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Students to vote for representatives

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Students at Northern Kentucky University will have the opportunity to cast their votes in the Student Government Association fall election Dec. 1-2.

Twenty-two candidates are

15 SGA senators, two justices to be selected during fall election

competing for the 15 positions available on the student senate, while two candidates are running unopposed for two open seats on the judicial council.

Elected senators and justices will take office for their one-year term in January 2005, effective at the first SGA meet-

ing of the spring semester.

According to the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, the objectives of SGA are:

- To protect and promote the rights of individual students.
- To provide for the forma-

tion of an official body to express student opinion.

- To coordinate, maintain and support a well-balanced social and academically oriented program for the student body.
- To communicate ideas and coordinate activities with other

colleges and universities.

- To pass upon issues of importance to students and to the university and then make recommendations to the proper faculty or administrative officers.

The Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities makes it

clear that SGA itself cannot pass legislation for the university. It states that SGA, like the faculty senate, has no power to enforce enactments — this power is vested entirely in the Board of Regents. However, SGA has representation on the Board of Regents: The student body president serves as a student regent and voting member

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Running to raise awareness

Friend with cystic fibrosis inspires student to avail

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Although Adam Zeigler had three days off from school for Thanksgiving break, he did anything but relax.

Zeigler spent almost three hours of his afternoon Wednesday, Nov. 24 running 20 miles across Mason County along the AA Highway. But as difficult and strenuous as his journey was that day, it wasn't nearly as difficult as the journey his best friend Kevin Baureis has made his entire life.

Baureis has cystic fibrosis, a chronic disease that causes mucus to build up in many of the body's organs, including the lungs and pancreas, which leads to severe digestive, breathing and growth problems.

Baureis takes antibiotics to treat lung infections, has an inhaler to open his breathing tubes, goes through chest physical therapy to break up the mucus in his lungs and he must take enzymes every time he eats to help him digest the food.

Zeigler saw what his friend goes through on a daily basis, so he dedicated his run to Baureis by raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

About a month prior to his run, Zeigler sent out approximately 75 letters to family, friends and the community telling them about his relationship with Baureis and asking them for their support.

Baureis said he was speechless after Zeigler gave him the letter. "After I read it the second time, I realized the respect and care that he had for me and having CF," Baureis said.

By the day of the run, Zeigler raised almost \$6,000. Zeigler said he never imagined he would raise that much money. Originally, he thought he could raise between \$500 and \$1,000.

After Zeigler started his run, his mother Billie Barbour went home and checked the mail. That day they received 15 letters and \$650 in donations. She said the day before the run they received 24 letters and \$1,000 in donations. Barbour said the response that her son received was "shocking."

Zeigler continued to receive donations even after the run.

He received a donation at church the following Sunday, and an eighth grade class at a school in nearby Ripley, Ohio is selling lollipops to raise money.

Students in Zeigler's literature class have also donated money.

Zeigler said he will wait until December, most likely just before Christmas, to send in the donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

A new friendship

Baureis and Zeigler, both 22-year-old biology majors, started at Northern Kentucky University in the fall of 2001, and met during their freshman year in an introduction to biology class.

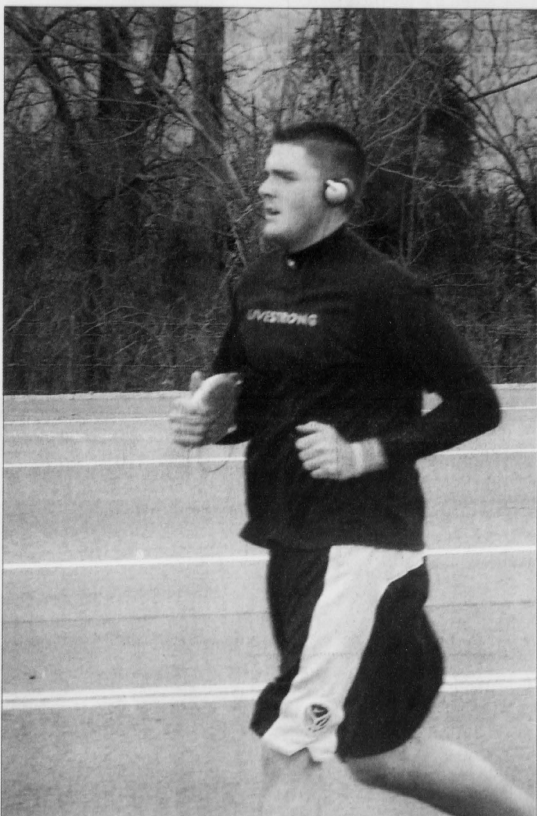
The two became closer friends their sophomore year when they sat next to each other in an organic chemistry class. After that, they started taking almost all of their classes together.

Baureis' life hasn't been the same since he met Zeigler. When he first came to NKU, Baureis said he wasn't very social and was self-deprecating about having cystic fibrosis. He just went to school, went to work and then went home.

After getting to know Zeigler, the two of them started hanging out and Baureis finally started to experience some of the college life that he expected when he started at NKU.

Because they have many of the same classes, the two of them spend a lot of time studying together. Zeigler said there is an unspoken competition between them in class and they both strive to do better than one another. However, Zeigler said Baureis usually does better than him.

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Josh Blair / Photographer

Above: Adam Zeigler continues his 20-mile run across Mason County. Below: Zeigler's mother, cousin and grandmother (from right) cheer him on as he makes his way towards the Mason County/Bracken County line.

A Look at the Numbers

- Approximately 30,000 Americans have cystic fibrosis.
- More than 10 million Americans unknowingly carry the defective cystic fibrosis gene.
- One in every 3,900 live American births has cystic fibrosis.
- Approximately 1,000 new cases of cystic fibrosis are diagnosed each year.
- The median lifespan for a person with cystic fibrosis is 33.4 years.
- About 40 percent of cystic fibrosis patients are 18 or older.
- More than 95 percent of men with cystic fibrosis are sterile.

Source: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation



Campus mourns faculty member

STAFF REPORT

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On Saturday, Nov. 20 Northern Kentucky University lost another professor. Dr. Macel Wheeler, 54, died at her Highland Heights home. Dr. Wheeler received her Ph.D. in geography from the University of Kentucky before joining Northern Kentucky University in 1978, bringing her years taught here to 26. "She leaves a legacy of excellence, collegiality, and deep commitment to NKU's mission," said Gail Wells, the vice president for academic affairs and provost, in an e-mail to the NKU community. "She will be greatly missed."

Dr. Wheeler taught as a professor of geography, and recently served as the coordinator of the geography program. "Every department needs a Macel — the go-to person for wise counsel, humane understanding, and reliable follow-through. More than that, she was the very heart and soul of an academic department, and the personal and professional lives of all its grieving members will be forever diminished by her loss," said Chair Jeffrey Williams.

According to the Kentucky Post, Dr. Wheeler was familiar with teaching and an academic environment long before she set foot in college to pursue a career in teaching. Clyde Wheeler, Dr. Wheeler's father, was a teacher, and so is her sister Ellen Emmerson.

Dr. Wheeler was close to her mother and sister, and the three of them got an apartment together the summer after she graduated from high school. They attended classes together at Marshall University in West Virginia. Speaking of that summer, her mother said, "We had a wonderful time together."

The family has requested donations to the Dr. Macel M. Wheeler Geography Scholarship fund. Contributions should be made to the NKU Foundation and designated for the Dr. Macel M. Wheeler Geography Scholarship Fund.

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NKU alumna Elizabeth Costello eats an interesting treat on a Thanksgiving special episode of "Fear Factor."

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Program to bring jazz to youth

Northern Kentucky University is creating a program designed to teach local youth about jazz.

