Coliseum graduation planned for all students

by Cherie Henso
staff reporter

One spring commencement exercise for all graduating undergraduate and graduate students will take place May 14, 1988, at the Cincinnati Coliseum downtown. Previously, two separate ceremonies were held in the Xavier Fieldhouse.

The Awards, Convocations and Commencement Committee made a recommendation in June that one commencement ceremony be held at a new location, according to Joan Connell, Xavier's academic vice president and Commencement Committee chairperson.

The Commencement Committee is made up of faculty, administrators, staff and student government officers for a total of 17 members.

"The Committee felt that this would be a positive change for students, faculty and those who attend," said Connell.

Connell stressed that the individual nature of the ceremony will remain intact. "Each student will come to the stage individually after his or her name is announced to receive at least the diploma cover," said Connell.

Last spring, approximately 728 undergraduates and 630 graduates were eligible to attend their individual ceremonies.

"We feel that one ceremony will be better attended than two, particularly by faculty and staff," she added. Connell also said the students would be able to invite as many friends and family members as they wished to a ceremony at the Coliseum.

Connell also addressed the question of length. "The Committee doesn't feel that the length of the ceremony will be significantly increased," said Connell.

Air-conditioning, ticket availability and attendance were considerations of the Committee, according to Connell. The Committee examined the move from a public relations point of view, too. "This ceremony will provide public exposure for Xavier in a very positive and visible way," said Connell.

Another reason for the change was the lack of space to accommodate the commencement's attendance. The 1987 Spring Commencement was the first year Xavier had an enforced ticket policy, according to Dina Mansour-Cole, director of Student Activities. She pointed out that the Commencement Committee evaluated this program before recommending the move.

Mansour-Cole also said there were still more people than seats as well as complaints from those who attended.

According to Mansour-Cole, members of the Student Activities Council and Student Government Associations and students who remained on campus this summer were asked their opinions about the commencement changes. "The response was very positive," she said.

The Fredin scholarships: the French connection

All full-time students, especially undergraduate sophomores, are invited to consider the Fredin Memorial Scholarship Program which provides for a full year of study at the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

The scholarship stipends pay a substantial part of the cost of the program. Students from any college of the university and with any major are eligible. Students are required to have junior standing (55 hours) by the time they arrive in Paris in June 1988. Participants are required to complete at least one full semester's work at Xavier upon completion of the program.

Prior knowledge of French is highly desirable but not required. However, applicants should have an interest in learning to speak the language since the program places heavy emphasis on learning French.

Further information and applications are available in room 124 in Alter Hall, the office of the Associate Dean of College of Arts and Sciences. The deadline for applications is Monday, Nov. 16, 1987.

Sophomores interested in a career in government service at the federal, state or local level are encouraged to apply for a 1988 Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

NCR comes to Xavier

by Diane M. Moore
staff reporter

The university is starting a two-year preparation project for the North Central Review team which will occur sometime in March 1989.

The North Central Review is one of several regional accrediting associations that approves post-secondary institutions and prepares for applications is Monday, Nov. 16, 1987.
A mental sport

College Bowl activates and challenges the mind

by Mary Beth Gibbons
staff reporter

"Some movie titles are more colorful than others simply because they have a color in their title. For 10 points - What's the title of Stanley Kubrick's 1971 film about violence in society?" (Answer: "A Clockwork Orange").

This is a sample question from College Bowl, the "Variety Sport of the Mind." Xavier will hold an Intramural College Bowl Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 24, in the University Center. Interested students can sign up at the Information Desk in the University Center by Oct. 21 as individuals or in teams of four. Students who sign up individually will be assigned to a team.

Jim Miller, assistant director of Student Activities, encourages campus organizations to issue challenges to other organizations.

Questions cover such areas as current events, history and "basically liberal arts trivia," said Miller. "It's a lot like 'It's Academic' or 'Jeopardy.'" A game involves two competing teams with four players each. The game is divided into two parts and lasts fifteen minutes.

During part one, the moderator directly asks team "A" questions for three minutes. If team "A" misses any of its questions, team "B" is offered a chance to correctly answer them. The moderator then asks team "B" questions for three minutes and allows team "A" a chance at team "B"'s incorrectly answered questions. There is no penalty for wrong answers in part one.

Part two is called "Toss-Up," "This is where it gets exciting," said Monica Ross, last year's varsity team captain. During "Toss-Up" the first team to press its buzzer is allowed to answer the question. Either team is penalized for its wrong answers during "Toss-Up."

