

# Dayton Board nixes student tickets

## Unruly stupidity at Xavier game warrants policy change, says Board of Trustees

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Citing evidence of “juvenile stupidity” and “gross obnoxiousness,” the University of Dayton Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Monday to end the policy of free student ticket distribution for Flyer home games, starting with the 2007-08 men’s basketball season.

Seats formerly reserved for students will be made available to season ticket holders, with the boost in revenue from the ticket sales being set aside in a special fund to renovate the decrepit UD Arena.

“As many Dayton fans have unfortunately noticed, the in-game conduct of our student section crosses the unspoken but well-understood boundary separating behavior that is appropriately competitive from that which is sophomoric, haphazard and all-too-often drunkenly incoherent,” the Board said in a statement.

The move comes amid reports of excessively ignorant behavior from the Dayton student section during their Feb. 24 home loss to the Xavier Musketeers. The Board was made aware of this particularly outlandish incident by a Xavier fan who, despite understanding the Flyer mindset, felt compelled to notify school officials.

While Dayton significantly trailed Xavier for most of the game, Dayton students could still be heard hurling idiotic jeers at the Musketeer players and coaching staff.

“I heard them yelling at [head coach] Sean [Miller],” said the Xavier fan, who wished to remain anonymous for reasons of personal safety when he travels to Dayton. “They kept yelling that he looked like [late-night talk show host] Jimmy Kimmel.”

“I tried to think of some way Sean could possibly take offense, but what kind of stupid insult is that? I had to go to the Board,” he added.

There were further reports that

Flyer fans chanted “MID-GET” at 5’7” junior guard Drew Lavender, insulted his “HEL-MET” styled miniature afro, questioned the sexual morality of senior forward Justin Doellman’s wife and insisted that senior forward Justin Cage was incapable of guarding Dayton’s leading scorer, Brian Roberts.

What makes these examples so appalling, Board chairman S. David Sandler said in confidence, is their incongruity with generally accepted reality, both on and off the basketball court.

“Cage, damn him, always shuts down Roberts when we play them, a midget is an offensive term referring to ‘dwarves’ who are by definition shorter than 4’10”, and Lav’s mini-fro is freakin’ sweet!” said Sandler in an off-the-record interview.

After weeks of deliberation, which began after Xavier ended Dayton’s season in the second round of the Atlantic 10 Tournament on March 8, the Board concluded that stopping the practice of free ticket distribution to students was the only way to treat the cancer of moronic fan behavior that has infected UD Arena for so long.

Additionally, all fans will be issued a breathalyzer test upon entrance to the arena to ensure their status as clear-minded, reasonable rooters.

“Because the environment of brainless enthusiasm has been historically so pervasive among students at Dayton, we deem it necessary to screen even our adult fans, many of whom are UD alumni, for over-inebriation, lest their drunkenness constitute a relapse into their college-day senselessness,” the Board explained.

Xavier University Professor of Psychology, Dr. Christian End, confirmed that alcohol consumption can play a large part in psychological relapses, but stopped short of endorsing this plan as a recipe for success.



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After the Board of Trustees’ decision, drunken, boorish scenes like this one at UD Arena will be a thing of the past.

“This idea that alcohol causes Dayton fans to be obnoxious is a little short-sighted. A ‘relapse’ is only a ‘relapse’ when the original behavior has been suppressed or is in some other way deep-seeded,” End said. “It seems to me that Dayton fans are obnoxious by nature, and as such will be so all the time, even on the rare occasion that they aren’t hammered for basketball games.”

The Board’s decision is just the most recent in a long line of attempts to help Dayton students get their collective act together.

“About 20 years ago we hired a permanent head cheerleader, you know, to keep the cheers funny, smart and appropriate,” Sandler said. “He was supposed to be very enthusiastic; enthusiastic enough to run around the court all game to keep the fools in line. After about three home games, though, the fools converted him, and now he just runs around encouraging them all.”

“We might have to get rid of him

along with the students...” Sandler added.

Prior to that, the Board tried revising Flyer chants with the hope that more involved cheers would dissuade the witless Flyer Faithful from inventing their own. “‘Shoot! A! Shot!’ used to be pretty popular when I was a Flyer,” said Sandler.

“That gave way to the more abstract ‘Win! The! Game!’ When that didn’t work, we took a big step and introduced ‘GOOOOOOOO DAY-TON FLYYYY-ERS!’”

“That one was infinitely more complicated—we had to hire a band to keep the beat for it. But it obviously didn’t work, and here we are. I’m very confident these new measures will work. We are ushering in a new era of intelligent, dignified cheering at Dayton,” Sandler said confidently.

