "essentially, her heart belonged to Daddy.

INTRODUCTION INTO HISTORY SOCIETY COMING SOON

All history majors are asked to take note that Phi Alpha Theta, the Honorary International History Society, will hold its annual initiation ceremony on Sunday, February 3. All history majors maintaining at least a 3.0 G.P.A. are eligible for membership.

The organization offers many advantages, such as automatic admission to the honor society, membership in the university's chapter, and the opportunity to present a paper at this regional meeting.

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by Mark Wagner
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The Exorcist was so unnerved that they decided not to finish it. They warned...

It was a small fire. Something to waste a weak stomach. In a fit of fright, I shifted in my lobby - something to help me. I agreed to accompany them to "the movie." Immediately, they started accusing me of "new circle of critics" who would join me in viewing The Exorcist (for my friends would not permit me to see it). They were not released and promptly forgot the matter altogether.

During a slack month, a summer later, I happened across The Exorcist on a shelf in my room. In a fit of curiosity (and an inexplicable nostalgia), I sat down and began reading through its thin pages. I had been forewarned. "Goya wouldn't fool one of us; you'll never put it down until you've finished." "It's going to scare the hell out of you." "Don't even think about reading it; you'll get sick." I stopped for dinner, watched a little television, had a good night's sleep, then returned to the book the following morning.
Xavier Football: 1900-1973

On December 19, 1973, the Xavier University Board of Trustees ended it all: the controversy, the debate, the leaking of the air, the struggle, the anger and the glittering Saturday afternoon Americans. The decision was swift and unexpected; it was welcomed and rejected (vehemently) by the opposing camps within the University.

Fr. Robert Mulligan, who desperately tried to shore up the program if it could be done, compared the demise of the Xavier Football Program to losing an old friend. "A few have compared the Board's action to nothing less than execution."

Regardless of one's personal reactions, the psyche of Xavier University has come through this trial scarred. Certainly the campus consciousness, at first numb, is now reeling with a conspicuous void in the University's understanding of itself.

This writer is in agreement with the decision of the Board. The Flack that the Xavier News is now receiving (i.e. the paper somehow lingering) by the Board is justified and understandable. However, anyone who has closely followed News editorials realizes that the News fact that the decision was made for the wrong reasons and that after criticism of the first group's existence and purpose is questionable on campus, could in some future time be dropped because they fail to financially pay their own way. The Board is to be shielded for its pragmatism and lack of vision.

In addition, this decision places many Xavier students, the football players, in limbo. Many will choose, understandably us, to terminate their academic career at Xavier because they wish to play football elsewhere. Other players will remain to receive their degrees under the University's pledge to make good on their promised scholarships. Nevertheless, each has been given the option to make. Players who have given their time and talent to make the University Athletic Program what it is and has been, will the element caught in the middle. The Board cannot have been more nearly a release of the decision in order to enable the players to enjoy Chris- tian and rationally plan their futures.

"...To Seek A Newer World..."

After events of great significance, there are often periods of serenity and thought. Couple this with the arrival of a new year and there is present a gold- en opportunity to take stock of Xavier and of our- selves. The Xavier University Board of Trustees has de- cided that one of our oldest institutions, football, can no longer be subsidize by our beleaguered home of higher education. Is there a reasonable answer to the question of whether a football team is now a concrete fact. The concept of a nation with gas rationing and a decreasing work force is now an economic reality. And the realization that our own and Xavier's problems can be solved through an united effort is now an undeniable necessity.

The new year can be a turning point for Xavier. If, indeed, we are a community, we can work together and attain ends which, era, at present, only dreams. In no way should this wish be taken to mean that there is no longer room for criticism at Xavier. As an institution of higher learning and as important as, we are, as a community, the right to question and, also the right to criticize" and "criticism must also be held as invaluable. Within a Christian community there should be openness, there should be a freedom, and there should be a trust that people are attempting to say and do what they believe is best for Xavier. It is in a context of the News' belief in Xavier's future as a source of learning and growth that we must now speak for the first time in the Xavier News.