Paul Fiorelli, last year's moderator, said, "College Bowl is very, very quick. In College Bowl you have a shot at every question." Fiorelli listed knowledge, anticipation and reaction as important qualities in a good player. A moderator has not yet been determined for this year's team.

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Career concerns

Chicago Job Fair

Chicago area students or those interested in locating in the Chicago area and seeking full-time employment have the opportunity to attend the Illinois Collegians Job Fair on Friday, Oct. 21. For registration deadline for candidates is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. To pre-register, candidates must mail a one-page resume and check for $10 (made payable to DePaul University) to: John P. Bradavich, director, Career Planning & Placement Center, DePaul University, 25 E. Jackson Blvd., Room 1716, Chicago, IL 60604.

Candidates will receive a continuation card upon receipt of their pre-registration materials. The fee also includes lunch. Walk-in registration on the day of the Job Fair is $20.

About 130-150 companies are expected to attend. Every two weeks, an updated list of companies will be available in Career Planning and Placement.
National College Alcohol Awareness Week

A time for sober thinking

By Aaron Fuller
guest columnist

Offices of Xavier University lie a nightmare of social chaos surrounding us are literally thousands of people of all ages and homeless human beings who form an untenable lower level in this area of America's land of plenty.

Why did it happen? Xavier's economics will show that a free-market society (supply-demand) naturally cycles between expansion and depression. Political science majors surmise that Resistance's cutback on housing for the poor forced thousands into the streets, while those leaning toward Marxism could argue that it is the power of the few over the many. But to the multitudes of students on campus, this is for warm food or to a homeless alcoholic trying to escape the biting wind, these are as mysterious as the God in Whom we believe.

Thus, during October's first weekend the Dorothy Day House, Xavier University's "Urban Experience" designed to expose undergrads to another reality where a single mother with two children earns less than $400 a month, corrupt slumlords force tenants to spend more than they can, and selfish officials close a successful primary school in an impoverished neighborhood. The darkness is enough to hurl one into the abyss of despair and doubt. Fortunately, "Urban Experience" led to glimmer in hope which keeps the crowds alive and keep ahead of starvation, total debauchery, and slow exploitation. Ah, what inspirations of hope they are foremost in mind are forgotten. No one could imagine from these joyous faces that the Franciscans and other orders are crying in this materialistic society for people to follow Jesus in word and deed.

Next, Molly and her soup kitchen, complete with welcome, warm food and kindness, an effort that the drifting homeless an anchor and family. Molly staffs this kitchen one week every month, would you please volunteer? Then came one of the most dazzling displays: "Owning the Reality, Inc." which gathers, renovates, and rents run-down buildings to the needy. They and all the organizations give the underprivileged a chance to gain back the pride and respect that we take for granted and all human beings deserve.

What can we do? The actions of near-forgotten Plus XII and thousands of clerics perhaps work the best. In the face of Nazi occupation and great evil, Pius XII and the Apostle of Assange is tireless in his efforts. What can we do? The actions of near-forgotten Plus XII and thousands of clerics perhaps work the best. In the face of Nazi occupation and great evil, Pius XII and the Apostle of Assange is tireless in his efforts. What can we do? The actions of near-forgotten Plus XII and thousands of clerics perhaps work the best. In the face of Nazi occupation and great evil, Pius XII and the Apostle of Assange is tireless in his efforts.

Xavier committed to liberal arts

The Sept. 30 Narcotic article by Annette L. Helmes characterized the demotion of Emery Hall as the "chicken of a long chain or events" demonstrating the university's "lack of enthusiasm for the future" of Xavier's art and music programs.

Ms. Helmes adds that "Xavier has always made it clear that it is primarily a business school, which it has every right to claim, but to say that it is a liberal arts institution has become increasingly hard to believe."

Ms. Helmes ends her article by wondering what the college's commitment to art and music; "But where does Xavier stand?"

My answer follows.

In the first place, Xavier is not primarily a business school. Our 2,587 full-time undergraduates include 1,293 in Arts and Sciences, 921 in Business Administration, 230 in Professional Studies, and 143 in Continuing Education. Furthermore, the curriculum groups of students must be over 50 hours of arts and science courses. Xavier's emphasis of the liberal arts accounts for the distribution of our 250 full-time teachers: 123 in Arts and Sciences, 49 in Business Administration, and 28 in Professional Studies.

