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Responses to Sex Week vary

By SONGS MULLA-OSMAN
Copy Editor

Controversy sparked by the first-ever “Sex Week.” Howev-
er, as Aimee Boivin and Devi Jagadesan acknowledged, that
was kind of the point.

“It’s to cause some controversy, to cause some conver-
sation points,” Jagadesan, the Student Government Asso-
ciation’s student rights and identity chair, said, “and we’re
reaching that goal right now.”

Boivin, president of Xavier Democrats, added, “We just
want to challenge the status quo, specifically on the univer-
sity’s policy regarding birth control and contraceptives on
campus.”

The mixed feedback stems from a video released Nov. 6
titled “Kiss My Pink XU.” The video was produced in collabora-
tion with Xavier Against Sexual Assault to “raise awareness of
importance of student access to birth control and contraception,”
according to the video’s description included on the YouTube
page.

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“Responses to Sex Week vary,” Jagadesan said. “It’s to
cause some controversy. The city of Cincinnati and the
name of the university, we should act like
a Catholic university.”

Boivin said that the College Republicans were invited to
be a part of Sex Week. “They opted not to respond
to my email,” Boivin said. “Had they decided to actually
be part of the week, I would have welcomed a discussion.”

Where Jagadesan, Boivin and Ward do agree is that sex
discussion is lacking on campus and that action should be
taken to rectify that. Boivin and Jagadesan expressed in-
terest in making Sex Week an annual event.

Despite the discord, Sex Week continues. Tuesday
night, a fundraiser for Women Helping Women was held
at Delicio Puzza. Students could order a “pizza or toss
my pink” drink, which, as the name suggests, was pink in
color and fruity in flavor.

Today, a photo shoot will be held in the Fenwick Atrium in
which students can have photos taken of themselves holding
signs with statements such as “shameless” and “my body
was a gift.”

“It’s going to be awesome, it’s going to be fun,” Jagade-
san said. “They get to wear pink lipstic. It’s just going
to be a fun day.”

Ideas for Fenwick re-name offered

By RYAN KAMBRICH
Copy Editor

The working group tasked with recommending name changes for Fenwick Place
will include faculty, staff and on-campus from the commu-
nity. Faculty, staff and on-campus participation in the scholarly discus-
sion surrounding the African American Roman Catholic priest, and Marian Spencer,
the first Black woman to be elected to the Cincinnati City
Council. Another suggestion is “Persons from Other Plac-
es,” honoring the legacy of those forgotten by the cruelty
of the slave trade.

There remains debate as to whether the name “Fenwick Place” should be changed at
all. Some argue that changing the name is an act of erasing the past and is an attempt
to deliberately forget the pain-
ful history that Xavier must grapple with. By keeping the name, the Xavier community is
forced to continue the con-
versation about slavery and
the university.

“I’m not sure what direc-
tion we would go,” Sen said.
“Personally, I think a hyphen-
ated name would be very in-
teresting — to have a Fen-
wick slash something.” I don’t
feel removing Fenwick com-
pletely erases from the memo-
ry. On the one hand, replacing it has its own virtues. Having
a hyphenated name allows us
to perpetuate the conversa-
tion, because it will always be
in our memory.”

Ihsan Walker, a sophomore biology major, disagreed. “I think renaming the building makes a statement, to not only the city of Cincinnati and the state, but to the nation as well, especially in such times as we’re in. It shows that Xavier takes a stand on injustice, even
though that wasn’t Bishop Fenwick’s whole story.”

James, a senior history ma-
jor and “Fenwick Fellow” who
worked alongside Gollar this
summer, agreed with Walker.
“Unsure at first,” James said. “It was nice to hear
different opinions, but the more I thought about it, I
definitely agree that the name
should be changed, solely be-
cause there are certain sins that are unforfeitable, and slavery is an unforgivable sin.”

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On-campus chapel breaks ground

The new building will be transported in one piece from Anderson Township

By Heather Gast

The ground broke for the Our Lady of Peace Chapel re-location project last week after nearly two years of planning. The existing structure is being uprooted from the Williams family property in Anderson Township and re-constructed at the end of the academic mall between Schott and Edgecliff halls. Both the Williams family, which was responsible for funding Xavier's Williams College of Business, and the critical donors responsible for Bellarmine Chapel were devout Catholics. The Our Lady of Peace Chapel was built on the family's property in the 1930's but has not been in use. The chapel was used as a private space of devotion for the Williams family as well as the site for family weddings and baptisms through most of the 20th century. Thomas Williams approached Father Michael Graham, president, in December 2015, wanting to donate the chapel to the university to preserve the historic structure.