The use of almost unlimited space in the newspaper in which to express one's views is often a two-edged sword. This writer found out too late that Fr. Mulligan...

The Spirit Of Xavier Football Remains

To the Editor:

Since it has already been decided by Xavier Offi- cial that Xavier football is to continue, it has not to change or persuade opinions but to pay tribute to Xavier's Football Players past and present.

To all those players and coaches whether they are leaving or whether they are staying, we would like to "Thank You for your faith and effort making Xavier's good. When you remember Xavier we hope you recall the people who appreciated your efforts and not the financial failures or negative attitudes that lead to the abrupt death of football. The growing and friendship changes will greatly change, but the years of good com- pany you have given us will not soon be forgotten. Best of luck to those of you who are moving on even though the mighty blue will be retired, the spirit of Xavier football will remain a winner to all of us.

Thanks and best wishes, THE JOCK LOVERS

An April Fooler

To the Editor:

When I was a freshman (1964-65) the campus was showing signs of Spring Fever. In the Xavier News of April 1, the issue of April 1, 1965, printed an April Fool's Story which was "April Fool" — your see it was all a joke for the New April Fooler of this edition. The joke is a go, and of course the result was a big laugh to the end of Xavier Football. At the very end of this sad story were the words "April Fool" — your see it was all a joke for the was this the April Fool of the paper, and the joke was on us. But this alarmist isn't laughing anymore.

George H. Sisson
Columbia, Ga.
Letters

Lack of Cooperation Kills Sources of School Spirit

Dear Sir:

The recent decision of our esteemed Board of Trust- ees to axe Xavier football at Xavier probably came as a 
delightful surprise to some members of Mr. Zen's
"Xavier community," especially the editorial staff of 
the Theurrnian. As the writer, it came as a bitter disappointment and re- 
flected some shortsightedness on the part of the 

I concede, however, place a great deal of the blame 

on the Trustees. Their decision was made primarily on 
an economic basis. But economics was just a part of it. 
The Trustees were undoubtedly aware of the divisive 
interests created toward football but may have held by a comparatively minute number in the Xavier 

community yet heralded by the News. This lack of 

cooperation and continuing internal strife in the 

community seems to have been the real cause of the 
death of a great Xavier tradition.

At this moment, there does not even exist a rallying point 

for social activity and school "spirit" in the fall of the 

Xavier calendar. And unless the various sectors of 

the Xavier community do quickly establish a spirit of real 

cooperation and unity, the future of the Musketeer 

"spirit" is in great jeopardy.

Yes, the football program was probably "costly" to 

the University. How costly is a matter of whose figures 
you use and what accounting system you accept as 

valid. But no longer will Xavier be listed among those 

spendthrifts of the academic dollar and members of 

that foul football legion known as the NCAA. And I 

doubt their interest in "football" will be shown by 

Witttenberg, Oberlin, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Stan- 

ford, Northwestere, Northwestern, not to mention the 

"Twice"; yes, I mean the Earlhamis, Wilmingtons, John 

Carollus, Baldwin Wallaces, Bethunes-Cookman, 

Cardioas, Augustan's, Denions, et al. How these private 

universities, some of them smaller, Xavier can continue 
to support a football program amazes me.

I guess I should not be too amazed. There must be a 

feeling of unity off effect and a real spirit of 

cooperation at most of these institutions. The mem- 

bers of these academic communities probably work to- 

together in a spirit that should be peculiar to my beloved 

Alma Mater, the home of the Musketeers, where "One 

for all, all for one," and "Who cares, anyway?"

I pray the good Lord will send the wisdom of His 

Spirit to Xavier in the immediate future, and that this 

community will, in unity, find some substitute for this 

late, lamented and loved by many sport...football.

