By Chuck Collins
Guest Writer

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

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

“Brockman” was the first dorm, and at the time, that was code,” McCoy noted.

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

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

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

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

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

“All we can do is educate students,” Lambert said.

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

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

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

“They’re annoying because I’m always doing something when they go off,” Rewers said.

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Chalk incident response: big talk, little action
Conversations on follow-up, bias and free speech have yet to yield results

By Hannah Paige
Staff Writer

It’s been two weeks since Xavier Students for Life’s chalk art was washed away from sidewalks outside Kuhlman Hall and near Holmes Hall, and Vice President Cole XUS4L stressed the importance of maintaining the chalk art.

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

President Johnny sprzich and Vice President Cole Stautberg both supported more conversation on campus to spark discussion. SGA members went back and forth discussing if the incident was truly bias-related or not but did come to a conclusion. Senators Sam Peters, Tyler Harmon and Rohny Armold also discussed what it means to have pro-choice voices on a Catholic school campus.

The incident was not discussed during the Oct. 29 meeting SGA is waiting to hear more information about the investigation before doing any follow up, according to SGA Adviser Dustin Lewis. “It’s a major issue that catholics stand for,” and “not sweep the incident under the rug simply because it is controversial.”

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

Senior liberal arts major Lauren Dencker also focused on Xavier’s Catholic and Jesuit traditions.

“It’s a private institution, and we kind of have our own rights away from the institution itself,” Dencker said. “Though, the climate of Xavier has progressively been changing away from its Jesuit and Catholic roots... so in 50 years — maybe even less than that — will this be the Xavier that is an actual institution of Catholic social teaching and Jesuit tradition?”

First-year nursing major Laura Life supports pro-choice voices on campus as well and said that everyone should have the freedom to speak, but that the chalk art vandalism took that voice away from pro-life students.

XUS4L exists under the larger organization Students for Life of America and “is University,” another Catholic institution.

The press release, titled “The Mob Comes to the College Event,” criticized Xavier’s response to the incident, saying it has not been productive. The press release and blog post were written by Matt Lamb, a spokesperson for the organization.

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

The blog post did not originally include accurate information regarding the incident. Students for Life’s chalk drawings on Oct. 17 was bias-related.

Responses from the national Students for Life of America and XUS4L varied. In its editorial published in the Oct. 24 edition of the Nebraskan, XUS4L stressed the importance of free speech on campus and expressed love for everyone, even those who destroyed the chalk art.

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

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

In the press release, the organization’s president Kristan Hawkins was also quoted supporting free speech. “We respect the free-speech rights of all students, and we only ask that pro-choice students respect our campus,” Hawkins said.

“Sadlly, under the influence of pro-choice politicians who incite violence and encourage kicking of conservative people, many students believe it is OK to commit violence against people they disagree with and for no other reason.”

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

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

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

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

At the event, students were given the opportunity to make connections with prominent businesses in the community like Kroger, the Cincinnati Reds and Lince. Many businesses were looking to hire students for jobs or internships at the fair, including the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, Amazon, Fifth Third Bank and more. The event also had resources specifically for building a resume, offering resume advising and headshots free of charge.

Students could get a “Taste of Cincinnati” from a variety of restaurants, including spooky BBQ from Montgomery Inn, veggie wraps from Findlay Market, chilli from Graeter’s. Individual booths also had a variety of food. Jimmy John’s gave away chips and cookies while Thunderdome Restaurant Group, the business that owns Currito, was offering free chips and guacamole.

Several volunteer and community organizations were present at the fair, such as Habitat for Humanity and the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati.
CPS goes toe-to-toe with FC Cincy

Confederate statues debate rages

BY RYAN KAMBICH
Opinions & Editorials Editor

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

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

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

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Trump responded to the first wave of bombing at- tempts with calls for national unity, affirming in an Oval Office presser that “acts or threats of political violence of any kind have no place in the United States of America.”

The next morning he pub- lished a tweet in which he claimed that much of the dis- cussion in American politics stems from mainstream media outlets’ publication of “pur- posefully false and inaccurate reporting.” Trump provided no evidence for his assertions.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer accused the president’s words of “pathetic and inflammatory rhetoric” and “hollow until he reverses President Trump’s words and policies in response, asserting, “President Trump’s words ring hollow until he reverses his statements that condone acts of violence,” in reference to the president’s repeated employment of divisive rhet- oric the day before.

This weekend, Facebook and Twitter took the first step towards demonetizing hate by removing hate groups that they publicly endorsed.