According to Vice President of Physical Plant Robert Sheeran, the creation of Physical Plant's master plans "don't happen in a vacuum." The 2005 Master Plan was constructed by a committee within Physical Plant that drew upon feedback from alumni, students, donors and community members who live in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

The project falls in line with two main parts of the 2003 Master Plan: to create a collection of memorable spaces on campus and to make Xavier a walkable campus. Sheeran aspires to create the charming chapel and adjoining cottage garden as not only a memorable space, but also refers to the future chapel as a "jewel box" on campus — something that draws attention, especially from prospective students and families walking out of Schott Hall.

The sidewalks on Dana on either side of what was Herald Avenue will be connected, increasing campus accessibility. The remaining area that used to be Herald Avenue will be covered with grass, increasing the amount of greenspace on Xavier's campus.

The structure will not only be reconstructed on campus, but elements of the small 22-seat chapel will be restored, such as the stained glass windows that have been removed. The Our Lady of Peace Chapel will also be the university's first geothermal building on campus.

Vehicle traffic will not be affected on Dana Avenue as Physical Plant works to reroute sewer and electrical lines to bring the 100 year old chapel up to modern building code standards. The reconstruction of the chapel is projected to finish in June of 2018, with a dedication shortly after.

Week in review
What you may have missed

- An advocate for democracy in Hong Kong was found guilty of attacking the city's former leader one year ago, when he threw a "smelly fish sandwich" at the man (Oct. 31).
- A Saskatchewan landowner found that a house he had been abandoned on his property. The building was on its way to a different province in Canada when the shipping company began having issues and decided to simply leave the building in the closest clearing they could find (Nov. 2).
- A UK woman discovered nine sheep in her kitchen one morning. She later learned that her new sheepdog puppy was actually just doing his job too enthusiastically (Nov. 3).
- Notes asking customers to support workers' rights movements in Indonesia have been found in the pockets of articles of clothing being sold at local Zara stores, according to customers (Nov. 4).

NOTE OF THE WEEK
Well, at least it's not your aunt...

Oct. 31, 7:05 p.m. — An employee reported the theft of a cardboard cutout of a Game of Thrones character from the Fenwick Place lobby. There are no identified suspects at the moment.

Nov. 5, 5:02 p.m. — Xavier Police, Residence Life and Cincinnati Fire responded to Commons Apartments for a fire alarm. Students cooking on the third floor activated a smoke detector. The system was reset.

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Let’s get eXcited for basketball season

BY RILEY HEAD
A&E Editor

Pick a favorite basketball player and watch them specifically
There are a lot of little rules and technicalities in basketball and it can be quite overwhelming to just dive straight into the game.

Be a host or hostess
Things can get a little out of control at the games, so take control before and host a pre-game! Make a playlist, provide snacks and invite all of your friends. It can help get you excited for gameday and you can feel included in the festivities.

Be best dressed
Spice up gameday by trying to find the most festive outfits. The jersey and jeans look is always a classic, but spice it up by going to Goodwill and creating some new game day outfits. Maybe you’ll even get lucky and find some vintage Xavier fan gear!

Memorize all the cheers and be the loudest cheerleader in the student section
There is a multitude of chants that the student section will scream periodically throughout the game. If you’re a very extroverted or particularly loud person, make this your time to be an integral piece of the crowd.

Make or rent funny signs and try to get on TV
X-Treme fans will loan you a funny cutout that you can wave around in exchange for your ALL card. Cutouts in the past have included Justin Bieber, the fire emoji and the Pope. You can take goofy pictures with them, and it’s a great way to get someone’s attention from across the crowd. If you can get creative or crazy enough with your sign, you might make it on TV!

Have dance parties with your friends during timeouts when the music starts
The playlist that the Cintas Center uses can get a little crazy sometimes, so enjoy it and go wild with your friends. There’s no pressure to be paying attention to the game, so the more distracting the better!

Make a Bingo card with crazy things and see if you can spot them all at the game
Some pretty wild things can go down at basketball games, so see if you can catch all of them. Basketball players get into fights, Father Graham might make an appearance or the person who they asked to make the halftime shot could actually make it!

The ultimate pump up basketball season playlist

X gonna give it to ya x DMX

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This Friday marks the official start of the Xavier basketball season as the Musketeers take on Morehead State. Basketball might not be everyone’s passion, but it is a great way to build camaraderie with your peers.

If you’re not a big basketball person, but are feeling left out, check out these tips!

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2017-18 men’s basketball outlook

**By Paul Frutschner**  
Staff Writer

There is a certain excitement coursing through the campus of Xavier University at the moment. That’s because, at least on paper, this year’s Xavier team is expected to be one of the best in program history.