Our commitment to art and music might also be quantified. Two buildings have been completely renovated to house these departments. One of our music professors recently reassigned time to actively recruit students for our programs in music. And one of our art professors has a reduced class load in order to prepare six new art programs.

Both music and art are offering an increasing number of core curriculum courses for non-majors.

This commitment of resources to the liberal arts, and more particularly to the fine arts, directly follows the college's mission statement. Xavier, as a university "grounded in the humancentric tradition and primarily an undergraduate institution emphasizing the liberal arts," is where Xavier stands!

— Dr. Stanley Hedeke, Professor of Art and Chair of the Department of Art and Sciences

A loft-razing suggestion

It's early October — midterm time. In the midst of preparing for tests and projects of this week, my roommate and I are dealing with the most obnoxious interruption of our study time... Wolves.

Both in the room have been up since last night. Nowadays, it seems like our house is attempting to get all of the inspections done at once; we've been forced to wake up to wolf howls again this week. (This fact in itself seems to run contrary to fire department intentions.)

Our decorations are all up on the walls and attached to the wood of our lofts. Our desks underneath are both neatly arranged and set up. Now, we've been told that our lofts are two inches too high and must be cut down to size. Our own fault maybe, say not for checking the height ourselves, but who would think to measure their own loft? We passed inspection for two years already? My loft was even measured from the top of the mattress last year, not just from the frame. But, with a different mattress this year, somehow it couldn't pass.

We have no choice, I suppose. The fire codes are fire codes. But for future reference, I would expect, even demand, that Xavier show more consideration for the academic and living situations of students and hold off inspections the day the fraternities are set up. After all, with the mass of tests and papers we have to work on right now, shouldn't our concentration be on our studies rather than waiting a whole day saving and moving and cleaning?

— Julie Ebeler
Homecoming date questions? Be in-quiz-itive!

(1) It is two days before the dance and you still don't have a date. You...
   a. advertise for a date on the side of a bus.
   b. call the party line and hope you get lucky.
   c. ask Kim Grote or Mary T. Helmes.
   d. give up.

(2) You don't have money to buy tickets for the dance. You...
   a. make your own tickets.
   b. swipe a generic label from a food item hoping that no one notices the difference.
   c. ask a freshman who just bought his own tickets.
   d. become a SAC homecoming chairperson and get free tickets.

(3) You have no car at school and you need transportation to the dance. You...
   a. invite a commuter.
   b. say, "But I love the way the moon dances on you like we are walking."
   c. sabotage the raffle giving away a free limousine ride to the dance.
   d. hijack the limousine when someone else wins the raffle.

(4) You get a haircut four days before the dance and it looks atrocious. You...
   a. reflect on the longevity of life.
   b. pull out your hair and make the situation worse.
   c. dispose your head with hair restorers.
   d. go to Tiffany's Barber! If help is questionable, he will be able to do anything.

(5) You cannot afford to pay for a restaurant dinner, you...
   a. bring a pair of Playtex Alves and dishwashing liquid.
   b. sneak out of the restaurant while the waiter isn't looking.
   c. hope your date is on a fast-food chain.
   d. show up at your date's house an hour early hoping to eat dinner with his/her family.

(6) At the dance, if you find you don't like your date, you...
   a. reflect on the longevity of life.
   b. find a friend who feels the same way and switch dates.
   c. sing heavily, saying, "I wonder who [insert name] is with right now?"
   d. put him/her in a taxi to a "destination unknown."

(7) Conversation with your date lags. You...
   a. enjoy the silence.
   b. say, "Hot enough for you?"
   c. smile and nod a lot, saying, "Ahh!"
   d. add the observation, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity."

(8) You don't think you will make it through the night. You try to remember...
   a. Lent isn't too far away.
   b. at least you got a new outfit.
   c. these are the best years of your life.
   d. life is but a dream.

(9) The morning after the dance, you...
   a. play "I can top your horror story at breakfast."
   b. change your phone number.
   c. Morning!! It's 3 a.m.!!
   d. wonder how to get home.