Sincerely,

Paul L. O'Malley, Jr., ’56 
Director of Alumni Relations 
Xavier University

Teahan Talks

TIM "LURCH" TEAHERAN

December 19, 1975 was a big day in the history of Xavier football. That’s the day the Board of Trust- ees, after months of deliberation, finally decided that it regardless of the fact that the Athletic Board, the Student Senate and the public could not retain the program, although at a 

loss, it was decided to close the program.

The day started out like any other day in Cincinnati, except for the absence of the usual 

Christmas vacation. That’s when the 

Trustees made their move. Maybe they did it then because they remembered what happened at the end of December, 1973 when the Titans 

dropped their football program. Stu- 

dents rapped the goal posts on the 

ground and carried them to a 

bury intersection and blocked traf- 

fic, to show their feelings. A few 

years later, the University tore down the stadium and made it into a 

parking lot. (Come to think of it, 

Xavier could use a new parking lot.

That’s the thing to talk about here 

on that fateful Wednesday was a 

bonding a few students set on the 

50-yard line in old Corcoran Field.

Everybody’s talking about the 

decision, even some of Xavier’s 

football — how they seem- 

ingly only considered the financial end of the deal — how half of the 

Trustees are from out of town, and the coach thought he’d like to see 

Tydo in the star center fielder on 

the baseball team — that one of the 

Trustees, himself a Xavier grad, 

thought so much of the place that 

he sent three of his sons to 

that school in South Bend. By the end of the night, I was pretty bored of 

Trustees.

The Board really did spend about 

90 minutes. All the time and effort spent on compiling the 

list of reports on football and 

presenting more figures than Hugh Hefner has to go through in more than 90 minutes of dis- 

cussion, it was a pretty odd day. 

A film about the University, 

student recruiting purposes, was shown followed by 

segments devoted to football. Some of 

of the football film was the most 

segment quite amusing, except one 

member who walked out rather 

than listen to the whole thing.

Some decision about the program 

definitely had to be made, some consensus of both back- 

ers and those who wanted it out. 

However, the timing of the an- 

nouncement, especially a decision 

act, wasn’t very consistent in my 

estimation. The coach and team 

were in a quandary for a few 

days, until the story was made 

was for real, and the coaches in the 

on the time, the matter, though — 

that the group can’t keep 

thing like football going for very 

long. It would have to be a decision 

down to the lack of attendance at 

the home football games, even 

thought there were only four 

them, and one of those was during 

the bottom falls out and players 

and coaches are left holding nothing but footballs. Those who wanted to violate some of the troublesome. The 

Xavier campus this past season. You can bet Tom Cincinatti wouldn’t have bothered about having only 

10,000 some fans in the stands as 

encompassed the training.

It’s no secret that college football 

can’t compete in a pro football 

program, either. Look at Detroit, New York, 

and other cities which once had 

formidable college grid teams — 

they all died out. Cincinnati has 

been lucky to support two college 

teams, let alone one. The cry 

has been heard for years, especially 

from college athletic directors that 

professional football teams should 

give some support to their 

school grounds" for future pro 

football, for the last couple of years, the Cincin- 

nati team has been playing ex- 

hibition games in Ohio State’s sta- 

dium, which means about $300,000 in old Woody Hayes’ coffers.

Funny, has that figure $300,000 

keeps popping up.

The fact remains, however, that 

football is going to be in 

the future, some good will come of it. 

It’s gone, but it bowed out 

respectfully.

we would like in this space to announce the resurrection 

definition: a literary magazine, takes its name from the old college 
downtown which today is Xavier University. Once a newspaper 

and literary journal, it is now devoted exclusively to original stu- 

dent works — poetry, essays, sketches and short stories. All student 

contributions are welcomed.

students wishing to submit selections of their work in either prose 

or poetry who would like further information are asked to contact 

Eugene Gromiec (502-4346) or Dennis Kerley (781-4309)

Xavier’s Athenaeum.
The trainers and managers of Xavier's athletic teams, often unrecognized by the crowds, are (l-r, front) Jim Allan and John Polito, (l-r, rear) Terry Koffler, Mike McCaffrey, and Jack Carpenter.