Yes, many made the same statement about last year’s team, but due to injuries the regular season did not quite turn out as many had hoped. Then in March, a brutal winter was wiped from the memories of Musketeer fans as the team reached its third Elite Eight, the first in almost 10 years.

In May, Trevon Bluiett announced he would be returning for his senior campaign, or “Round 4,” as he tweeted, and that really set the table for what could be a special season. Per usual, the Musketeers did not give themselves many breaks in this year’s schedule. After a couple of contests to ease into the season, the Musketeers will travel to Madison, Wisc., as part of the Gavitt Games for two games in the Continental Tire Las Vegas Invitational before returning to Cintas to buckle down for a long stretch of play.

First it’s Baylor, who manhandled Xavier down in Texas as a season ago to give the Musketeers their first loss of the season. Then, only a few days later, it’s the Crosstown Shootout against Cincinnati. Make no mistake, this year’s Bearcats team is very, very good. In fact, there is a real possibility that both teams could be ranked in the Top 15 when the game is played. Xavier will have the home court advantage, but it’s slated to be quite the battle in early December.

Colorado, who also beat the Musketeers last year, will travel to Cintas with another solid squad, and Xavier will take on Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls as well before Big East play begins. Simply put, there are ample opportunities to secure massive wins prior to conference play.

The Musketeers did lose Malcolm Bernard and RShid Gaston, but their losses should be more than made up for in the form of this year’s highly touted freshman class. Paul Scruggs, Naji Marshall and Elias Hardin join an uber-talented squad that will look to hit the ground running and make their presence known nationally early in the season.

With a wealth of experience and some new faces, the Musketeers are primed to do something great this season: make the Final Four.

**Kanter brings versatility to front court**

By Donnie Menke  
Staff Writer

With departures come arrivals, as Xavier brings in what is widely considered a top-10 recruiting class in addition to graduate transfer Kerem Kanter.

Kanter, the younger brother of NBA center Enes Kanter, comes to Xavier after spending three seasons playing for the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Last season, Kanter led his team in scoring, with 11.3 points per game, and rebounding, with 6.3 rebounds per game.

Kanter brings solid big man depth, as a 6’10” center. He also brings shooting to the rotation.

Kanter made 53 percent of his threes last year after improving his shooting stroke. In addition to his unique shooting for a college big man, Kanter is also able to handle the ball very well.

His ability to run the fast break after grabbing a rebound could lead to an increase in easy transition baskets.

The size and depth he brings to the table could allow coach Chris Mack more freedom in running the offense.

A lineup with Quentin Goodin, J.P. Macura, Trevon Bluiett, Kaiser Gates and Karaffi would be able to space the floor easily, as all have respectable three-point shots.

Also joining the team as walk-ons are freshman guard Nick Vanderpohl and senior forward Matt Singleton.

Vanderpohl is a guard from Harrison, Ohio, which is less than a half-hour drive from Xavier.

During his senior year in high school, Vanderpohl was part of the first team All-Southwest Ohio Conference and was named the conference defensive player of the year.

Singleton is a forward from Garrett, Ind., which is around four hours away by car. After his senior season in high school, Singleton was named to the ACAC All-Conference First Team, All-Area First Team and Academic All-State First Team.

These new faces should provide depth and shooting should the team need it, and these two will be more than ready to answer the bell.

**2017-18 Men’s Team Roster**

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Kerem Kanter hopes to make an immediate impact at Xavier.
2017-18 women’s hoops preview

Staff Writer

The freshmen recruits in-
ing experience this season.
They open with three con-

By Riley Head

The women’s basketball season began a little differ-
ently this year. Instead of adding
the seniors to really make a

eight this year. Instead of add-
ing depth and talent that was not as present last season.
“We have nine freshmen and sophomores that are coaching and ask questions,” Neal said.
He mentioned that he wants to keep concepts simple and add more as the year goes on.
However, Neal noted on media day that he expects the seniors to really make a difference. With regard to seniors Jada Byrd and Anni-
a Åijänen, Neal commented, “Those two in particular have really good springs and summer training."

The team starts the season with an 11-game non-confer-
ence schedule, which includes an away game at Minneso-
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The freshmen add youth to women’s team

The women’s basketball season began a little different-
ly this year. Instead of adding one or two new recruits to its offi-
cicial roster, the team added six new freshmen.

The freshmen include Deja Ross from Prov-
ance, R.L.; Princess Stewart from Frankfort, Ky.; Aly Reiff from South Whitley, Ind.; Ariana Gray from Cleveland; and Jordyn Dawson from Huntington, W.V.

In high school, Dawson was named the 2016 West Virginia Gatorade Player of the Year.