How did you score?
Mostly Aa: Well, the Church is always looking for vocations.
Mostly Bb: Start looking now for your date to prom.
Mostly Cc: Oh, cheer up.
Mostly Dd: You are getting very sleepyee...
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Your big break?
It could happen — maybe this (or any) Thursday at The Brew House, 1047 E. McMillan, in Walnut Hills, on Open Mike Night. Here’s how it works: You dress up in your favorite music, comedy and all points in-between up in front of The “Brew’s” eclectic crowd, then entertain them for entertainment’s sake. There’s no need to register in advance to perform, but spots can be reserved by calling Open Mike Night maestro Scott Dominick, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at 231-3641. Dominick says innocent bystanders — err, audience members — are more than welcome and should not be one bit bored.

Bring out your “beast”
It’ll be a zoo this Halloween at The Beauty Ball. Hosted by WEIN-FM’s “Sports Commando” Wild Man Walker, this costume party benefits the Cincinnati Zoo and features music by the band “Bi’s” in Puerto Vallarta for winners of the “Most Original Costume.” The Beauty Ball takes place Saturday, Oct. 31, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., in the Grand Baldwin Building at 635 Eden Park Drive. Tickets are $16 per person on sale now. Sorry, beastie boys and girls. You must be 21.

by Jennifer Hogan
staff reporter

As Xavier freshmen, they called themselves Study Break. But the band’s name eventually changed, their music was practiced and polished, and four years later Full Swing has found the key to success.

Seniors Dan Ross, Jim Cirillo and Pat Mathews, together with Brian and Todd Walker of Dayton, combined their talents to create a band whose sound Mathews describes as “rock arrangements of jazz, a full spectrum of music.”

This progressive sound is the result of diverse musical backgrounds within the group. Ross experience playing guitar in a rock band, coupled with Cirillo’s flair for jazz saxophone, brought the two together in 1984.

Mathews, fresh from California’s Music Institute of Technology, became drummer for Full Swing in 1985. With their love for rhythm and blues, Todd and Brian Walker on bass and keyboards added a contemporary edge to the band’s music.

When Full Swing reached its present lineup, band members began to concentrate on improving their sound. “We were pretty bad,” Ross says of the band’s beginnings. Today, according to Mathews, “All of us push each other to play better.”

Fifty percent of Full Swing’s material is originally composed. “It’s a lot of collaborative work,” Mathews says. Several pieces even have copyrights.

The improvement and innovation of Full Swing have led to its popularity with the Xavier audience. “The student body seems really into the type of music that we do,” says Mathews.

Mathews believes audience approval helps the band’s performance. When the audience seems to be enjoying the music, “Sometimes you step outside yourself and play above the level of your ability,” he says.

Full Swing will play at Xavier’s Homecoming dance this Saturday, Oct. 12. Beyond that date, band members won’t try to predict their musical future. But the men of Full Swing do plan on sounding even better. Says Ross, “We haven’t reached our peak yet.”

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Xavier nets $211,000 from NCAA competition

by Kimberly Grote
managing editor

This is the first article of a three-part series about the revenue Xavier received for competing in the 1987 NCAA basketball tournament.

During the 1987 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament, $20,189,436 in prize money was distributed to the 64 competing institutions.

Part one of three

Of that sum, Xavier University grossed $422,411. Fifty percent of that gross figure went back to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (MCC) league to be dispersed among the other five institutions in the league. Xavier’s net revenue from competing in the NCAA, therefore, was $211,210.50.

The total amount of money distributed to competing institutions derives mainly from television rights. CBS alone paid $36,635,300 for the rights to air the NCAA tournament games in 1987. CBS has recently signed a contract for more than $45 million for television rights for next year. Further income for the NCAA tournament comes from ticket and program sales, radio rights fees, and investigations.

The 50 percent of the NCAA revenue that goes back to the league is then split equally between the remaining institutions in the MCC: Loyola University, University of Detroit, Butler University, University of Evanston and St. Louis University.

According to Jeff Fogelson, director of athletics, this money returns to the league since every school must belong to a league to qualify for the automatic bid for the NCAA tournament.

The 50 percent of the net NCAA income received by Xavier is not only has gone to university and sports improvements and expenses. According to Fogelson, the NCAA gives the teams some money for expenses such as meals, transportation and accommodations under strict guidelines. For example, if the team flies to a game site, it must fly coach class. Xavier chartered a bus for last year’s games for convenience and to reduce cost.

NCAA expense funds do not cover all the incurred expenses, however, according to Fogelson. For the 1987 tournament, Xavier also took the band along which meant providing transportation and tickets for band members. Transportation was also required for the cheerleaders, and tickets were bought for approximately a dozen or two university officials.

