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Fun at Family Weekend

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Xavier University will host its annual Family Weekend this Friday, Oct. 20 – Saturday, Oct. 21. As with every Family Weekend, this year's will strive to bring Xavier students and their families together to celebrate the spirit of our university. This weekend, however, will display Xavier's spirit with several events that Family Weekend has never seen before.

After a long drive to campus, guests can start things off with a bite to eat at the pre-game cookout at O'Connor Sports Center. The food will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The weekend activities will continue with the women's soccer game vs. LaSalle at 7 p.m. at the Xavier Soccer Complex. The matchup should prove to be exciting as the women's team has already battled through six overtimes and are currently undefeated on home turf.

Families who prefer to be indoors will also find plenty to do. Everyone is welcome to catch a good laugh at the Xavier Players presentation of *Noises Off* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night. Those who want to see both the soccer game and the play need not worry; *Noises Off* will be performed Saturday night at the same time. This play is a hilarious comedy that follows the on and off stage antics of a hopeless acting troupe as they stumble from a bumbling dress rehearsal to a disastrous closing night.

In addition to the Xavier Players presentation, Trey Anastasio, former front man of the jam-band Phish, will perform at Cintas Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday night. Tickets can be purchased at discounted rates for both Xavier students and family.

Friday night will be wrapped up with late night Bingo between 10 p.m. and midnight at O'Connor Sports Center.

Saturday's schedule is just as eventful as Friday's, and begins with a new start for Xavier club sports.

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Musketeer Madness to kick off new basketball seasons



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Josh Duncan, Suntana Granderson and the rest of the men's and women's basketball teams will kick start the new season Saturday at Musketeer Madness.

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Stanley Burrell, coaches Sean Miller and Kevin McGuff and top recruit Amber Harris will be hitting the floor of Cintas Center in front of an audience of nearly 3,000 at Musketeer Madness on Saturday, the first public preview of the 2006 basketball teams.

"We want 40 minute fans – fans who stay from the opening tip to the final horn to support our teams. That's our goal," said Brian Hicks, Director of Marketing for the Department of Athletics.

Xavier is investing a lot in those 40 minute fans, starting the season with Musketeer Madness, a Xavier tradition since 1994 that requires several corporate sponsorships and monetary donations from various Xavier departments.

In continuing the momentum, Xavier will showcase the men's basketball team at an open scrim-

mage exclusively for students at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 in Cintas Center to further encourage student support.

After all, "the teams look great," said Hicks. "The women have three senior starters returning and a strong recruiting class ranked 10th in the nation, highlighted by Amber Harris.

"The men's team has its top seven players returning from the A-10 Championship team – a solid nucleus – and an exciting crop of freshmen and newcomers," said Hicks.

Though Hicks said that Musketeer Madness is a "celebration of Xavier basketball and its successes," the elaborate event is also a celebration of the thousands of Xavier fans who give Xavier basketball its notorious home court advantage.

Party on the Plaza will begin at 4 p.m. on Saturday outside Cintas

Center, complete with a cookout, beer garden and a live performance by the band Marking Twain.

Arena doors open at 5 p.m., and the event begins at 6 p.m. with prizes. Two round trip vouchers from Delta will be given away, along with a flat screen TV, a Xavier branded cornhole set and other prizes.

The most anticipated portion of the evening will be when special effects, complete with a laser light show and smoke, are unleashed to

introduce the men and women's basketball teams. The players will participate in scrimmages, and a select group will participate in the "widely popular" slam dunk contest, said Hicks.

Other highlights of the evening include a highly acclaimed ball handling routine by Dave "Travlin" Davlin and performances by the pep band and dance team.

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Anderson faces expulsion JUNIOR FORWARD AWAITS APPEAL

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C.J. Anderson, a junior forward on the men's basketball team, is facing expulsion after a recommendation by the Xavier University Discipline Board.

The board met for approximately nine hours on October 3 after a female student reported a complaint against the student-athlete.

The board's rationale for dismissal is not yet clear.

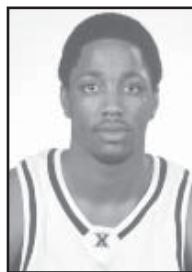
According to sources, Anderson

is appealing the recommendation, and a final decision should be made in the next few days.

Kelly Leon, Xavier University Director for Public Relations, issued the following statement on behalf of the university:

"Xavier University takes all charges filed by students very seriously and has a board in place to address such grievances. Because of the confidential process of the Xavier University Discipline Board, and to protect the privacy rights of our students, no information about the charges or the findings of the board may be released by the university."

Anderson transferred to Xavier from Manhattan University in July.



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C.J. Anderson

If you go...

Musketeer Madness

When: 4 p.m. Saturday
Where: Cintas Center

Party on the Plaza kicks off the festivities at 4. Gates open at 5 and player introductions will begin at 6. The men's and women's teams will scrimmage, and select players will compete in a slam dunk contest.

Open Scrimmage

When: 5 p.m. Monday
Where: Cintas Center

Students will tour the locker room at 5, followed by a scrimmage and a Q&A with Coach Miller. Prizes will be awarded throughout the event. All students will receive a free Chipotle gift card.

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