The program is looking to the future with this large recr-
uting class. Last season saw the graduation of three top players: Raeshaun Gaffney, Leah Schafer and Maddison Blackwell.

This year’s squad has a large number of freshmen, which could cause chemistry issues. This tough set of games early in the season may help accelerate the process.

After the non-conference slate, Big East play doesn’t get much easier. In the pre-
season coaches poll, Xavier was picked to finish last in the conference. However, this may be a testament to the strength of the conference, rather than an indictment of the women’s basketball program.

“This may be the deepest Big East has ever been,” Neal said. “There’s so many different styles of play.”

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by averaging 2017-18 Women's Team Roster

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Xavier’s home arena features new upgrades catering to the fan experience

BY COLIN COOPER
Staff Writer

Construction crews got to work in Cintas Center the morning of first Xavier men’s basketball concluded its final home game last spring.

They worked to upgrade Cintas in order to keep it as one of the premier arenas in both the conference and the country.

Crews worked quickly and efficiently to finish the arena before the 2017-2018 season tipped off, having only a few short months to finish these upgrades.

One of the most noticeable updates was the lighting. Lights were both installed and taken away in order to create a new atmosphere in the building.

Anyone who has been to a Xavier game in previous years will notice how much darker the seating area is and how much brighter the court is this year.

This year Cintas a similar aesthetic to arenas like Madison Square Garden. Having dark lighting in the seats and bright lighting on the court makes the floor seem more crisp and clean, which will be a welcome sight for Musketeer fans.

Another large upgrade for Cintas this offseason was seating. Crews added new seating areas to hang above the student section in addition to cushioned court-side sections. These added areas will create a bigger home court advantage for Xavier teams.

Areas like the student section made the switch from seats to bleachers, allowing more students to attend games.

The overarching student section also adds more seating and will no longer be a standing-room-only area.

The nicest upgrade to seating, however, is the courtside seating. Approximately 550 new and luxurious seats were added for those paying top dollar to see a Xavier game.

If you’re a person who has been to a basketball game, you’ll be in luck this season. Cintas offers more seating and added bars throughout the building to ensure that fans of age can enjoy their experience even more.

Renovations to the Joseph Cintas Club now make it one of the best places to watch the game and will include the “Traditions Club” and the “Courtside Club.”

Regardless of where you’ll be sitting in Cintas this upcoming season, you’ll be sure to notice all the renovations.

The new additions to Cintas ensure Xavier basketball is on the rise and will continue to remain one of the top programs in the nation as well as one of the premier Arenas for fans when they visit the arena.

Analysis: 2018 class is sound

BY TIN KRAMER
Staff Writer

A year removed from one of Xavier’s best recruiting classes in history, the 2017-18 class seems to be falling a little bit behind.

This should not be anything that should worry fans for the program’s future, however, because of the young roster and recruiting class that arrived on campus this fall.

While two of the three big men on the roster being seniors this season, head coach Chris Mack and his crew were still able to fill the gap with a trio of high profile freshman. Jake Walter from nearby Covington Catholic in Kentucky.

Walter is a fundamentally sound center who stands at 6’10” and weighs 265 pounds. Walter seems to be quite comparable to current senior captain Sean O’Mara based on videos and player reviews.

With the way Xavier developed its players, Walter has the potential to be productive down the road.

Xavier also picked up four-star recruit Keonte Kennedy from Westlake High School (Austin, Texas) is Xavier’s top-ranked recruit in the 2018 class. The worst-case scenario for Xavier basketball concluded its final home game last spring. Their 2015 class had one long term, current junior forward Kaiser Gates. Mack has proven people wrong year after year and continues to develop the basketball program to be a contender in the Big East.

It is only November, so no one should worry too much about the current recruiting class. The worst-case scenario is Mack recruits a top transfer player in the country, like he has done in the past with players such as Matt Stainbrook, Remy Abell, Malcolm Bernard and most recently, Jeram Koeran.

The basketball program seems prepared for the future with a young core of Quentin Goodin, Tyrique Jones, Paul Scruggs, Naji Marshall and Eliass Harren. Even with only two recruits in this year’s current recruiting class, one cannot question Mack and this Xavier program because of the success it has had the past few years.

All in all, this program seems to be in good shape.

Nike decks out X

BY COLIN COOPER
Staff Writer

New uniforms have been on the minds of many since the conclusion of Xavier men’s basketball magical NCAA Tournament run last season. Speculation about the new jerseys has run rampant all throughout the Xavier fan base.

Will the color scheme change? Will the logo change? Will J.P. be able to wear sleeves anymore?

Thankfully, Xavier Nation finally got a chance to see the new gear, which was unveiled in late October.