The Center for African-American Heritage along with NKU's music department developed a program called

EMPOWER. Professional jazz musicians will lecture, teach classes and mentor performances as part of the program.

EMPOWER stands for:

- Exposing the community to jazz.
- Motivating students to study jazz.

- Preserving the heritage of jazz.
- Opportunity for professional musicians to mentor students.

- Widen appreciation of jazz across racial lines.
- Educate youth on the influence of jazz.

- Roots of African-American artistry and its development.

One of the first EMPOWER events will be a benefit concert featuring a well-known blues singer in April. The proceeds raised from the event will be donated to fund music lessons for children at the Campbell Lodge Boys' Home.

Callahan to receive honorary degree

NKU's Board of Regents unanimously approved a recommendation to award retiring 67th District Rep. Jim Callahan an honorary degree of Doctor of Public Administration. NKU is recognizing Callahan, D-Wilder, for his contributions to the university and community.

Callahan is best known for his work on House Bill 1. The bill, which was passed in 1997, instituted an independent system of community and technical colleges in Kentucky.

Monday, Nov. 22

12:44 p.m. A subject reported the theft of personal checks from a vehicle, which had been loaned to a friend on campus on Oct. 22. As of the time of the report only one check had been written on the account.

2:39 p.m. A subject reported a vehicle was blocking another vehicle at the Woodcrest Apartment fire gates. The driver of the vehicle moved the vehicle just long enough for the subject to move from the parking space and then moved the vehicle back in front of the fire gates as an officer arrived. After investigation, the driver of the vehicle was found to have a suspended Kentucky driver's license but a valid Ohio driver's license but was unable to produce it. The driver issued a Kentucky State Citation for Operating on a Suspended Operator's License and License to be in Possession.

3:45 p.m. A subject reported the theft of a 2005 NKU Parking Permit while parked in lot K on Nov. 11. The subject was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

7:15 p.m. An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding.

11:58 p.m. A vehicle was observed striking a mailbox and leaving the scene on John Hill Road. The vehicle then pulled into a nearby driveway and two subjects exited the vehicle. Upon the officer's arrival, it was determined both subjects were intoxicated. Neither subject would admit who was driving the vehicle so both subjects were issued Kentucky State Citations for Alcohol Intoxication. One of the subjects was cited and released while the other was taken into custody based on failed field sobriety tests and PBT results. The arrested subject was transported to the Campbell County Detention Center and lodged.

Tuesday, Nov. 23

7:54 a.m. An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates on University Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

8:46 a.m. An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding and No Insurance.

10:32 a.m. Medical response was requested for a subject at Woodcrest Apartments. The Central Campbell County Squad responded and transported the subject to St. Luke Hospital East for further evaluation and treatment.

10:40 a.m. A subject reported the theft of two wireless microphones from the Business-Education-Psychology Center.

2:02 p.m. A subject reported the theft of personal property from Albright Health Center. The victim witnessed the theft and the suspect was arrested. After questioning, the suspect confessed to several other thefts from the same location in recent months. The suspect was transported and lodged in the Campbell County Detention Center.

3:48 p.m. A subject reported a set of university keys missing in Landrum Hall. The matter has been turned over to Physical Plant for replacement.

9:10 p.m. A subject reported a minor injury, which occurred during a play rehearsal in Corbett Theater. The subject refused medical treatment and the report was filed per the Theater Department policy.

dpsreports

Citation for Disregarding a Traffic Control Device.

Sunday, Nov. 28

12:26 p.m. An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration on Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

11:01 p.m. Medical assistance was requested for a subject at Grenes Hall. Officers and Central Campbell County Squad responded. The subject was evaluated at the scene refused transportation to the hospital.

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4:58 p.m. An officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration on University Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration.

7:15 p.m. A minor non-injury auto accident occurred between two vehicles at parking lot I. Both vehicles remained in service.

10:38 p.m. Medical assistance was requested for a subject at University Suites. Officers and Central Campbell County Squad responded. The subject was transported to St. Luke East for further evaluation and treatment.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

No reports.

Thursday, Nov. 25

No reports.

Friday, Nov. 26

1:38 a.m. A fire alarm was received from Norse Hall. Officers, Power Plant personnel and Central Campbell County Fire Department responded. There was no evidence of smoke or fire. The cause of the alarm was determined to be three pull stations that had been activated by an unknown subject(s). The alarms were reset and the building cleared for re-occupancy. The Kentucky State Fire Marshal was notified by e-mail.

Saturday, Nov. 27

11:11 p.m. An officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at three stop signs on Campbell and Kenton Drives. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Stop Sign.

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nationalbriefs

President's cabinet member resigns

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge resigned Nov. 30, but will stay on the job until Feb. 1, unless the Bush Administration appoints a successor sooner, CNN reported.

Ridge wrote in his resignation letter that there is always more to do but that America is significantly stronger and safer than ever before.

President Bush praised Ridge's efforts as the nation's first secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, supervising the 180,000 employees.

In a written statement, Bush said that Ridge's work has resulted in safer skies, increased border and port security and guarding our critical infrastructure. Bush continued, saying that Ridge played a vital role in the fight against terrorism.

Ridge, a former two-term governor of Pennsylvania, plans to spend more time on personal and family matters after his 22 years in public service.

Serial killer gives clues to police

The serial killer known as "BTK" resurfaced this year by sending messages to police after being silent for years.

BTK suggested in letters that he was born in 1939 and is a railroad fanatic. Wichita, Kan., authorities released the information Tuesday, appealing to the public for clues to his identity.

Police also sent out a list of personal details provided in recent letters they suspect the killer sent.

The self-titled killer BTK, an acronym which stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill," has been associated with eight unsolved homicides in Wichita between 1974 and 1986.

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Wichita State may slap new F on cheaters

Students caught plagiarizing may receive XF grade on transcript

By KATHERINE LEAL UNMUTH
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A sort of academic scarlet letter—the XF grade—may soon adorn the transcripts of Wichita State University students caught plagiarizing or cheating.

The Student Government Association began pushing for the grade last year. The proposal has gained steam with additional support from the university's Faculty Senate.

It wasn't the sort of request that faculty expected to come from students. "There was a sense of justice in the students," said theater professor Joyce Cavarozzi. "They really felt that an F that might come about because of lack of action or not doing work was very different than an F for academic dishonesty."

Student senator Sarah McAndrew, 21, understands their surprise, but she points out that students who don't

cheat are critical of those who do. "It does sound a little bit odd from a faculty member's perspective that students would come forward and say, 'Hey, if I screw up, punish me even more,'" she said. "But it's something that if you don't cheat, you don't have to worry about. It brings more prestige to your degree and levels the playing field."

The XF grade has been used at Kansas State University since 2000, and first emerged in the early 1990s at the University of Maryland.

Most colleges that use it also allow students to reform and get the mark removed. At Wichita State, faculty and students are finalizing the proposal, which must be approved by the president. They may offer an ethics seminar that students could attend to remove an X from their transcript—but not from their permanent file on campus.

For students to remove the X from their grade at Kansas State, they must take a semester-long academic integrity course. The F is permanent. Each academic dishonesty case is posted online at www.ksu.edu/honor.

Since the grade was created, 46 of the 168 students who received it have opted not to take the course, said Helene Marcoux, assistant director of Kansas State's honor system.

As part of the class, students write essays on ethics and, eventually, on why they chose to cheat.

"I know there are faculty who say, 'Are you giving them a second chance?'" she said. "It's not about policing and punishing. It's about educating."

They're still growing in how they make decisions. College is a training ground for your profession."

Faculty at Wichita State handle academic dishonesty any number of ways,

from flunking students on the assignment to expelling them from the university.

Faculty Senate president Will Klunder, a history professor, said he supports the XF grade and doesn't want students "tamed" for life.

