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Students become NKU royalty



Tony Redell/Photo Editor
Shelley Heavrin and Joe Mills became the 2004 Homecoming king and queen at Saturday's game.

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Northern Kentucky University featured a night of winners Saturday, Jan. 31 at Regents Hall.

Not only did both the men's and women's basketball teams defeat Bellarmine University, but two students were also honored with the distinction of homecoming king and queen.

Joe Mills, nominated by Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and Shelley Heavrin, nominated by Delta Zeta Sorority, were crowned during halftime of the men's game in front of a sellout crowd of 1,685.

"We want to honor student leaders who do outstanding volunteer work," said Tiffany Mayse, chair of the coordination committee for Homecoming. "Very few of our student leaders get paid to

do the things they do, so this is like a form of recognition for their appreciation."

Katie Herschede and Jesse George, last year's king and queen, commenced the ceremony by introducing the night's guest speakers, alumni John Lucas and Tricia Macke, who announced the Homecoming court.

Court members were escorted by the prince, princess, duke and duchess, who were announced Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Yell Like Hell.

Sophomores Jesse McDonald and Tiffany Stroer claimed the title of prince and princess, while freshmen RP Proctor and Kate Brobeck were named duke and duchess.

Each organization had the opportunity to nominate a member. Nominations were then posted online, from where 347 students voted. Mayse indicated that it was a relative-

ly high number, nearly doubling last year's figures.

She also noted that this number was comparable to the voter turnout of 348 students for Student Government Association's fall elections.

The student body votes narrowed down the nominee list to five a piece, formulating the court.

This year's court was composed of Jeff Iker, Dustin Lewis, Tye Mortensen, Andy Hixson and Joe Mills, all up for king, and Loni Hammons, Katie Hart, Shelley Heavrin, Nicole Rieselmann and Rachel Whisner for queen.

Mayse's committee then chose the winner based on academics, involvement, community service, and an interview.

"King and queen is based on a lot of things," Mayse said. "It's not just a popularity contest like it was in high school."

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DPS gains Ky. accreditation

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The Department of Public Safety at Northern Kentucky University recently received state accreditation from the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police in Frankfort. Following a year of paper-

work and a revision of policies and procedures, DPS has met the set of standards required for a state agency to become accredited.

"What this does is put this police department at this university in line with everybody else as far as policy procedure standards and professional standards," said Jeff Martin, interim chief of police at DPS.

"We're in compliance with every police department in the United States," he said.

The state accreditation achieved by DPS not only brings a better reputation of safety and security to the school, but it has led to improvements to the DPS building as well.

DPS has added video surveillance to all entryways into the

building, created a lobby area for visitors and students, and placed bars on many windows.

The measures allow for greater safety and interaction with those who require assistance from DPS.

In receiving a state accreditation, NKU has separated itself from many other universities in the state.

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Illustration by Mike Brennan

NKU's Department of Public Safety has become one of three college agencies in Kentucky to receive state accreditation.

Picture of the Week



Jellyfish at the Gattysburg Aquarium.

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Stallings reveals anecdotes of university's colorful history

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Dr. Frank Stallings, Professor Emeritus of Literature, spoke about the history of Northern Kentucky University to a group of students and faculty members on Jan. 28.

The 2004 Homecoming Committee sponsored Stallings' presentation as part of "The Norse: The Untold Story."

Stallings was asked to give the presentation for homecoming because of his long term at the university that gave him a wealth of knowledge about its history, according to Stephanie McGoldrick, Activities Programming Board adviser. Stallings has been at NKU since 1972.

"This was an opportunity for people to learn about NKU's history, because homecoming is a celebration of history," McGoldrick said.

Stallings gave a brief chronology of NKU, including choosing the campus location, groundbreaking, first classes and former campus presidents.

Despite the many significant events that have taken place at

NKU, he only had time to discuss main events, mostly from when NKU began.