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

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

The pup’s name is Beacon, after the Beacon Apple Tree. He is a nine-month old Gold- en-Labrador Retriever mix, and he is my foster from 4 Paws for Ability. 4 Paws for Ability is a 501(c)3 organization located in Xenia, Ohio, which is about an hour north of Cincinnati. 4 Paws breeds and raises their own puppies to become service dogs for children and veterans in need.

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

We can start off with some of the lighter stuff — accidents. As a puppy foster, you truly must be prepared for the strangest (and smelliest) things. Beacon actually did this to me a few weeks ago. While we were walking through Ken- wood Mall, he stopped sud- denly and took a “Number Two” without warning. Thankfully, it was solid, and I was prepared with WetOnes and a poop bag to discretely and swiftly clean up the mess and continue walking.

However, some fosters are not so lucky. One foster was in Target when her pup took a not-so-solid poö in the middle of the walkway and proceed- ed to step in the mess, while an older woman looked at her in absolute shock. She stared at the foster cleaned the mess. Another foster took her pup to a meeting, and the pup de- cided to urinate all over a girl who was sitting down while petting him. Yet another fos- ter had her pup go into heat in the middle of her lecture class if you now my what “heat” is, it is equivalent to the human menstrual cycle).

We cannot always control the pup’s behavior, let alone their bowels and bladders, but these accidents are extremely inconvenient and embarrass- ing.

Fostering gets difficult when people make comments such as “It’s so sad, those dogs won’t ever get to be rescue dogs again,” or “It’s a shame you don’t own a dog.” It is hard when you get scolded for correct- ing your dog in a manner that someone else doesn’t approve of or when someone who “trains service dogs” needs to correct you because you didn’t teach your dog properly.

It’s uncomfortable when I notice that I am being video- taped while walking through campus or sitting in Starbucks. It’s also difficult when people with other dogs just assume that dog can play with mine. Why think they can al- low their dog to meet another strange dog without ques- tion is beyond me. People fre- quently just pet Beacon with- out asking for my permission, and I never hold back in tell- ing someone “no.” A girl at an FC Cincinnati game called me a b*tch because I told her “no” after I stepped in front of her hand to stop her from petting Beacon without asking me.

I was prepared with WetOnes and soap to clean up the mess, and that is all the worse is that (we) do not do it without being exposed to every sight, smell and sound that we can provide for them.

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

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For Your Information

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Guide to Voting in Ohio

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

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

Who’s running?
Richard Cordray (Democrat)

Mike DeWine (Republican)

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

Who’s running?
Sherrod Brown (Democrat)

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

Who’s running?
Steve Dettelbach (Democrat)

Mike DeWine (Republican)

Why should I care?

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

Who’s running?
Kathleen Clyde (Democrat)

Who’s running?
Dave Yost (Republican)

What is it?

Transitioning from Low-level Felonies to Misdemeanors

What should I care about?

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

Why should I care?
This issue was originally an initiative that received more than 700,000 signatures to make it onto the ballot as Issue One. The initiative, which started out under the name “Safe and Healthy Ohio,” was created by a group of non-profits working together as the Ohio Organizing Collaborative in an attempt to enact change in the criminal justice system.
Men’s basketball Big East outlook

BY JACK DUNN
Campus News Editor

The Musketeers were picked to finish sixth in this year’s Big East preseason coaches’ poll, which was released last Thursday. Sophomore forward Naji Marshall was the only Muske- teer to be named to the preseason all-conference team with an honorable men- tion. Marshall started 18 games last year and scored 7.7 points per game as well as recording 1.6 assists.

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

Five-star freshman point guard John Quinerly tops out as the Musketeers’ top 10 recruit. The Wildcats will also look for redshirt junior guard Eric Paschall to step up in the starting role.

Keonte Kennedy briefly reopened his commitment after Travis Steele announced he was leaving the program over concerns about getting the game to slow down for him.

“Physically, (James was) ready,” Steele said. “It’s just about getting the game to slow down for him.”

Kennedy, a 6-5 wing, was ranked 22nd nationally in 247 Sports’ Composite Rankings. At Westlake High School in Westlake, Texas, he averaged 14.0 points, 4.7 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 1.5 steals per game during his senior season.

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“(Kennedy) can shoot the ball well,” James said. “He has the ability to score in many different ways.”

As a senior, Kennedy also averaged 1.8 assists and 1.2 steals per game during his sea-son.