"It's an excellent idea because it calls attention to a real problem," he said. "Sometimes if this happens early in the semester, the students can just drop the course and nothing shows up on the transcript. That's why this makes sense from our perspective."

Philosophy professor Dan Russell is more critical of the proposal. He has caught many a plagiarizing student by simply inserting essay passages in the Web search engine Google. And he argues that at Wichita State, where the average age is almost 30, students are hardly innocent kids.

"There's an argument that a lot of these kids don't know any better—but we're not really talking about kids," he said. "This course is going to be a farce. It's going to be a course made up with the worst students on campus."

"Who's going to be the poor instructor who's going to teach the thing?"

However, student senator Jen Unruh, 23, said it's clear the university's academic dishonesty policy needs to be changed. She said her degree is devalued if students are allowed to get away with cheating without being confronted.

"This is a better option than just ruling with an iron fist," she said. "This is an opportunity for students to learn from their mistakes instead of being punished for the rest of their lives."

Check out the
Norse Poll to see
what students think
about implementing
a similar XF grade
policy at NKU.

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SGA Fall 2004 Election Ballot

SGA Senate Candidates

22 candidates for 15 Senate positions

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with full power to introduce and pass upon university matters. According to its Web site, SGA's goals consist of the following:

- **Effectively lobbying** against unfair tuition increases.
- **Obtaining** increased funding for student governance.
- **Improving** access for disabled students.
- **Becoming** more active in programming and allocation.
- **Creating** an all-students parking appeals board.
- **Giving** all students a voice.

Students will be able to vote online from anywhere on or off campus.

At <http://elections.nku.edu/sgn> from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Computer voting stations will also be located in the University Center and Norse Commons.

Students must provide the last eight digits of their NKU All Card numbers and the last four

digits of their social security numbers in order to vote.

SGA fall elections are historically known for producing a low turnout of voters.

Only 348 students, about 2.5 percent of the student body, voted in the SGA fall 2003 election.

However, over 12 percent of the student body participated in the spring 2004 election. In addition to 15 senators and two justices, the five executive board members are elected in the spring election.

The fall election was originally set for Nov. 10-11 but was pushed back because election packets were not made available to students until Oct. 29, just 12 days before the election date set forth in the SGA constitution.

The constitution states that election packets "must be made available to the student body no less than 28 days in advance of the election." The student sen-

ated Nov. 1 in favor of postponing the election date to Dec. 1-2.

All candidates were required to submit completed election packets to the Dean of Students Office by Nov. 17 at 5:59 a.m.

These packets included nomination petitions. Candidates had to obtain 50 signatures on their petitions. They also filled out biographies, which can be found at <http://studentwork.nku.edu/17>. <http://election2004.bios.html>.

The candidates' names will appear on the SGA election ballot in the order in which they were received by the Dean of Students Office.

Election results will be posted on our Web site, <http://www.thenortherner.com>, once they are released to our office.

CORRECTION

In the Life & Times section in the Nov. 17 issue, it was incorrectly reported that the cover charge for the Bluebirds Big Band at Allyn's Cafe is \$10. The correct amount is \$3 after 10 p.m.

The Northerner staff sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience caused by these errors.

View
The Northerner's
SGA fall 2004 election
guide online before
you vote Dec. 1-2.
www.thenortherner.com

Run *Continued from page one*

"It's been really good for both of us," Zeigler said. "It's motivated us both to do well because I don't want to get beat by him and he doesn't want to get beat by me, grade wise. It keeps us both studying. I think it's drastically improved both of our grades."

After graduating, Bauereis and Zeigler plan to attend medical school. They are going to take the MCAT in April of 2005 and start medical school in the fall of 2006. During their year off before medical school, they both would like to volunteer at a hospital.

Zeigler said he loves to work with children and wants to be a pediatrician. Bauereis said he hopes to be an anesthesiologist. Both of them also want to research cystic fibrosis.

Running for a cause

Zeigler said he has always wanted to do something for Bauereis, and finally decided in October to run across Mason County to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Zeigler said he hopes to make his Mason County run an annual event and would like to get more people involved.

Zeigler was an all-state line-man for his Mason County High School football team. In high school he weighed 320 pounds and now is down to 205 pounds as a result of running.

Zeigler said he started running his freshman year of college, and now runs almost every day. Because he runs so much, Zeigler said he decided to start doing it for a good cause.

A day of fortune

The day of his run, Zeigler was fortunate enough to have nice weather. It was sunny and warm that day in Mayville, yet started to rain about 10 minutes after he finished and it snowed the next day.

Zeigler cited his yellow Live Strong armbands as motivation during his run and said he would look down at them and think about how hard living with cystic fibrosis would be. "Things could be just so much worse," he said. "I wasn't going to give up. People with

diseases and things like that, they don't give up."

During the run Zeigler joked with his mother telling her that he might run all the way to Alexandria.

Zeigler said he was surprised to see so many people show up for his run and donate money. "The support from the community and Northern Kentucky University, staff, administration, the health center where I work, it's just been tremendous; to see that many people come out to support me, Kevin and our cause," he said.

"I did it in honor of Kevin, but hopefully it opens some eyes to everybody that cystic fibrosis is out there. There's a lot of people who have it."

"Seeing how Kevin has it and he goes through every day and he never looks back, it's just so inspirational. It's like 20 miles is nothing thinking in that term."

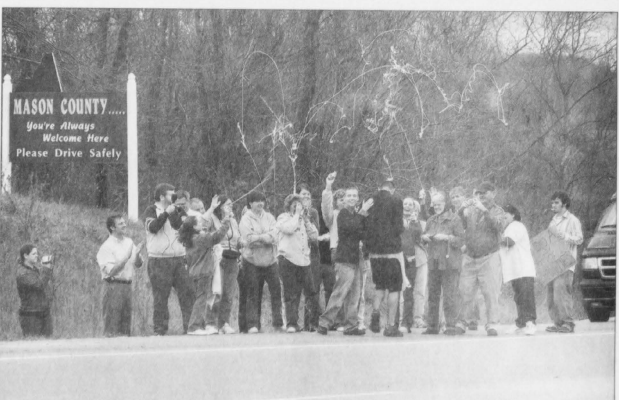
Barbour said her son has been charitable since he was a child. She said one of her earliest memories of his goodwill was when he was in the second grade. That year Zeigler had a classmate whose family didn't have much money. He felt sorry for the boy, so he packed some of his Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle action figures in a shoebox, wrapped them up and gave them to the classmate.

When Zeigler was a freshman in college, he had a friend who was in a car accident. Zeigler stayed with his friend in the ICU for days to help him recuperate, Barbour said.

Bauereis said what Zeigler did sends a positive message to others with cystic fibrosis. "He doesn't only care for me, he cares for others," Bauereis said.

"With him donating it to research it's really good because it will help find a cure. I think there's a cure out there. It's just we have to find it, and hopefully this helps."

Donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation can be sent to Adam Zeigler, 493 Glanbrook Drive, Mayville, KY 40356.



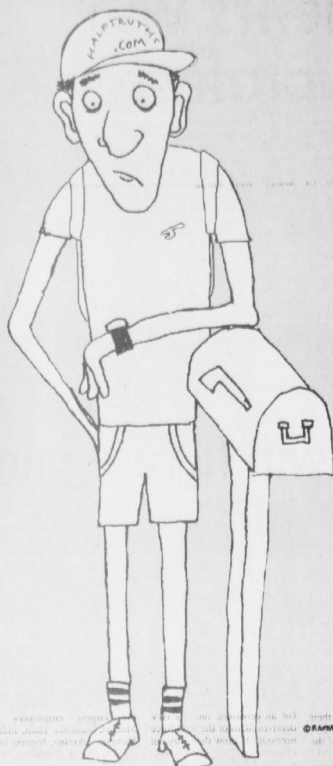
Josh Blair / Photographer

Above: Zeigler's friends and family shower him with silly string as his best friend, Kevin Bauereis, congratulates him.