Pausing for further consideration of his comments, he corrected himself. “Well, maybe ‘dignified’ isn’t the right word. Less stupid... that’s about right.”

## ◀ Blob stresses over bulbous body type

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BB: I don’t know if you noticed this or not, but I’m a blob. I have no gender. I’m completely androgynous. I’m no more attracted to women than I am to the Stanford Cardinal.

XN: Speaking of the Stanford Cardinal, there was a scandal not too long ago where the mascot showed up drunk to a game. Have you ever done that?

BB: Um, I’ve never showed up sober to a game before. I can’t function without at least three beers in my system.

XN: That sounds problematic for a number of reasons. If nothing else, doesn’t the drinking affect your fatness?

BB: I drink because I’m fat and I’m fat because I drink. And because I don’t exercise. And because I don’t eat well. And because I have a slow metabolism. I think it’s half genetic; my parents were both

big blobbed as well. I’ve tried all kinds of diets, but nothing’s really worked. So I drink. Lots of beer. Lots of blue beer.

XN: Change of pace. Do mascots inherit team rivalries?

BB: Of course, but we judge each other differently, according to our own mascot standards. For instance, the Cincinnati Bearcat is really generic, and the St. Joe’s Hawk is gimmicky with that stupid wing flapping.

XN: That’s pretty rough. I imagine they say some mean things about you.

BB: They think I’m some kind of freak – this giant blue anomaly that waddles around copying Big Red from Western Kentucky. They think I’m a fat freak with security issues.

XN: You’re not a freak.

BB: I’m a freak with issues. But I’ve got nothing on that nutjob over at Ohio State. Brutus has the weirdest issues of anybody I know.

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### Brian Grant shows appreciation

Former Musketeer Brian Grant finally showed Xavier his gratitude for a fantastic college basketball experience last Monday, donating \$5.5 million to the university.

“I figured it was high time I gave back to my alma mater in some other form than my occasional, yet dignified attendance at summer basketball camps,” Grant said in a statement through his publicist.

“I realized, ‘Hey, I made a killing in the NBA! I made enough money while I was playing to secure the financial future of every Grant to come! I had a slick agent who got me \$86 million over seven years, money that I didn’t deserve at that point in my career, and now I’m cashing mondo retirement checks! The least I could do was give a little back to appropriately little people who got me where I am today. Thank you, Xavier!’”

Grant is the Musketeers’ all-time fourth-leading rebounder and shot-blocker. He played 12 seasons in the NBA and was best known for his tenacious rebounding.

### Top recruit exposed as Keith Jackson

To the dismay of assistant coach and chief recruiter Chris Mack, prized Xavier basketball recruit Jack Keithson has recently been exposed as Keith Jackson, the former Musketeer seen so often in the O’Connor Sports Center.

Keithson was recruited heavily prior to this recent exposure at Dana Gardens, and as a 6-foot-6, 210 lb. forward would have likely seen significant minutes as a veteran replacement for graduating senior forward Justin Cage.

There was no official word on Jackson’s motives for misleading Xavier recruiters, though most suspect it was an innocent attempt to “relive the glory days” that simply went too far.

### Track team gets gonorrhoea

Pandemic has broken out among the Xavier track team as six runners have come down with the clap after attending their second spring track meet at Arizona State University last Saturday.

The team’s coach declined comment but is reported to have said, “I don’t care if they have the plague. I’ll run them back to health.” Sophomore Lucy Beuerlein has allegedly been sleeping for 17 hours uninterrupted, assumedly from shame.

The root of the outbreak is unknown but it is suspected that the climate of ASU coupled with its high ratio of attractive to unattractive people may have played a role.

## NBA commish issues degree dictum

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NBA Fearless Leader David Stern

In a shocking move, Commissioner-Dictator David Stern has taken his authority one step further.

Without consulting owners, the Players’ Association, or the NCAA, he has declared that college students must complete college with a degree in order to be considered for the draft or free agency.

With such stars as LeBron James, Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett coming straight from high school and others such as Carmelo Anthony completing only a portion

of their degree, this comes as a huge shock to the sporting world.

This year’s draft will take a significant hit, with such stars as Kevin Durant and Greg Oden expected to declare and be taken in the top three.

However, this will have an even more profound effect on the game of college basketball, since stars like Durant are forced to stay put for three more years.

This will also be an interesting case to follow given the NCAA’s new rules on transfer students and grade restrictions.

The immense impact of Stern’s dictatorial move will also be felt legally.

There is sure to be an uproar from players with the ability to jump straight to the NBA, especially those looking for the quick payday that the NBA offers.

The long-term effects of the move remain to be seen, but this is a story sure to be discussed for a long, long time.