Xavier’s “Reveal Week” used Twitter as the medium to display the team’s new look, revealing a new uniform concept daily. Retaing its Nike sponsorship, the team was able to receive all of the most recent upgrades and features that the company has to offer.

These features include a new lightweight material, modern neckline and shorts cut, metallic accents and various classic designs.

For three of the six uniforms, the team kept the same colors: white, navy blue and black. The most noticeable changes include the neckline, the sword design on the shorts and the modern, slimmer cut all around the body.

With the next three uniform reveals, however, changes were more noticeable.

The final three colors included one gray alternate and two white and royal blue throwbacks. The gray alternate is nothing new to Xavier basketball, but this season it comes back with a new design. Proclaiming it as “Heavy Metal,” the dark gray adds a new color to the Musketeers’ color palette.

The final two uniforms pay homage to the famous “Running Man” throwbacks from past generations of Xavier basketball.

Implemented on the shorts of both the white and royal blue uniform, it seeks to display the team’s pride in its heritage.

In addition to the throwback logo on the shorts, the two shorts also have a new modern cut that is different from the other four uniforms.

To check out the new uniforms, go to XavierMBB on Twitter and watch the unifom reveals video. Pictures of both the home and away jersey and shorts are available now at the All For One Shop.

Renovations to the Joseph Cintas Club now make it one of the best places to watch the game and will include the “Traditions Club” and the “Courtside Club.”

Both will be catered to alumni and older fans. Students will also still see changes with more mini bars scattered throughout the concourse.

One other change to Cintas include a new court name, Kohlhepp Family Court. While the new court does not display the Cincinnati skyline anymore, it does have more blue, which makes it more striking to the eyes.

Other additions include “The Lookout” hospitality suite. Located on the upper level, above the student section, the suite will provide guests with televisions, a virtual reality station and many more amenities to enjoy the game.

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The life of a basketball manager

Nate Bohn talks about his experiences in his second year working with team

BY TIM KRAMER
Staff Writer

The 2017-18 Xavier basketball managers work extremely hard to help the men’s basketball team operate smoothly. Sophomore Nate Bohn, who is in his second year as a basketball manager, shares his experiences.

Staff Writer

Luke Feliciano: The Musketeers have the talent to navigate through a tough Big East and have a good shot to win the conference. Expect the team to gradually gain momentum as the season goes along and then turn on the jets come the tail end of the season to make another deep run into March Madness.

Paul Fritschner: Prepare to take some lumps in the non-conference just like last year, but by Big East play a lot of those wrinkles will be ironed out. Xavier will finish second in the Big East behind Villanova, and then it will be the lack of the draw in the NCAA Tournament.

Colin Cooper: Xavier will take third place in the regular conference standings but will win its first-ever Big East Tournament title. In the NCAA Tournament the team will make it to another Elite Eight but fall short of the Final Four on a buzzer beater. The year of J.P. is upon us.

Jack Dunn: I think that the Musketeers, with a strong set of returners this season, will be able to make a strong run to claim the Big East title and make a Final Four appearance in March Madness.

Donnie Menke: The team challenges Villanova for the regular season crown, showcasing its depth and talent, but will ultimately fall a game or two short. The Musketeers get revenge in the Big East Tournament, though, and beat Villanova in the championship game. The run of success continues into March Madness where they make the first Final Four in school history.

Tim Kramer: If Xavier can stay healthy, I would not be surprised to see a non-conference record around 11-2. Led by Bluett and Macura, I see a top-three finish in conference with a team ready to make a deep run in both the Big East and the NCAA Tournament.

Jess Griggs: Matt Stainbrook will drive Edmond Sumner to the NCAA Championship game in an Uber. Sumner will miraculously emerge from the crowd and make the game-winning shot for the Musketeers.

Guard Malcolm Bernard, a key part of the tournament run, was drafted with the 13th overall pick in the G-League draft. Bernard, originally set to play in Argentina, will play this upcoming season with the Grand Rapids Drive. In a recent interview with 2 Ways and 10 Days, Bernard said, “I just thought I wanted to give it a shot. Lots of people told me good things about the G-League for exposure. It’s also a great opportunity to stay at home and be able to grow as a person.”

Also playing pro ball this season is former big man TaShid Gaston. He is currently playing in France for Aix-Maurienne, a team in France’s B division. Gaston is currently averaging 18.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game through two contests. Although it doesn’t look like these former Musketeers will see any time in the NBA until Sumner gets healthy, they will all still be playing professionally.
Men’s 2017-18 Big East preview

Musketeers pitted against tough competition, have tools to win conference

By Jack Dunn
Staff Writer

The 2017-18 Big East men’s basketball season is shaping up to be a fantastic year. Seven months after sending seven teams to the tournament, the Big East is sporting three AP top 25 teams to start off the season.