While James affirmed his commitment after Travis Steele was named head coach, Kennedy briefly reopened his recruitment before choosing the Musketeers over SMU and Texas Tech last June. James, a 6-7 stretch big, was ranked 22nd nationally in the 247 Sports’ Composite Rankings. Residing in Kersh-aw, S.C., he played at Hun-tington Prep in Huntington, WV.

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

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Women’s hoops Big East preview

By Jack Dunn

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

DePaul tied for its fifth regular season title and third Big East Tournament title last season. It will return four starters, including its top two scorers in Marte’ Grays with 14.4 ppg and Ashton Millender with 15.8 ppg. DePaul finished the season as the nation’s sixth-highest scoring team with 83 ppg.

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

BY ALANNA BELMONT

Staff Writer

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

One has never broken a bone. One has a sour skittles/occupational therapy addiction. One always tears the cheese off her pizza, then eats it. The last always puts her left sock on first. "I wanna work with kids," Townsend said. "But I'm real-life into anatomy, so I've been thinking about therapy, and like occupational therapy for mentally-disabled kids... but who knows?"

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

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Freshmen bring unique flavor to Xavier

The women’s basketball team saw its first taste of action in front of a crowd with an intersquad scrimmage at Musketeer Madness on Oct. 19. A trio of returning starters including the top two scorers in Audrey Faber (14.8 ppg) and Jay Angela (15.6 ppg). The Hoyas made it to their first Big East semifinals in 18 years but ultimately came up short. Georgetown finished with an even .500 across the board, going 16-16 overall and 9-9 in Big East play. The Hoyas will look to Big East Defensive Player of the Year Diomona White to get the squad above the .500 mark.

The Red Storm didn’t make it to the Madness last year but made a quarterfinals appearance in the Women’s NIT. St. John’s finished 15-15 overall last season and returns four of its top five point scorers. Reigning Big East Freshman of the Year Qadashah Hoppie scored 10.1 ppg and contributed 1.6 assists per game. The Red Storm hasn’t finished lower than fifth in the Big East regular season standings since 2013.

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

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

Nezaure sat down with both grandfather and grand-son to ask them questions about their Xavier fandom. Grandpa Funk, could you give me a brief history of your connection to Xavier basketball?

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

After graduating from Xavier, what has kept you so involved in Xavier bas-ketball?

F: “I think Xavier always being a top program has a lot to do with it. No matter the experience we have been in, Xavier has always been at the top of it. Keeping that win-ning tradition is important to me.”

Why do you consider it special to be a Xavier alum-nus?

B: “Well, my grandpa is a lot more negative on the team, as most people are. But for me and my younger cous-ions, I’d say we all share the same passion and optimism for the team. We’ve seen a lot of success in our time as fans, so we know this team is capa-ble of anything.”

What do you think the alumni base means to Xavi-er?

B: “It means a lot. As my grandpa said, the community is great. The alumni are al-ways supportive of the team in multiple ways, and I think they’re cheering them on or giving them money. We all want the team to be successful.”

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

B: “Absolutely. I love this program.”

Now, can I have a predic-tion from both of you for this season?

B: “If we stay over .500 I think that would be great for this team.”

F: “4th in the Big East, Big East Championship Game, Sweet 16.”

BY COLIN COOPER
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive season the Xavier men’s bas-ketball team has made chang-es to its uniforms.

While these changes aren’t anything too radical on uniforms that was seen prior to last season, they are still enough to notice on the court.

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

Debuting the navy uniforms in the unbox-ing, both the players and Xavier fans were able to get their first look at the team’s updated jerseys.

The most notable change to the uniforms is the new, metallic “X” on the side of the shorts. Although the “X” has always been present on the shorts, the new metal-lic finish looks much cleaner than past installations.

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

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

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

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BY DONNIE MENKE
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Dekevenan “Kyky” Tandy, a combo guard out of Hopkinsville, Ky., announced his commitment to Xavier on Oct. 23, becoming the fifth member of new head coach Travis Steele’s first recruit-ing class.

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

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

Tandy joins Zach Freemante, Daniel Ramsey, Dakne Miles and Dahir Bish-op in a class that currently ranks 10th in the country and second in the Big East behind only Villanova.

It is unlikely the rank-ing will remain that high, as many top recruits still have yet to decide, but it would be a surprise if the class falls out of the top 20.

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

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

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

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

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

Miles committed a few days after Freemantle on Aug. 23. Miles, a 6-11 center, is a three-star prospect from Walton-Verona, Ky.