Left: Zeigler poses with Bauereis while holding gold medals presented to him by his friends and family. They gave Zeigler a gold medal for each mile he ran.

Below: Zeigler makes his way across his home town of Mayville, where he reached the halfway point of his almost 20-mile run.





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Students will
miss professorBy REBECCA CAMPBELL
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On Saturday, Nov. 20, Dr. Macel Wheeler of Northern Kentucky University's history and geography department, passed away. Her passing came as a shock to the department and her students.

I had Dr. Wheeler as my adviser for the four years I attended Northern. She was always there to answer questions and offer support. I became the first member of my immediate family to graduate from college, and I know that through Dr. Wheeler's endless guidance I was able to receive my degree.

She was a beautiful person and she truly loved her job and her students. She could always be seen around the department and she always lent her support

to student activities, regardless of whether it was Geography Day or a Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society event. She helped others without asking for anything in return. She was always there, but never sought any recognition for all the good things she did.

I know that her passing has left a void in the history and geography department, and I know those who knew her will greatly miss her.

If you would like to donate to a scholarship fund set up in her name or if you would like to donate money to buy a brick in front of Steely Library in her memory, please contact the history department at (859) 572-5461.

I'm fortunate to have known Dr. Wheeler, and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Rebecca Campbell is a NKU graduate of 2004.

By ELAINE L. CHAO
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On Dec. 1 - World AIDS Day - men and women all around the globe will renew their commitment to fighting one of the most wrenching humanitarian tragedies of our time: the HIV pandemic that is destroying the lives of 38 million people.

I saw the urgency of winning this battle firsthand during a trip to Africa. I met with valiant men and women committed to using every available means to roll back this plague in their countries. During the trip - I launched projects - part of the president's unprecedented \$15 billion plan to combat HIV/AIDS worldwide - that focus on workplace education and prevention. This has proved to be an effective way to reach out to HIV victims, the vast majority of whom are employed.

The need to address HIV/AIDS in the workplace is urgent. In Africa and many other countries, AIDS is dealing

a heavy blow to the most productive members of society. About half of the new cases of HIV infection occur in those under age 25 - and few of these people live to see their 35th birthday. It is causing an alarming reversal of the trend toward longer life spans that we see in the developed world. Experts predict that by the end of this decade, HIV will reduce average life expectancy by 30 to 40 years in some of the nations of sub-Saharan Africa.

Without effective action, many poor countries will face not only a humanitarian crisis but an economic one, as HIV deprives them of the workforce necessary to grow their way out of poverty. That's just one reason the United States, through the Department of Labor, supports workplace-based HIV/AIDS prevention and education. The department works with local communities to help them cope with the fear, social stigmatization and discrimination that inhibit prevention and education efforts that can prevent infection.

In the last four years, the

Department of Labor has funded and obligated nearly \$35 million in tailored, comprehensive workplace-based HIV/AIDS prevention and education programs. These programs address the need for behavior change and help stricken workers and their families find the care and support they need.

Some of these projects support the formation of HIV/AIDS steering committees at work sites and others have provided training for HIV/AIDS educators and peer counselors at the workplaces of the largest employers in Malawi, Namibia, Haiti, India, Vietnam, Ukraine, Nigeria and the Dominican Republic. Still other projects assist governments, employers and workers in coming together to fight HIV/AIDS.

Especially noteworthy are the U.S.-funded projects that focus on teachers, a sector of the workforce hard-hit by AIDS. American-supported programs in Uganda, for example, are educating teachers about prevention behaviors as well as

providing the afflicted with support and services.

In reaching out to these teachers, we are not only helping them to protect themselves. We are ensuring that their knowledge and awareness will be passed on to their pupils. It is a sad fact that myths and taboos about HIV/AIDS persist in all too much of the world. Teachers are committed, nearly every government agency to joining this worldwide campaign. It is an unprecedented effort to fight a battle that the world must win.

These programs are a good example of the many different ways to approach the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The president has committed nearly every government agency to joining this worldwide campaign. It is an unprecedented effort to fight a battle that the world must win.

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Hollywood right to file lawsuits

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The debate over "moral values," first raised in the aftermath of Election Day, continues. Now it's the appropriateness of risqué ads for "Monday Night Football" and the popularity of TV's raciest "Desperate Housewives" that's causing the latest heat.

Yet the values issue also was raised recently in a much different context: the fight against theft of intellectual property. Ironically, it is Hollywood - an industry rarely seen as a hotbed of traditional morality - that is leading the fight, filing lawsuits against individuals found illegally trading movies over the Internet. While the move is unlikely to win the movie studio any friends, it is a justified and perhaps necessary step.

At issue is the unauthorized downloading of copyright material without payment to the owners. In this case, the downloading is done through "peer-to-peer," or P2P networks, such as "eDonkey." These networks let users share files on their individual PCs with other network users. In this way, music, movies and virtually any other digital product can be quickly distributed to millions of other P2P users at no cost. According to one estimate, as of June 2004, some 8 million users

were on P2P networks at any given time, sharing 10 million gigabytes of data.

The result is a massive theft of intellectual property, as users obtain works without authorization from - or payment to - their creators. So far, the main target of P2P downloading has been music. But the rapid growth of P2P networks, combined with new technology to shrink the size of movie files, has put the film industry at risk as well. As many as 150,000 movies may be being traded on the Internet each day.

Starting last year, the music industry, on the one hand, and the Recording Industry Association of America, its trade association - has been filing suits against individuals using P2P networks to share music files. The movie industry, on the other hand, opted to focus on public-awareness efforts and launched a broad campaign to educate consumers that downloading copyrighted material without paying for it was wrong.

This did not solve the problem, however. Forcing MPAA to go to court, with first civil lawsuits against individual offenders filed on Nov. 16. If found liable, offenders face fines of as much as \$30,000 for each movie copied or distributed

over the Internet, or as much as \$150,000 if the infringement is found to be "willful."

Filing lawsuits is a controversial strategy for Hollywood, and the demagoguery has already begun, with one MPAA opponent saying "13-year-olds and taking their college money isn't the best approach." Yet few doubt the legal liability of individuals under copyright law. And the stakes are high for the industry and consumers: the billions in revenue lost through Internet downloading could mean higher prices for law-abiding movie fans and could discourage production of financially risky pictures.

Moreover, direct legal action against infringers is far preferable to many of the other approaches to the P2P download problem that have been discussed in Washington. Many, for instance, have urged federal regulation of PCs, DVDs and other devices that could be used to copy movies and music, in order to make infringement more difficult. Other proposals would extend legal liability to manufacturers of these devices.

Policy-makers, however, should be extremely wary of such a regulatory approach. Any regulation of the fast-changing world of the Internet

and consumers electronics would likely hinder valuable innovation as well as increase costs to consumers.

Of course, lawsuits by themselves are unlikely to solve the P2P download problem. Continued education also needs to be pursued so that potential file-swappers understand why the unauthorized downloading of copyrighted material, like other forms of theft, is wrong. Another part of the solution is likely to be development of new technologies that allow copyright holders to make copying protected works more difficult.

Stemming the tide of illegal downloading won't be easy, but going after the worst offenders now, before movie downloads surpass music downloads, could prove to be a wise choice. Protecting property rights without imposing undue limits on private markets will involve many difficult choices. Suing individuals engaged in theft of intellectual property through file swapping, however, isn't one of them.

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Compiled by Nicole Jones

Do you think NKU should implement an XF grade policy for students caught plagiarizing or cheating?



Jamie Wilkinson
Junior, English

"All of the letters stand for something, so does XF stand for exceptional failure? If that's the case, absolutely. Also if it would impact their GPA, absolutely."