The Xavier Musketeers went the deepest into the tournament last year, stringing together several upsets to make it to the Elite Eight. Currently ranked 17th in the AP Top 25, the Musketeers look to unseat the Villanova Wildcats from the top spot they have claimed two of the last three years.

Villanova is hoping to return to its 2016 NCAA championship form this year. Currently ranked sixth in the AP Top 25, the Wildcats look to bounce back from the early second round exit at the hands of Wisconsin last year. Center Omari Spellman will be able to take the court for the first time after sitting out the 2016-17 season. Guard Jalen Brunson looks to be the best player on the team in post-Josh Hart era.

The Seton Hall Pirates, currently ranked 23rd in the AP Top 25, also return four starters from last year. With the experience of three seniors, guard Khadeen Carrington, forward Desi Rodriguez and center Angel Delgado, the Pirates hope to make their third straight appearance in the tournament, as well as contend for a Big East championship.

The Providence Friars shocked their way into March Madness, winning 20 games in what was supposed to be a down year. Although not ranked in the AP Top 25, the Friars are returning their top seven scorers. Look to see them find a way into the top 25 by the season’s end.

The Butler Bulldogs lost head coach Chris Holtmann to Ohio State this season. In his first season as the Bulldog’s head coach, LaVall Jordan looks to improve on their 25-9 record. Butler is where the conference starts to drop off in terms of talent, as the Bulldogs lost some key players from last year’s team.

The Creighton Blue Jays went 25-10 last year but were dealt a serious blow when Justin Patton went to the NBA after his freshman year. However, the number two scorer in the conference, guard Marcus Foster, returns for his senior year. The Blue Jays also have a very talented freshman class, who can make an impact right as the season starts.

The St. John’s Red Storm had a rough 2017, going 14-19. However, this was still an improvement from head coach Chris Mullin’s first year, when the team had a record of 8-24. The new arena in the conference going forward is if they can continue to produce elite shooting from behind the arc.

All-Big East freshman guards Marcus Lovett and Shamorie Ponds are the players the Red Storm hope will lead the way.

The Marquette Golden Eagles were the best team in the country when shooting behind the arc last season, making an incredible 42.9 percent of three threes thanks to guard Markus Howard. Despite a huge upset at home last year, the Golden Eagles were unable to move past the first round of March Madness. Nonetheless, big expectations going forward is if they can continue to shoot better from behind the arc.

The DePaul Blue Demons fell to the bottom of the conference last season, posting a 9-23 record. The most exciting thing to look forward to this season? The new arena.

The Georgetown Hoyas fired head coach John Thompson III after back-to-back disappointing seasons and hired former Hoyas star Patrick Ewing. His coaching skills will be tested, as he inherits a Georgetown squad that lost three of its top five scorers including guards Rodney Pryor and L.J. Peak in addition to forward Bradley Hayes.

Women’s 2017-18 Big East conference preview

Musketeers to face two ranked opponents in top 25, DePaul & Marquette

By Jack Dunn
Staff Writer

The 2017-18 Big East women’s basketball season has a number of promising teams that could go deep into the tournament. One question remains if this year’s Xavier Musketeers squad can improve upon its lackluster 2016-17 season.

The Musketeers were ranked 10th in this year’s pre-season coaches’ poll, three spots from last year. Xavier will only be returning one starter this year, its top perimeter shooter redshirt junior guard Kinsell Fincher. She nailed 52 from behind the arc last season, good enough for 10th best in the conference.

The team will also look for its very talented freshmen to add some more offense this year, with top of the class being freshman guard Jordyn Dawkins, who averaged a double-double in high school.

The Musketeers posted a 12-18 overall record last year, going 4-14 in the conference. At the top of the conference this year are the Marquette Golden Eagles. They are the reigning Big East champs and are currently ranked 19th in this year’s preseason AP top 25. Junior guard Aliaa Blockton is one of three returners in the starting lineup for the Eagles. She was voted the Big East Preseason Player of the Year and averaged 17.1 points per game last season. Last year’s tournament Cinderella team, the Eagles went 6-0 against top-25 teams.

The DePaul Blue Demons are ranked No. 20 in the preseason AP top 25. Looking to go for a fifth regular season title and 16th straight tournament berth, the Blue Demons return two starters this year.

Ashston Millender and Maree Grays were both sidelined with various injuries last year but look to remain healthy for the season.

Villanova went 11-7 in conference play last season, going 20-13 overall. The team will be strengthened by the return of its top six scorers this season. Senior Alex Louin and junior Adrianna Hahn were named to the preseason All-Conference team.

