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Sr. Rose is unseen force behind Xavier men's hoops program

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She's 5 foot 4 and says she'd need to lift weights to get back into her college playing shape, but 77-year-old Sr. Rose Ann Fleming has already been named Xavier University's most valuable player (1991) and to the Cincinnati Jesuit school's Hall of Fame (2000). Xavier is seeded sixth in the West Region of this year's NCAA men's basketball tournament.

The New York Times ran a front page story today featuring the work of Sr. Rose as the university's academic adviser for Xavier athletics. She's held the position since 1985 and apparently has no hesitation in waking up Division I stars and NBA-wannabes to ask about blown academic assignments.

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