Josh Moeves
Freshman, undeclared

"Yeah, sure, so everyone would know it was for plagiarizing."



Xuebing Chen
Freshman, accounting

"It's an international student so I am unfamiliar with the policies in the US."



Jeremy Solomon
Sophomore, undeclared

"Yeah I think there should be because if you got caught plagiarizing it's an F automatically, that specifies the reason you failed it."



Sam Walker
Junior, psychology

"No, I don't think it's necessary to tell why they got an F. An F is already bad enough. I think it's an invasion of privacy."



Jessica O'Hara
Junior, business

"No, they should get an F if they plagiarize. XF just doesn't sound right."

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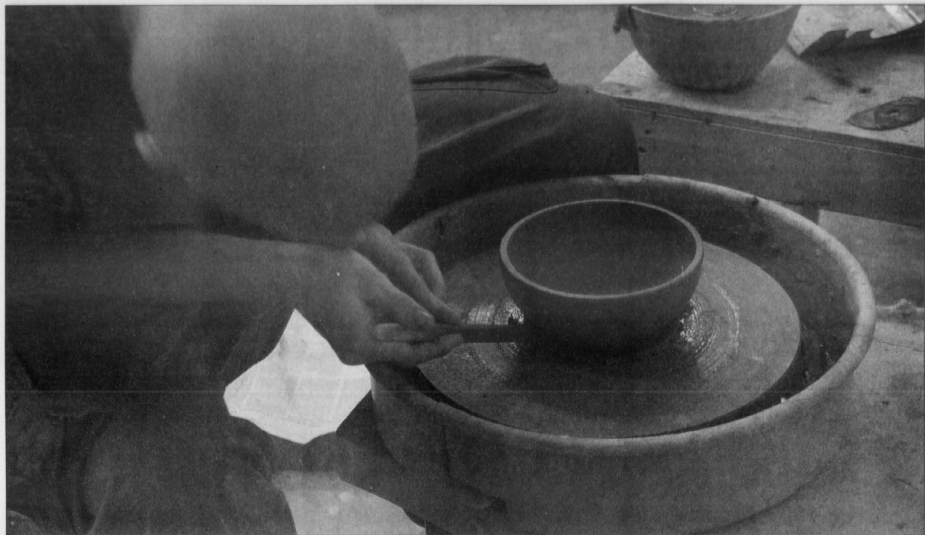


Photo contributed by Mikki Reynolds-Schaffer

NKU students have a chance to study a wide variety of topics. One of the specialized courses offered at the university is pottery, where students have a chance to create ceramic works of art. Be advised: no "Ghost" re-enactments here.

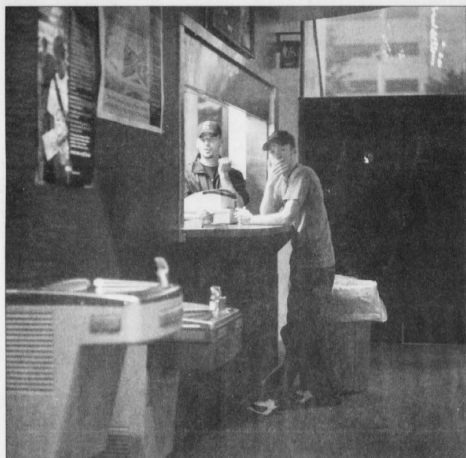


Photo contributed by Christopher Shibuya

Hanging out and talking with acquaintances have always been some favorite pastimes of NKU students.

NKU through the photographer's looking glass

Cameras help students capture university life

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On Oct. 20, 14 students in Chris Smith's applied photography class embarked on a journey to document the ins and outs of Northern Kentucky University.

For 24 hours the students snapped shots of life at NKU, and when they finished at midnight, they found they had over 4,800

pictures to document.

For weeks the class had the arduous task of cataloging each picture and whittling down their top favorites. The class had some help.

"Michael Keating, a staff photographer from the Enquirer has helped us from the beginning," said Pam Atkinson, a senior photography major.

"He looked at our pictures, gave some advice about what would work in

a news print form and what wouldn't."

At the end of November, the students had chosen their favorite pictures and now hope to take their work to the next level.

"We're hoping to enter it into a contest for 'On Campus' magazine and maybe try to put the pictures in a gallery," Atkinson said. "Maybe if we can get everything together, we'll make it into a book for our personal viewing."



Photo contributed by Brandon Schilling

NKU students know to be prepared for a change in the weather.

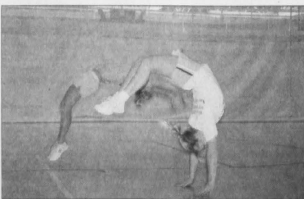


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Gymnasts practice back handsprings at the Campus Recreation Center.



Photo contributed by Lisa Harbom

A reflected look at an everyday event: walking from class to class.



Photo contributed by Pam Atkinson

Around campus it is highly probable that someone will be smoking.



Photo contributed by Chris Smith
Hanging around campus, students get to kick back with friends.

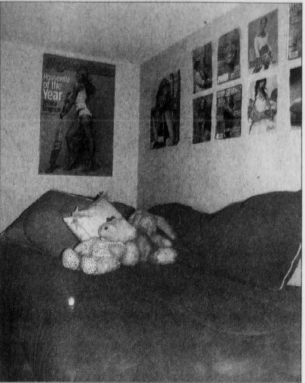


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Dorm rooms give students a chance to make school feel like home.



Photo contributed by Eric West
Keeping up with his university duty to patrol campus an officer from the Department of Public Safety checks the interior of a car.



Photo contributed by Maria Lawson
Sometimes students need a break from all the walking and studying.

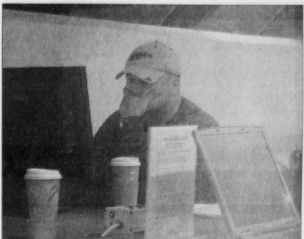
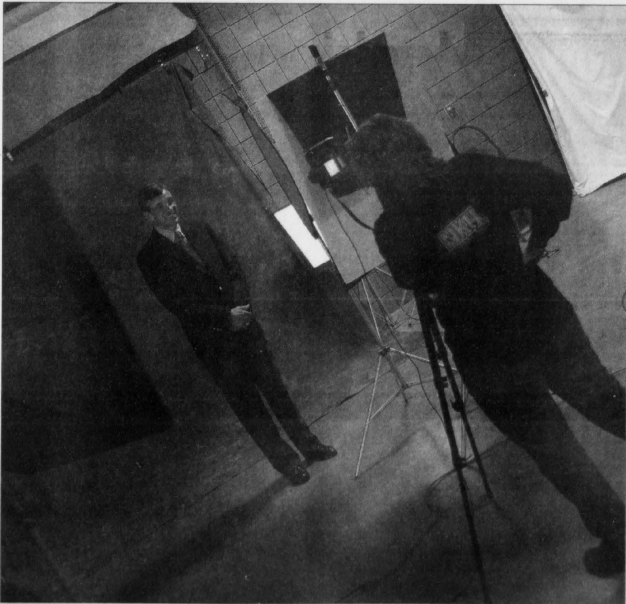


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Students have a chance to use the computers in the lobby of the library.



Photograph contributed by Rachel Ligon
James Votruba, President of NKU, poses to have his picture taken by Pam Atkinson on Oct. 20, the day of the 24-hour photo capture of NKU.



Photograph contributed by Jessica Riggs
Norse student athletes always have the determination for victory.



Photo contributed by Scott Raper
The quest for knowledge starts at an early age at the Early Childhood Center.