Villanova has not finished at the top of the conference since 1996-97 season, but is looking strong to make a run at it this season.

Creighton was co-regular season champions with DePaul last season but is currently ranked fourth in the conference in the preseason poll. This may be a little low for the Blue Jays, who went 12-1 at home but 9-6 on the road. Despite losing their top three scorers to graduation, the Blue Jays still have plenty of defense to make up for that loss of offense.

The Georgetown Hoyas are in a potential rebuilding year, being ranked in the middle of the Big East in the preseason. The Hoyas went 9-9 in conference play last season and 17-13 overall.

Losing three-time All-Big East Dorothy Adomako to injury does not help their prospects of improving. Georgetown is going through its fifth coach in seven seasons and is still trying to find its place in the conference.

The Seton Hall Pirates are ranked sixth in this year’s preseason poll. They look to turn around last year’s 14-14 Big East record. Without a better conference record, the Pirates will not be able to mainte their 12-19 record from last season.

The St. John’s Red Storm loses Big East co-defensive player of the year Aaliyah Lewis to graduation, as well as senior Jade Walker.

This means the team lost two of its top three scorers. It hopes to mimic Marquette this year, riding the back of a top-50 freshman Quadshah Hoppie to a regular season success.

The Butler Bulldogs only had two conference wins, which continues a trend in the bottom half of the conference. Wins against non-conference teams will be key this year, with their facing No. 15 West Virginia and Virginia Tech before conference play begins.

The Providence Friars are ranked number one in this year’s preseason rankings. They went 4-14 in conference and 12-19 overall last season. Each coach will change this year, after losing two seniors who were some of the best the Friars have had in program history. They don’t look to rise higher than their current ranking.
“Togetherness is paramount”
Head coach Chris Mack and players speak at annual basketball media day

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Elite Eight. Those words seem to roll off the tongue naturally for the Xavier Musketeers. Last year, a season that might have gone by the wayside was salvaged by an incredible hot streak to send Xavier to the Elite Eight. This season, fans can expect much of the same as the Musketeers have a star-studded cast in their arsenal to contend for the nation’s best.

The annual basketball media day was the first glimpse into what many hope to be a promising season. Ninth year head coach Chris Mack and players spoke to the media about the buzz surrounding theTip-Off season.

Mack and his players seemed relaxed, experienced and focused. If you like to see in a team that has all the potential in the world if it can gel together.

This year’s personnel give this team a bit of a different feel, perhaps with more line-up versatility than last year. Mack, who commonly uses a guard-heavy lineup with one true big, stated that the team could go with a bigger lineup or a smaller lineup at any given time.

He also emphasized that the Musketeers must continue to play as a cohesive unit because “togetherness is paramount.”

One returning player will undoubtedly have a major impact on the preseason ranked No. 17 Musketeers this year: senior guard Trevon Bluiett. He has already collected several preseason accolades including spots on the ESPN All-America Third Team and the watch list for National Player of the Year.

Mack pointed out that everyone knows Bluiett is a prolific scorer, and he emphasized his senior, saying that he has made improvements in the offseason on other aspects of the game outside of shooting such as the pick-and-roll. Bluiett’s return to the team was up in the air after Xavier fell to Gonzaga in the Elite Eight. He was assertive in saying that his return to the team was fueled with the drive to do something no Xavier team has ever done before, such as winning a National Championship.

He pointed to his own keys for success for this year’s team, using the phrase “attack and finish.”

Another key player that Mack’s team returns is senior J.P. Macura. He is a great all-out style of play makes him an exciting player to watch on the floor. Mack spoke of Macura’s leadership remarking that he had a phenomenal senior year and is a player who plays with a chip on his shoulder.

Bluiett chimed in about his for minutes this year as he has assumed a leadership role in telling people where to be and what to do on the floor.

Xavier returns yet another senior in forward Sean O’Mara, who performed particularly well near the back end of last season. Mack took notice of the great shape that O’Mara is in and said confidence and consistency will be key for him coming off a strong postseason. Mack made the assessment that O’Mara will be successful this season, provided he doesn’t get into early foul trouble.

This seemed to be a problem not only with O’Mara but with all of the forwards last season.

The Musketeers have a new face at their disposal—Kezem Kanter, a graduate transfer from Turkey who originally played at Wisconsin-Green Bay. Mack noted that Kanter’s game is different than most big men, stating that he adds something different being able to step out past the three-point line: “the euro style of basketball.”

Kanter said he feels comfortable at Xavier and believes he has good players around him. He maintained that he has been working on his overall game as well. O’Mara spoke about Kanter, saying that his arrival has allowed him to aid in personal development.