Fogelson said the team went to the same hotel in Indianapolis a night before which meant paying for an extra night’s accommodations for the team members. Because the NCAA does pay for a portion of these expenses, Xavier only paid $45,000.

Part two in this series will explain the projects resulting from Xavier’s share of the NCAA money.

MCC adds Notre Dame and more prestige

by David Gruber
staff reporter

The University of Notre Dame announced Wednesday, Oct. 6, that the school is joining the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (MCC) in all sports except football and basketball. All the merit sports will join immediately except for golf which had a scheduling conflict. All women’s sports will compete in conference play next fall.

This announcement marks Notre Dame’s return to MCC membership after a period as an associate member from 1982-1986. The Fighting Irish competed only in men’s non-revenue sports during that time.

This is a “significant” announcement for the MCC and Xavier, and a “great thing for non-revenue sports,” said Jeff Fogelson, director of athletics.

This decision enables the MCC programs to compete with a big name school and helps to legitimize the other sports programs at Xavier and throughout the MCC.

In addition to the added prestige for the MCC, Notre Dame provides quality facilities for possible conference championships that are centrally located for the conference schools.

In the summer, the University of Dayton (UD) joined the MCC with men’s sports starting immediately (except for basketball and women’s sports starting next fall). The addition of UD may have influenced Notre Dame’s decision to join the MCC. Marquette University chose not to join in the summer but may have to reconsider.

This announcement puts the pressure on Marquette University to re-evaluate their options. According to Fogelson, the addition of Notre Dame and UD to the MCC helps to provide more publicity, prestige, and recognition of the MCC as a conference to contend with in all sports.

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**Player of the week**

**Bill Gordon**

**Sport:** BASEBALL  
**Year:** senior  
**Hometown:** Loveland, Ohio

Senior Bill Gordon led the baseball team in four batting categories during the Muskies’ 10-game fall season. He compiled 17 hits in 34 at bats for a .500 batting average, pounded out four home runs and 24 RBIs, and led the team with 11 stolen bases. Gordon also scored 12 runs, and had the state of Ohio.

**Position:** centerfielder  
**Height:** 6’1”  
**Weight:** 200 lbs.

As a management major, Gordon plans to enter the Franklin Invitational. At Franklin, the team finished third out of 15 teams. In the Invitational, Xavier beat all other MCC teams.

As for the future, Howard is hoping he can get his group together for a trip south to get them ready for the spring season. Big matches this spring include the Franklin Invitational at Ball State University and Michigan State University. There is also the Xavier Invitational that always draws a good field of competition.

When asked about this year’s goal, Howard responded with the word “consistency.”

“What if we can get the team to the next level?” asked Gordon. “That is a goal in itself.”

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14 There will be an open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 4-5 p.m., Health and Counseling Center. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Health Center at 745-3012.

15 Commuter Council will have a meeting, 1 p.m., in the OKI room, University Center, to discuss plans for the year and the upcoming Halloween party.

17 The Changing Face of Nursing," a seminar open to all nurses, will be held in the College of Business Administration building.

17 Get into the swim of things! Xavier will hold its second annual alumni swimming meet on Saturday, 2 p.m., at the O’Connor Sports Center, as part of Homecoming activities. Swimmers from past seasons are invited and encouraged to participate. For more information, contact coach Tassos Madonis, 745-3413.

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Miscellaneous

24-25 Parents go back to school as they visit Xavier during Family Weekend, sponsored by the Parents Club. Saturday activities include talks and slide shows offering an overview of Xavier, the city of Cincinnati and the basketball program. There will be a dinner sponsored by Steve Schmidt’s Jazz Band. On Sunday, there will be the men’s soccer game against Western Kentucky University. For more information, contact Rev. John Hein, 745-3161.

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30 To date blood, females must weigh at least 110 lbs., males at least 110 lbs. Blood donor sign-ups will be Oct. 15, 16 and 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., outside the Grill, and Oct. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in the cafeteria. For more information or an appointment, call 369-3140.

Get a room! The Clarion Hotel will offer discount rates of $64 to Xavier students. Students are required to present a Xavier ID at check-in. This is in order to qualify for the special rate. Payment must be made with a major credit card. A $20 damage deposit is required for destruction or damage to the hotel. All damage will be the financial responsibility of the guest registered in the room. Deposits are refundable after the room has been inspected by the hotel and university officials.

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