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A SNEAK PEEK AT THE OSCARS



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Leonardo DiCaprio (left) and Djimon Hounsou were nominated for Academy Awards on Tuesday for their movie "Blood Diamond." Who else made the cut? For a full preview, see **HOLLYWOOD**, page 10.

Harris, Granderson explode in second half to take shootout

JOHN LAFOLLETTE
Sports Editor

The Xavier women's basketball team showcased its experience and resilience against the Cincinnati Bearcats, rallying from a 14-point deficit to win 89-76 in the women's Crosstown Shootout last Wednesday at Fifth Third Arena.

Senior guard Suntana Granderson and freshman forward Amber Harris combined for 38 second-half points and 55 overall as the Musketeers finally found an answer to the trap defense that terrorized them for most of the first half.

It was indeed a tale of two halves for Xavier. The Musketeers turned the ball over on each of their first three possessions, and eight times in the first 11 minutes of the game. Cincinnati's strong pressure and aforementioned trapping defense led to the majority of Xavier's turnovers.

Numerous second chance scoring opportunities gave the Bearcats a 27-13 lead midway through the first half.

Xavier chipped away at the lead for the remainder of the half, getting as close as 40-34 before halftime.

Xavier's patience and mental toughness paid off as Cincinnati's turnovers began to add up in the second half, while Granderson and Harris came alive to spark the Musketeer offense.

With Cincinnati on the ropes and clinging to a 66-60 lead with 9:43 remaining in the game, a jumper by sophomore guard Jerri Taylor sparked a 12-0 run by Xavier over the next 3:20 during which Granderson scored eight consecutive points.

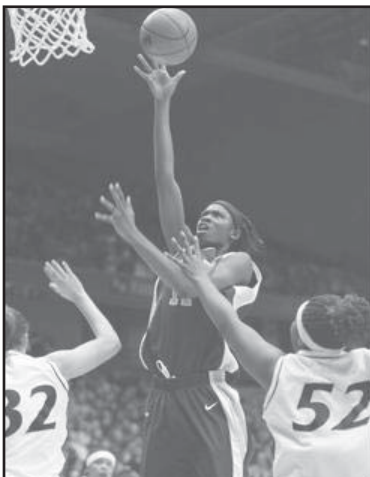


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Freshman Amber Harris' 32 points helped push X over the Bearcats.

Coming to a campus near you A LOOK AT WHAT'S NEW IN 2007

DARREN LACOUR
Senior News Editor

As the new semester kicks off, Auxiliary Services and Student Government Association have been hard at work to bring changes across campus.

After Kinko's vacated its location on the ground floor of Gallagher Student Center, the space has become "The Student Business Development Center," which will serve as a headquarters for existing businesses like FliX, Xpress Laundry Service and Muskie Mart.

According to Tom Barlow, the Director of Auxiliary Services, "the facilities will support Dr. Tom Clark's Entrepreneurial Center's goals to build student run business on campus."

SGA President Steve Bentley is also very confident that soon a student-operated convenience store will be opened in this space. "The center will only grow," he said.

Bentley also shared that there will be a contest to name the new Student Business Development Center. "We're looking for something catchy," he said.

Elsewhere in the GSC, most students will be happy to discover that Burger King has moved out to make way for the Blue Gibbon Chinese restaurant. After the architectural designs for the new facility are completed and approved and building permits are obtained, remodeling can begin.

It's estimated that the restaurant will be moved in around spring break, roughly the same timeframe it took to move Subway.

Ryan's Pub, "Xavier's Sports Café," has undergone a dramatic makeover, with new hours, new food items and lowered prices. Future changes for Ryan's include a 100 CD jukebox, a tournament dart game, mega-touch flat screen trivia

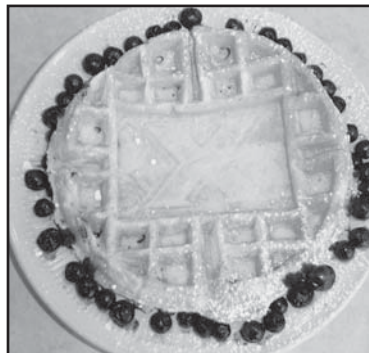


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Weekend brunch at the cafe will now feature waffles emblazoned with the Xavier X.

game and a Golden-T video game. "After Jim Miller and I renegotiated the amusement agreement, this will not be an additional cost to student government," said Barlow.

Most underclassmen have probably noticed a few changes in the Dining Hall as well. Weekend brunch goes will notice that the waffles served now bear the Xavier University logo. "When I saw an article last May in a food management magazine about how the ivy-league schools were having their waffles logoed, I thought this would be a great value added for our Xavier customers as well," said Barlow. "We also deserve only the best."

The Dining Hall has also changed its pizza style, with a different type of crust and new display menus. The self-serve pizza station seems to be a big hit among the students, who swoop down immediately after each pizza is pulled out of the oven.

All of these changes have taken place in response to student and staff needs, in an effort to start serving "The Best of Cincinnati." In keeping with Xavier's mission of excellence, Barlow said, "Again, we are expanding our service to the students."

What's new at the Pub?

New hours:

- Mon-Thurs: 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Friday: 11:30 a.m.- midnight
- Saturday: 5:00 p.m.- midnight
- Sunday: 5:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.

New menu items:

- Gravy cheese fries
- Chili
- The Big Ryan and The Big Ryan with cheese
- Curly fries
- Smaller straight fries
- Dessert
- Personal pan pizzas

New prices:

- Mozzarella cheese sticks from \$5.25 down to \$4
- Cheese fries from \$5.50 down to \$4
- Chicken tenders with fries from \$6.95 down to \$6.50
- Wings from \$6.50 down to \$6
- Caesar salad from \$5.25 down to \$5
- Cheeseburger from \$6 down to \$4
- Adding fries/ onion rings from \$1.75 down to \$1.40
- Buffalo chicken wrap from \$6.95 down to \$6.50

New entertainment:

- 100 CD jukebox
- Tournament darts
- Flat screen trivia
- Golden-T video game

The Sean Miller show is broadcast live from the Pub on Monday nights from 7-8 p.m.

Coming soon to Gallagher

The Student Business Development Center

WHAT: A home for student-run business on campus.

WHERE: In the former home of Kinkos on the ground floor of the GSC.

The Blue Gibbon

WHAT: A locally and family owned Chinese restaurant.

WHERE: The former home of Burger King in the GSC food court.

WHEN: Early March.

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