O’Mara also remarked that Kantar is multifaceted, which is a plus for the team because he has the ability to space out the floor on offense.

Mack stated that having experienced seniors is instrumental to the success of the team.

He has noticed that his seniors have taken on what he called a “regenerative leadership” role, which was described as having the older players assume a role in coaching the younger players.

Xavier has a star in the making in sophomore Quenton Goodin, who took over as the team’s primary point guard after Edmond Sumner suffered a season-ending injury.

Mack stated that Goodin’s experience last year allowed him to “grow into a voice as a point guard” and that was “huge for his development.”

One of his strengths is being an explosive rim attacker and Mack believes he has become a better finisher at the rim.

The Musketeers, although experienced and talented, have a tall task ahead of them. The Big East remains one of college basketball’s toughest conferences.

Mack attributes the toughness of the schedule to the fact that the league has stayed old in the sense that there aren’t a lot of one-and-dones that some other programs have. Nonetheless, Mack sees this as positive because it makes the league a whole more competitive.

The Musketeers are yet again one of the nation’s top teams, and the sheer excitement is brewing as the Xavier faithful prepare for another successful season.

Analysis: Marshall, freshmen will produce for X

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While the current 2018 recruiting has been small for the Musketeers, the freshmen who are about to take the court for Xavier have been one of the best recruiting classes in school history.

Consistently ranked as one of the top classes in the country, the 2017 class has a chance to build on some extraordinary achievements throughout the last few years.

Two members of the 2017 class are not on the team. Kendall Pollard and Jones did not qualify academically and is not currently attending Xavier, and Jared Ridder recently transferred to Missouri State.

As a result, the class is down to three members, but they are still highly touted and extremely talented.

The most heralded of the three recruits is Paul Scruggs, a four-star recruit from Indiana who was ranked 29th nationally by 24/7 Sports.

Scruggs played three seasons in Indiana at Southport High School before he transferred to Prolific Prep in California for his senior season. He was limited to only five games at the west coast but use that deft touch to rim but use that deft touch to
10 Sportsketball Facts: For the Real Fake Fans

Need some random knowledge so you will be fun at parties, just need to pretend to fit in on campus or genuinely love Xavier Basketball? Look no further than this list!

1. The new student section can fit more than 1,000 students. This is great news, but stay on top of those X-pulse points!
2. You can spot Bill Murray at the Xavier basketball games supporting his son as one of Xavier’s assistant coaches. Spotting him at the games is like you’re playing Where’s Waldo, but once you do, you feel incredibly blessed and immediately post to your Snapchat story.
3. The cheerleading team wasn’t a Xavier recognized sport until recently. Before it was a club.
4. The mascots are technically a part of the cheer team without the whole lifting and tumbling aspect.
5. You may need some super Scooby-Doo sleuthing skills to figure out who the mascot is at the games. There are four students who are the Blue Blob and three students who are D’Artagnan.
6. Myth Alert: The Blue Blob was not created because we won in a competition against UC. The Blue Blob’s true origin story was that kids were scared of D’Artagnan, so the Blue Blob was created to be a more kid-friendly mascot. No explanation on the weird tongue accessory the mascot has, though!
7. D’Artagnan is based on the protagonist in the Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas. He travels to Paris after leaving home in hopes of joining the Musketeers of the Guard. Through his journey, he becomes friends with the three musketeers and begins an exciting adventure of state affairs.
8. The Dance Team is ranked seventh in the nation and plans to bop to the top this season.
9. Xavier and UC’s dance teams have a tradition of dancing together during the halftime show for the Crosstown Shootout games.
10. The Big East Conference is primarily made up of Catholic colleges and universities.

Aries: The walk-on of your choice will play in the last 10 minutes of the game.
Taurus: By forgetting to get your ticket for the game, you will run into Bill Murray in the R-2 Lot.
Gemini: Buy some nachos and you will win free tuition, but don’t question the correlation.
Cancer: Get’cha head in the game and watch Xavier bop to the top.
Leo: Make sure to work out and stretch for the flex cam, there your true love will find you or some weirdos. Who can say?
Virgo: To prepare for basketball season, make sure to learn Space Jam by heart.
Libra: Your cheering will single handedly bring Xavier to the Final Four this season.
Scorpio: You will live the dream and Father Graham will invite you to sit with him at the game. There, you will become best friends.
Sagittarius: Crank out some homework before the game, you will thank yourself later.
Capricorn: You will be blessed with seeing the Blue Blob roll.
Aquarius: You’re going to get hit in the face with a basketball.
Pisces: You will be on TV this Friday! Make sure to wave to your parents.