XU athletics. The author was himself student manager of the football team for the past two seasons.

In the "new's" never ending attempt to search out the sly gritty story on the XU campus, we come finally to those devoted underlings of the Athletic Department—the Student Trainers and Managers.

You will be happy to know that, just as in all other phases of the XU administration, this department too, is competently staffed. Literacy tests were thrown out with the Supreme Court ruling, so the department can now choose from an almost limitless number of potential student workers.

All kidding aside, the students who work these particular jobs have taken them seriously. They have to, because long hours are required, with little reward other than the satisfaction of knowing the job was done right and coaches are ready to face their opponents.

The prestige spot of the department is trainer. John Polito and Terry Koffler are the men who work directly with the players, making sure that they are physically well to go out and play. After treatment sessions with John or Terry XU players can run faster and jump higher, and sometimes even with a game or two.

Polito is the senior man in the student department, having served faithfully for four years as a whirlpool (which is much worse than cleaning out the bathtub). Terry sees his job as very important in that he has to make sure that players are well enough to play and not hurt because of injuries. He accepts this huge responsibility because this period in his life is a stepping stone to what he hopes will be a professional career as a trainer, hopefully at a college level.

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The trainers and managers of Xavier's athletic teams, often unrecognized by the crowds, are (l-r, front) Jim Allan and John Polito, (l-r, rear) Terry Koffler, Mike McCaffrey, and Jack Carpenter.

XU athletics. The author was himself student manager of the football team for the past two seasons.

In the "new's" never ending attempt to search out the sly gritty story on the XU campus, we come finally to those devoted underlings of the Athletic Department—the Student Trainers and Managers.

You will be happy to know that, just as in all other phases of the XU administration, this department too, is competently staffed. Literacy tests were thrown out with the Supreme Court ruling, so the department can now choose from an almost limitless number of potential student workers.

All kidding aside, the students who work these particular jobs have taken them seriously. They have to, because long hours are required, with little reward other than the satisfaction of knowing the job was done right and coaches are ready to face their opponents.

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Players Assess Football Decision, Tom Bailey: “I Didn’t Believe It!”

Editor's note A few days ago, Xavier News Editor-in-Chief Bill Arnold and Sports Editor Tom Stevens talked with two members of the Xavier football team concerning their reactions to the decision to drop football. Dan Wanstrath is sophomore defensive tackle from Batesville, Ind., and Tom Baily is a junior defensive halfback from Inkster, Mich.

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Neus: What did you find first out about the decision, and what were your reactions?

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Neus: Did anybody on the football team have any forewarning?

Wanstrath: I really don’t think so.

Neus: After cutting back a lot of scholarships, the number of coaches, Xavier still ended up 5-10-1 after the season. Was it the improved record any indication of a trend in the years to come, or was it just the result of the number of players having good seasons?

Wanstrath: First of all, we’re losing quite a bit from the senior class. But I think we were building up a good program. We had some really good coaches this year and I think we were coming up even if they weren’t the best team. I think we could have competed well on the level we were playing at.

Neus: What would be your feelings on dropping the level of competition from the area we were playing to that of the SEC?

Baily: I felt that if the university kept on dropping the number of scholarships, there would be no one who would have done in the past few years, it would have been a drop down to another level. I didn’t feel we could compete on the same level in the future. We kept on cutting back scholarships.

Neus: There have been comments from some players that the newspaper and student government didn’t do a very good job of informing the football team last season. Do you think this really made a difference in the way you student opinion on campus?

Wanstrath: It might have a couple of people who were basi- der-line, but I don’t think it had that great of an effect on it.

Neus: Let’s put it this way: Do you feel that the newspaper and the student government have a negative attitude that directly af- fected a sour mood on campus which translated itself to a lack of support among the trustees?