Photo contributed by Irish Rader
NKU seems to be a conduit for fog. Students must drive always with their lights on to find the way out of an otherwise covered parking lot.

campuscalendar

wednesday saturday

- Military History Lecture Series in LA 506 from 3 to 4 p.m.
- New All-Cad Distribution begins for students whose last names begin with A-N, in the UC Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- Kwanzaa Celebration in the UC Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- The Actor's Intensive weekend workshop cancelled.
- Men's Basketball game at St. Joseph's at 4 p.m.

sunday

- The Actor's Intensive weekend workshop cancelled.
- Mayerson Project award ceremony for the Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project in the UC Ballroom from 2 to 4 p.m.

thursday

- "Romeo and Juliet" opens in the Corbett Theatre at 8 p.m.
- Seventh annual Christmas tree lighting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Steely Library.
- "Legal Issues" free seminar in HEP 461 from 6 to 9 p.m.
- Senior Exhibitions begin in the third floor and main galleries in the Fine Arts Center. An artist's reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m.

monday

- NKU Steel Drum Band performs in Greaves Concert Hall at 8 p.m.
- Cooperative Education Information session in UC 232 at noon.

friday

- "Celebration of the Season" concert from 8 to 10 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students.

tuesday

- Physics Seminar by Dr. Heidi Schmitzer from Xavier University in the New Science Center 3:45 to 5 p.m.

To place an event contact Sarah Santos at 859-572-5859

Professor shares racial research

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For National American Indian Heritage Month, Northern Kentucky University hosted guest speaker George Price, Nov. 23.

Price, an adjunct professor at the University of Montana, spoke about relations between African Americans and Native Americans.

"I wanted to give the people a starting point of the history of the omitted and ignored people," Price said.

Price began investigating his family roots, which sparked an interest in relations between African Americans and Native Americans.

Price has been researching these relationships for 20 years and has been teaching African American studies and Native American studies since 1998.

Price called his research "very time consuming, but well worth it."

"It's been a fun journey during this," he said. Doing his lecture, Price discussed many different tribes across the United States including the Seminoles, Pequot and his mother's.

Price said he doesn't typically lecture anywhere other than his home state.

However, he made the trip to NKU for the National American Indian Heritage Month event.

Holocaust exhibit 'very powerful'

By SARAH SANTOS
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The walls of the Fine Arts Gallery were lined with more than just art during the month of November. Mounted throughout the gallery were 15 accounts of local Holocaust survivors, told through personal photographs that shared the story of a family and the effects genocide had on the childhood of present-day survivors.

Director of First Year Programs Vicki Stieha had the initial idea to bring this exhibit to NKU but claims the event would have never taken place without the help of many people at NKU.

Stieha explained that as the committee read "Kindred," noted "the author's references to the similarities between man's inhumanity to man in both horrendous periods. Slave labor in the Nazi labor camps and that in our

own history are eerily similar," she said. Suzanne DeLuca, History of First Year Programs, offered insight with a view of what struck her as a powerful aspect of the exhibit: the fact that these present-day survivors were only children at the time of this great tragedy.

"Her Story Must Be Told" is very powerful because it shows that these people were only children at the time and how that affected their childhood," DeLuca said. "It shows the strength it took to survive and flourish after the Holocaust had ended."

Nancy Kernell from the Holocaust Resource Center said she hopes the exhibit will increase awareness among our students that the best way to eradicate intolerance is through increasing our knowledge about other cultures and embracing them."

NKU grad shows no fear

Wardrobe malfunction caused local 'Fear Factor' competitor to finish in second place and lose the \$50,000 grand prize

By JOSH BLAIR
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Elizabeth Costello had the most disgusting Thanksgiving meal of her life this year.

At the dinner table was a maggot-infested turkey, bile gelatin with African cave-dwelling spiders, worm green beans, beetle, worm and cockroach stuffing, maggots mashed potatoes with rotten fish sauce gravy and sheep's brain pie with worms.

Costello was very hungry though. She only ate the green beans.

Costello, a 2004 NKU alumna, appeared on NBC's "Fear Factor" 90-minute Thanksgiving special Monday, Nov. 22.

Fear wasn't a factor for her seeing as how she came in second place out of six contestants. Even though she considered herself the underdog, Costello said she knew she had a chance to win the \$50,000 grand prize.

Costello dedicated her performance on the show to her father, who at the time was battling cancer. Doctors told her father he had six months to live, and when Costello received the phone call from "Fear Factor" producers telling her that she had been chosen, it was well into that sixth month.

Initially, Costello wasn't sure if she should go on the show or stay home with her ailing father. She told her father, whose favorite show is "Fear Factor," that she had been chosen and he encouraged her to go on the show.

Costello said the producers were very compassionate towards her father's situation and said they would send a tape to her as soon as it was cut so her father could see it. Unfortunately, they called back the day after he died.

Costello was recommended to "Fear Factor" producers by her cousin and friend who work in Las Vegas. They gave the producers her phone number,

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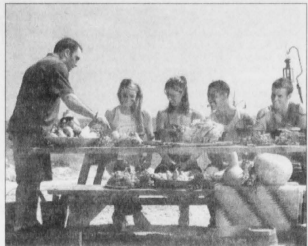
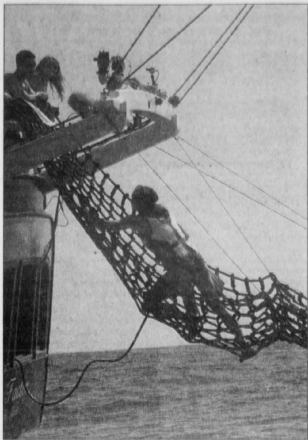
Above left: Elizabeth Costello forces down some worm green beans.

Above right: Costello looks on as another contestant completes the first stunt.

Right: Host Joe Rogan unveils the Fear Factor Thanksgiving dishes.

Left: Costello watches her performance at a party for her at Tropicans in Newport.

Josh Blair / Photographer



and Costello received a call from them to do a phone interview. Costello was later chosen and flown out to Los Angeles for the seven-day taping.

Costello said she wasn't nervous about going on the show, but she did prepare – by eating a cicada.

For the first stunt, contestants were on a large ship that was pulling a dinghy. They had to climb out of the dinghy and onto a net on which there were six flags. The contestants had to grab the six flags and climb up the net onto the ship as quickly as possible.

Costello said she was glad to go second. She finished with the time of 48 seconds, which was better than three other contestants' times.

Costello said when she saw the dishes, she was excited because she knew she would do well in water stunts.

"My nickname was 'Fish' growing up because I was a water baby," she said. "I never got out of the water, I knew I would be good with the stunts."

The second stunt was the infamous eating segment of "Fear Factor." However, for the Thanksgiving special contestants were not eliminated after this stunt.

Instead, each contestant had to choose three out of five disgusting dishes. For each one they ate, the contestants had a chance to throw a hatchet at a target. Whoever was closest to the target won \$10,000 and picked the order in which each contestant would participate in the next stunt.

Costello said she swallowed the worms whole and was surprised about their sharp texture as they went down her throat.

"I would have tried (to eat more) if we got eliminated," she said, "but I was just thinking I can't even throw a hatchet, I've never thrown a hatchet and I really am competitive, but I don't think that I would beat a guy at throwing a hatchet."

Costello threw her hatchet first, and it missed the target.

The third stunt was the one Costello dreaded the most.

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Play poses more questions than answers

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The house lights dimmed creating a moment so dark the audience couldn't see their hands in front of their faces, lasting just long enough to make them feel uncomfortable yet anxious.

Those were the moments before Nathan Gabriel's production of "The Dumb Water" began.

The audience knew little about the plot of Harold Pinter's "The Dumb Water." Anyone who hadn't previously read the play only knew it con-

sisted of two men waiting in an abandoned room.

That is exactly what the play was about.

Gus, played by professional actor Matthew Pyle, sat reading a newspaper. His suit was neatly ironed, shirt tucked in and his hair tightly pulled into a low ponytail. With his poised and appearance, Gus appeared to be a powerful person without even saying a word.