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

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

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Tandy adds depth to c/o 2019

Photo courtesy of Kentucky New Era

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

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Sports journalist Peter King details his time reporting about Musketeer hoops

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Peter King, known today for his work at Sports Illustrated and NBC Sports, once covered the Xavier Musketeers for The Cincinnati Enquirer. After graduating from Ohio University, King worked as a general assignment reporter for the Enquirer. He covered Xavier basketball, high school and college football and served as the Reds’ backup beat writer.

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

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

“Bob Staak did a really good job in basically emphasizing recruiting and making sure that they had a good bedrock program,” King said about the state of Xavier basketball when he covered the team from 1980-1984. “I think the first year I covered the team from 1980-1984. “I believe the three graduate transfers that we had that year, if only because of injuries, were all great human beings. Anthony Hicks, Tom Condon and Dexter Bailey. Some names that he mentioned were Steve Wolf, Anthony Hicks, Tom Condon and Dexter Bailey. “This team was a really, really good group of guys to cover,” King said. “They were all great human beings. I think Wolf was probably my favorite guy on the team.”

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Peter King: An Enquirer alumnus and longtime NBA Beat Writer, Peter King is a regular contributor to the Newswire. He-covered the Xavier Musketeers during his time at the Enquirer. In this column, King reflects on his time covering Xavier and the impact it had on his career.

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**Men’s out-of-conference preview**

**Musketrees have some winnable games early but face strong field in Maui**

**By John Ghawi**

**Guest Writer**

As Xavier gets ready to kick off the men’s basketball season, there are some exciting games to look out for that are not usually included in the annual Big East schedule.

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

The Jaguars finished middle-of-the-pack last year in the Horizon League at 11-13 on the year, although big wins against Morehead State and Detroit Mercy helped define the year.

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

Next on the opening home stretch for Xavier, the Musketeers will play Evansville. The Purple Aces will have a 6-9 forward Deandre Williams eligible for this matchup after the NCAA ruled him ineligible for the 2016-19 season.

From there, Xavier will play its Gavitt Games matchup, taking on the Wisconsin Badgers for the second year in a row and the third time since 2016. Wisconsin looks to improve from last season after finishing in the bottom half of the Big Ten.

The Badgers return nine of 13 from last year’s roster and added three three-star recruits.

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

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

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

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

Fans eager to see the Musketeers battle Duke in Maui will have to get through the game against Auburn first as it returns most of its team.

The Tigers come off a pretty good season where they were eliminated in the Sweet Sixteen by Clemson.

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

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

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

Eastern Kentucky will be led by first-year head coach A.W. Hamilton after firing Dan McHale, who won 16-3 in the OVC. Xavier will then match up with a Michael Porter, Jr.-less Missouri team in Columbia, Mo.

Aside from the Maui Invitational and Crosstown Shootout, this is the last chance Xavier will have to prove itself as a quality team.

The final game before the Musketeers jump into Big East play will be a matchup with a Georgia State team.

The Titans finished last in the Horizon League in 2017-18 before firing head coach Bakari Abdur-Rahman.

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

The Musketeers took to facebook and announced their Crosstown Shootout title on Dec. 19 and the University of Cincinnati. This year, the game will be played on the road.

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

This will be the first time Xavier competes against North Alabama, a member of the Atlantic Sun conference who ended the 2017-18 season with a 15-game stretch.

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

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**Women’s basketball out-of-conference preview**

**Musketrees primed for non-conference slate with nine matchups at Cintas**

**By Emily Krakich**

**Staff Writer**

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

Throughout the last four seasons, the Musketeers have won 54 non-conference games, including a 28-4 record on home court.

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

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

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BY LUKE FELICIANO
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The Musketeers will enter the 2018-19 season as a new-look team, both on the coaching side and in the roster of Team 97. As Steele mentioned while seated on the coaching staff but this time around, he assumes a new role as the Musketeers’ head coach. Steele will embark on his first season at the helm of the program after serving as the last nine seasons as an assistant coach.

“(The team) has heard my voice a lot over the last nine years around a lot of his adjustment — as much as I thought there would be,” Steele said. “We’re transitioning to becoming the head coach.

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

“I think we can do big things this year,” he said. “Our excitement is through the roof. I can’t wait to play.

Graduate transfer guard Kyle Castlin (No. 2) will be at Xavier for his last season. He is the Musketeers’ lead returning scorer from a season ago.

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

Steele also discussed the outlook for offense as a whole. "We have the toughness and togetherness". He is the Musketeers’ leader returning scorer from a season ago.

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Steele noted some key insights about the expected court lineups this season.

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

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

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

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Last season, Goodin dribbled out 4.8 assists per game to go along with 8.7 points per game.
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