"Thirty-three years in 50 minutes is going to be tough," Stallings said.

Stallings said Louise B. Nunn signed Northern Kentucky State College (NKSC) into existence on March 14, 1968.

In February, 1969, The Kentucky Post released an article about Nunn's vision becoming concrete with a committee appointed to choose the campus location. The committee consisted of four representatives from each of three local counties, Boone, Kenton and Campbell.

Dr. W. Frank Steely was appointed the first president of NKSC in December 1969. Then in June 1970, the first classes were offered on NKSC's Covington campus.

The complete course schedule was placed on a one-page ad.

The first semester at NKSC began that August with 1,662

students enrolled.

Stallings joked that even then, parking was a problem at the Covington campus.

Nunn drew a bulldozer into the ground to begin the Nunn Hall groundbreaking ceremony in March 31, 1971.

Stallings said this first groundbreaking was "an occasion" with a large crowd and band. Several groundbreaking ceremonies soon followed for the construction of Regents Hall and the science center.

Enrollment had increased to 3,596 when first classes began at the Highland Heights campus in August 1972.

The first published picture of NKSC was taken in April 1973 during the first "Rites of Spring" celebration, and it featured a student rowing across Lake Inferior in a bathtub.

Stallings said at that point people realized this was not a good idea and people are no longer allowed to do so.

Construction on the W. Frank Steely Library began in

October 1973, soon followed by the groundbreakings for the Fine Arts Center, the Charles O. Landrum Academic Center and the University Center.

In 1976, NKSC became NKU. In July Dr. A.D. Albright accepted presidency of NKU.

The campus grew in several ways. Enrollment rose rapidly, buildings and residence halls were constructed and sports teams excelled.

The Norse baseball team played in the NCAA Division II World Series in the spring of 1979.

The Norse volleyball team went to a NCAA Division II Tournament in the fall of 1981.

Votrubia spoke to the audience at the end of Stallings' presentation.

Votrubia said it was an honor to be president of a university with some of the "finest faculty members" he has ever met.

For more information about NKU's history, contact Steely Library for a copy of Stallings' book, "Groundbreakings: Northern Kentucky University's First Twenty-five Years."

See page 3 for a timeline of NKU history

NKU celebrates Black History Month

The university has planned many events to commemorate black history this month. Read inside for more information and for a timeline of important events in the civil rights movement.

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FEB 3 2004
Tuesday 9:27 a.m.
Classification: THEFT -
Theft/Larceny From a Building
Under \$300
Location: ALBRIGHT
HEALTH CENTER
Disposition: Under
Investigation
Summary: Subject reported the
theft of items from the listed
location.

FEB 2 2004
Monday 6:55 p.m.
Classification: MEDICAL
RESPONSE - Squad
Location: LANDRUM BUILD-
ING - Fourth Floor
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Medical assistance
was requested for a subject at
the listed location. Officers and
the Central Campbell County
Squad responded. Subject was
transported to St. Elizabeth
Hospital South for further eval-
uation and treatment.

FEB 2 2004
Monday 9:30 a.m.
Classification: DECAL -
Lost/Stolen Decal
Location: OFF CAMPUS
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Subject reported a
2004 NKU parking permit
missing from a vehicle follow-
ing an off campus auto acci-
dent. Report filed for replace-
ment by the Parking Office.

FEB 2 2004
Monday 12:10 a.m.
Classification: TRAFFIC -
Vehicle Stop
Location: NUNN DRIVE
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Officer observed a
vehicle being operated at a high
rate of speed. Driver was issued
a Kentucky State Citation for
Speeding.