Pyle did a great job establishing authority in his character, Gus. From the moment the play began, the audience could see the temper of Gus rising. The entire play his patience lessened and his anger increased.

On the other side of the

room, sat the opposite personality of Ben, played by professional actor Taren Frazier. Struggling to sleep, Ben tossed around on the bed in attempt to find a comfortable position. He wore a wrinkled shirt and had no overcoat for his suit. His messy hair, need for a silence breaker and constant desire to be active made a perfect partner for Gus.

Because of his actions, the audience could interpret he was the younger of the two. Ben never established any type of leadership, although he added great action to the play. His activeness complimented the lack of movement in character of Gus.

Ben also added humor to the play. He was the comic relief needed with the heaviness of the plot, even though most of the time the audience laughed at him rather than with him.

Gabriel did an excellent job in casting these two men for the parts of Ben and Gus. Every element of the characters coincides with those of the actor, from charisma to facial expressions.

The movement of the characters was well directed. It seemed every move had a reason or a plan, and that every room exit or entrance had a purpose.

The opening scene really set the mood for the entire play

with a passive Gus and active Ben. Both men spoke in heavy English accents. Although they were consistent with their accents, they were hard to understand at times.

With the entire play consisting of dialogue between the two men making the setting an important element. The play was set in a bedroom in the bottom floor of an old house, and two beds were all the room contained.

The bedroom wall served as a backdrop, but the top of it was jagged, and the floor was painted both in the same fashion. Although distracting at times, the jagged setting personified to mood of the play.

Hidden within the wall were a dumb waiter and a talk box used to communicate with others along the path of the dumb waiter. It was upon the dissemination of a message through the dumb waiter the tension began to escalate between the two men. With each new message, the men grew irritable and violent.

The ending of the play comes at the most climactic moment in the plot, with Gus being torn between friendship and business.

Traditionally, a play has a resolution, but "The Dumb Water" left the audience at the edge of their seats wanting to know what happens next.

Graphic novel short, sweet

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"Stickleback", the latest graphic novel from award-winning creator Graham Annable, peers into the life of an obsessive artist, George.

It's a day-in-the-life-of tale that shows the hardships the lonely character must face including living with his destructive cat.

A disgruntled George joins his friend Yanni in a local restaurant. George consoles Yanni, who is dealing with a peculiar ailment.

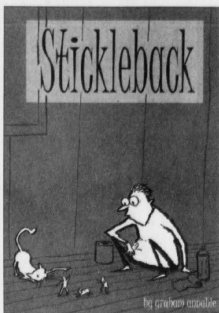
While at the restaurant, George deals with some peeping toms in a hilarious, if not a bit disgusting, manner.

The angry intruders trap George in the bathroom, and when he finally escapes, he injures his friend who needs to be rushed to the hospital.

More worried about his artwork than his friend, George rushes home to complete what he believes will be a masterpiece.

"Stickleback" is a quick read at 48 pages, but enjoyable nonetheless. It takes a look into the mind of an artist and how he deals with life, friendships and his passion.

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Artwork contributed by Graham Annable
 "Stickleback" deals with an obsessive artist who works with an interesting medium - toilet paper.

Bridget Jones sequel only fitting for fans of original

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Rene Zellweger is back as the title character in the sequel to the 2001 comedy "Bridget Jones's Diary," "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason."

Based on the novel by Helen Fielding, the story is set just a few weeks after Jones and her boyfriend Mark Darcy (played by Colin Firth) start their new relationship.

While everything appears to be great, the always uncertain Jones believes that Mark may not care for her as much as he lets on.

Jones starts to notice that she and Darcy do not have much in common when it comes to friends or philosophies. Of course, this leads to many

embarrassing encounters with Mark's business associates, both in the office and on a trip to a ski lodge.

Jones also struggles throughout the film to see if another woman may have stolen her perfect boyfriend.

Jones's circle of friends doesn't help the situation either by suggesting schemes for spying on Darcy, which ultimately lead to uncomfortable and awkward predicaments.

Her job is no picnic either, as she is still the object of ridicule in her attempts at serious journalism.

Making matters worse is the reemergence of former fling Daniel Cleaver (played by Hugh Grant) who boasts of his changed ways.

The two are forced to work together, causing odd feelings and tension towards each other

to surface. During a trip to Thailand with Cleaver, Jones would like to be with, Darcy or Cleaver.

"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" is basically a rehash of all the jokes and gags that filled the first movie, including another fight between Darcy and Cleaver.

The plot does have a few surprising twists that keep the story from being both boring and believable.

Zellweger does well to play the part of Jones, except for her horrible attempt at a British accent. Hugh Grant steals the show, having the funniest lines in the movie.

Those who saw and enjoyed the first "Bridget Jones" movie will undoubtedly be entertained by the sequel, but few others will.

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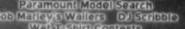
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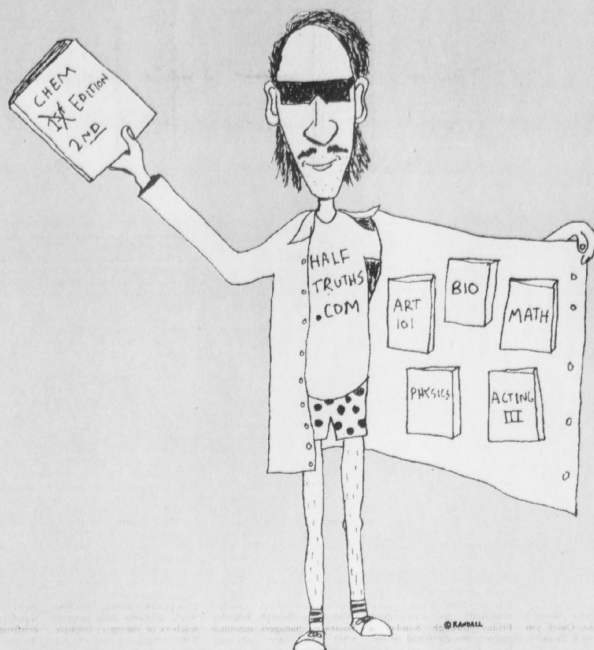


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Sports Scene

Stop crimes on the field

By now, everybody in the country has to be aware of the one dark cloud that has been hanging over the sporting world in the last few weeks. Few people have not witnessed the fights that occurred either in the Indiana-Detroit NBA game or the Clemson-South Carolina college football game.

Fingers are being pointed in every single direction, and people are trying to figure out why? Why would a professional athlete (or several players, as in the Indiana case) attack a fan? How could those college players get so out of hand and attack each other?

There are no good answers, nor are there any good excuses. Even the NBA crew on ESPN after the event happened was being apologetic towards Ron Artest, saying he had the right to attack the fan after having a drink thrown at him. What the commentators neglected to point out was Artest attacked the wrong guy.

While no athlete should ever feel that their life is in danger while playing a game, they have to act in a professional manner. There was a big difference in what Artest did and what his teammate, Jermaine O'Neal, did. Artest knew he would draw attention to himself by getting on the scorer's table while his scuffle with Ben Wallace was trying to be calmed down. He got a little more extreme response than what he probably thought, but his going into the stands afterwards is inexcusable.

Jermaine O'Neal attacked fans that made their way on to the court. Those fans might have got what they deserved by crossing an invisible boundary.

The penalties after the attacks were severe, and in some cases unjust. Artest missing the whole season is a mess, and towards all the other players, and while harsh, it is understandable. O'Neal's suspension may be too harsh for a player attacking a fan on the court.