Baily: I think there was a negative media pump of negativity in the paper and in the Student Government. That's how I feel about it. Actually, about having that feeling translated to the student body as a whole. I think that when you lose games, and you lose money, and you lose a newspaper against your, sure, that will sway a lot of people in opinions. But this year, when we won games, you walk into the University Center and there’s a big sign con- tent, and this was just a whole different situation. I think that shock and being isolated had a lot to do with it.

Neus: It seems that this could have been an entirely decision considering the record. It has been mentioned that if Xavier was to drop football, why didn’t the Board of Trustees drop it two years ago, or at three years? It seems in the way the football team feels about it.

Wanstrath: I think it was more of a shock to us because we were starting to come back, and start winning. If they would have dropped football last year when they were talking about it, it wouldn’t have been near the shock.

Baily: I can’t speak for the rest of the guys, but I feel the same way. If it would have been dropped two years ago, it would have been understandable, because they lost money and football, and there was a negative tide. This year they lost money in football but there was a positive attitude. I won’t call it unanimously, but it was re- markable, I didn’t see this surprising that they did this year.

Neus: I can’t see what you’re going to do?

Wanstrath: Well, I’ve pretty well decided to play football at another school. But when I decided that was the decision was on such short notice.

Baily: If it had been made right after Thanksgiving, those who want to keep on participating, I’d have had to look at more schools.

Neus: You’re going to stay at Xavier for only more year, so I’ll just stay here.

Wanstrath: Let’s say that’s two years ago, after three straight 6-6 sea- sons, and you’re on the Board of Trustees. What would you have done to try to save the football program at Xavier? Would you have done anything differently in the long run?

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Expert Speaks On Diplomacy In Middle East

by John O'Brien
News Reporter

This is the sixth and last of a series of articles on highlights of the Middle East Today, an institute conducted by Professor McVey of the History-Political Science Department. The Institute, one of a series of such institutes coordinated by Professor McVey in recent years, has included its fifth scheduled Saturday sessions last fall. On November 17, 1973, Dr. William R. Polk, Professor of Middle Eastern History at the University of Colorado, addressed the Institute on "The Possible Bases of Peace in the Middle East."

Dr. Polk began his address by outlining the recent history of Middle East peace-keeping efforts made by the United States, the United Nations, and other nations. The first such effort, the Clapp Expedition, recommended the implementation of "make-work" projects, analogous to the American New Deal projects, to alleviate the pervasive poverty problem there. But Dr. Polk was unable to establish such projects there did little, but in Polk's opinion would not have eliminated the fission even if it had eliminated the poverty.

Another expedition tried to arrive at an equitable system for sharing the waters of the Jordan River among the nations contiguous to it. This theoretical approach, he said, was based on the political realities in those countries (Israel, Jordan, and Syria) was equally doomed to failure.

A final study group, sent by the late President John F. Kennedy, in an attempt to solve the Palestinian refugee problem met with similar failure.

Dr. Polk used these examples to point out that the common element in all of these ventures led to their failure. In each case there was an attempt to resolve political problems in an spiritual fashion. The underlying assumption of the "booth" approach, Polk said, is that international affairs are conducted between governments. "National interest" is treated as an objective criterion that can be measured and applied by diplomats, and if it is done to provide proper fulfills, all nations will emerge peaceable and independent.

"There are no facts," no objective national interests in international affairs, "true interpretations of things by people." Governments, with domestic political interests to protect, conduct international relations; and they are guided by passion, not reason. What an outside observer may feel is "good for them."

According to the Kennedy Administration's fact-finding, purchased, mentioned above, of which he was a member, Dr. Polk asked high Israeli officials — the President, Prime Minister, and the cabinet — about the attitudes of the Jewish people who would fit into the country. He found that Jewish Israel government is the result of a variety of feelings that have deep roots in the cultural heritage. There is, according to Polk, a "hostile temper" to Jews, generated by the memory of Hitler's genocidal policies in Nazi Germany. Jews who have felt like the "dark little people of the University of Colorado, view Arabs as a sort of "fast resort" for world Jewry, the peak place where a Jew can go to see the fear of 

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