The one Pacer who got off easy was Stephen Jackson. Jackson was not mentioned earlier because unlike Artest, he was not provoked, and unlike O'Neal his actions didn't occur on the court. Jackson just went off like a wild man into the stands, and was given a suspension somewhere in between Artest's and O'Neal's. Jackson appeared to be the true lunatic but does not have a reputation as bad as Artest's, so he got off with a lesser penalty.

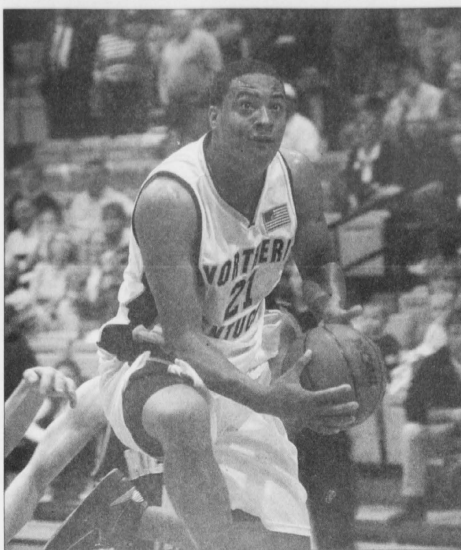
The level of insanity in the college football game was a little bit more of a contained violence. It was players versus player and did not spill out into the stands, nor were any innocent bystanders hurt, but the behavior was no less reprehensible.

The level of violence, the circumstances and the people involved were different. The one thing these unfortunate instances do have in common is severe consequences. The NBA players are suspended and the college players cannot play in their scheduled home games.

The NBA and NCAA have seen the need to stop these situations as soon as possible. Hopefully, with governing bodies enforcing harsher penalties, we will see a reduction in this type of behavior.

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Norse start off with a bang in Coach Bezold's first season



Blue I Photographer

Harrison Morton hits the winning shot with 1.5 seconds remaining against Michigan Tech.

Wins four of first five games, defeating top-notch competition

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Northern Kentucky University Men's Basketball Coach Dave Bezold couldn't have asked for a better opening game to the beginning of his head coaching career.

His team has started the season with impressive wins over ranked teams such as Michigan Tech and Kentucky Wesleyan.

The team also won the John L. Griffin Lions Club Classic defeating Northern Michigan 73-62 on Nov. 20 at Regents Hall.

After losing to Bellarmine Nov. 28, the team stands at 4-1 on the season and 1-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Coach Bezold feels there is still plenty of work to be done for his club.

"We still need to work harder on defense getting to the right spot," Bezold said. "We still get into situations on offense where we don't move well."

The Norse began the season with three very important exhibition games with University of Kentucky, University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University.

Bezold feels the experience of playing against the Division 1 teams was positive for his

team both on the court and off. "For our guys who work so hard, it really gives our kids a positive experience playing sports and tremendous exposure for them," Bezold said.

Michigan Tech was ranked sixth in the NCAA Division II Poll going into the opening game with the Norse.

NKU won the game 55-53 on an off-balance scoop shot by freshman guard Harrison Morton. He led all scorers in the opening game with 12 points.

Morton came to NKU from Lexington Catholic High School in Lexington, Ky. He has provided excellent play at the guard spot all season long. Coming off the bench he leads the Norse in scoring, averaging 12.4 points per game and posting the highest field goal percentage on the team.

The Norse won the Championship game of the Classic by defeating Northern Michigan University.

Senior center Pat Carey had a career night, scoring 17 points. He was also a perfect six for six from the field and five for five from the free throw line.

"It's really important for us to win early in the season. It gives us confidence during the season that we can beat anyone we play," Carey said.

Carey is off to a great start to

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Women's basketball team sees extension of losing streak at 0-4

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Princess Wimsatt scored 17 of her 23 points in the second half Nov. 28 as Bellarmine posted a 77-66 win over Northern Kentucky University in Knights Hall.

Kellie Peyton came off the bench and added 16 points as Bellarmine improved to 3-0 overall, 1-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Lady Knights shot 61.5 percent from the field and won the rebounding battle by a 35-27 margin to hand NKU (0-4 overall, 0-2 GLVC) its fourth consecutive loss.

"Bellarmine has some very talented offensive players, and they really shot the ball well in this game," NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said.

"I thought we competed at a higher level than we have in any other game so far, and we have to keep our heads up and try to figure this out."

Karyn Creager and Karmen

Graham each scored 17 points to lead NKU, but the Norse shot just 34.5 percent from the field in the second half.

"I thought Karmen and Karyn both had good games, and I also was pleased with how Betsey Clark played," Winstel said.

"Bellarmine just came out strong in the second half and made some big plays."

NKU held a 35-32 halftime lead, but Bellarmine used a 13-2 run early in the second half to build a 54-44 advantage. The Lady Knights hit 62.1 percent from the field in the second half.

Wimsatt dished out a game-high 10 assists and grabbed four rebounds.

Conna Myers finished with 12 points and seven rebounds for NKU. Bellarmine's collapsing defense, however, converted many of the inside attempts and

forced Myers into a 4-for-15 shooting performance from the field.

Peyton, meanwhile, made all four of her attempts from three-point range and helped rally Bellarmine.

"Peyton was a difference maker for them with her perimeter shooting," Winstel said. "They also were able to get some transition baskets, and Wimsatt hit some big shots in the second half."

NKU will continue its four-game road trip Dec. 2 with a 5:30 p.m. contest at Indianapolis. The Norse also will play at Saint Joseph's at 2 p.m. Dec. 4.

"It doesn't get any easier for us, not with Indianapolis next, and then Saint Joseph's," Winstel said.

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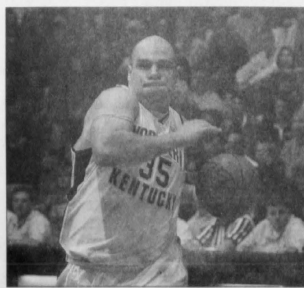


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Elizabeth Burrows leads the Norse offense up the court.

Norse win at home against local rivals

Men score 106 points on their way to defeating Thomas More Saints for the 19th consecutive time



Blue I Photographer

Derek Smith drives to the basket against Thomas More.

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Separated by less than 10 miles, the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team won their 19th consecutive game (28-5 all time) versus their cross-town rivals, the Saints of Thomas More College, in the annual "Campus Classic."

Freshman Harrison Morton set a career high with 28 points while shooting 8-9 from the field and converting on 12-14 free throw attempts. He added six rebounds and three assists.

Morton also added a highlight crowd to electrify the game and his teammates with 1:13 remaining in the first half.

Pat Cary scored 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, giving the Norse a 106-83 vic-

tory over the Thomas More Saints Nov. 24.

The Norse improved to 3-0 for the first time since the 2002-2003 season when they finished 25-6.

NKU head coach Dave Bezold said he likes what he sees.

"I'm happy with the way our guys played," Bezold said. "They're hard and are very coachable. I'm confident we'll get better because we are not playing at our best yet, which is good, because we don't want to be yet."

Steve Purdon threw hit three-pointers in the final minute to help extend the Norse lead and clutch foul shooting by Mark Hawkins (making six consecutive shots) put the game out of reach.

Thomas More's Garry Horton added 19 points and four of seven shooting from beyond the arc to cut the NKU

lead to 89-78 with 3:43 remaining and help keep the Saints in the game.

The Norse shot a season high 59.6 percent including 10 three-pointers from the field, despite the full-court pressure and trapping by the aggressive Thomas More defense.

"We knew they were going to press," Bezold said. "We got open looks and were fortunate to make them. Steve Purdon made some big three's for tonight."

It was a complete team effort by the Norse as four players scored in double figures including a career-high 17 points by junior forward Derek Smith.

The Norse also dominated on the boards as they out rebounded the Saints 40-27.


"We shot a higher percentage, so they had fewer chances to rebound," Coach Bezold said.



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