These are the latest reports
as of our print deadline.
For a full listing visit
the DPS website at
<http://access.nku.edu/dps>

campusbriefs

**Virus forces
reconfiguration of
campus network**

According to a newsletter
produced by the Office of
Information Technology, a new
virus has infected NKU's net-
work to the extent where a con-
figuration change is needed.
The virus goes by the name of
Novarg or MyDoom, and has
the potential to cause network
and computer slowdown.
It is a worm that gives "back-
door" access to a computer's
files, without knowledge of the
user. Any computer with the
virus will begin transmitting
information across the network,
attempting to slow down net-
work access. It will also use up
processor time, which in turn

will slow the computers. The
virus typically arrives via email
within an attachment.

IT stresses that it is extremely
important for students, faculty
and staff who have the Norton
Antivirus program to insure that
it has the most current virus
definition.

Although the network config-
uration changes will help pre-
vent further virus infection, it
will affect many users. Anyone
who accesses off-campus, third
party email servers and uses a
POP/SMTP client to send and
receive emails will be affected
in that they will be unable to
send outgoing email messages.
They will still be able to receive
messages, however.

IT reminds the campus that

anyone with questions or con-
cerns should contact the NKU
IT helpdesk at 572-6911.

**SGA welcomes new
senators**

The Student Government
Association appointed two stu-
dents to the senate Feb. 2:
Derek Schaefer and Jody
McFarland.

Schaefer is originally from
Louisville, Ky., and said he
wanted to become a senator to
help the student voice be heard.
McFarland said NKU is the fifth
college she has attended and
already has a degree from that
university. She said she wanted
to make SGA's presence known
on campus because even she
was unaware of what the organi-

zation does. Both students were
elected unanimously.

**Priority registration
approaching**

NKU students will be able to
register for summer and fall
2004 classes beginning on
March 30. Summer class
schedules are currently avail-
able on NKU's web page and
can also be picked up in the
Lucas Administrative Center
near room 301. Fall schedules
should be available to students
on Feb. 20.

Students are strongly encour-
aged to meet with their academ-
ic advisors prior to the com-
mencement of priority registra-
tion.

nationalbriefs

**Groundhog says: More
winter to come**

Punxsutawney Phil, the
groundhog famous for predict-
ing the rest of winter on
Groundhog Day, "saw" his
shadow Feb. 2. This prediction
traditionally means that we will
have six more weeks of winter
weather, according to a German
superstition. Phil was the guest
of honor at the 118th annual fes-
tival, sponsored by the
Punxsutawney Groundhog Club
in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

**Flights canceled amid
security concerns**

Six international flights from
the United Kingdom and France
to the United States, and one
domestic flight from
Washington to Houston, were
grounded Sunday and Monday
due to security concerns, the
Associated Press reported Feb.
2. The Department of
Homeland Security said it had
"specific and credible intelli-
gence information" that terrorist
organization al-Qaeda planned
an attack on the flights.
Officials declined to give details
about the nature of the threats,
but said they had nothing to do
with Sunday's Super Bowl
game in Houston.

**FCC to investigate
nudity during Super
Bowl halftime show**

The Federal Communication
Commission said Feb. 2 that it
plans to investigate the Super
Bowl halftime show in which
singer Janet Jackson's breast
was exposed during a perfor-
mance, according to a report by
the Associated Press. The inci-
dent occurred during a duet with
singer Justin Timberlake. CBS,
who aired the game and half-
time show, could be fined
between \$27,000 and several
million dollars, if the FCC
decided to fine each CBS sta-
tion. CBS, MTV (who produced
the halftime show), and
Timberlake said the incident
was a mistake.

Former governor, founder of NKU dies

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Former Kentucky Gov. Louie
B. Nunn died Jan. 29 of an
apparent heart attack at age 79,
according to Woodford County
coroner Steve Ward. Nunn
founded Northern Kentucky
State College in 1968, which is
now Northern Kentucky
University.

Nunn graduated with a law
degree from the University of
Louisville in 1950 after previ-
ously attending Bowling Green
Business University and the
University of Cincinnati.

In 1953 he was elected
Barren County judge. Nunn lost
the 1963 election for governor.

However, he was elected gov-
ernor of Kentucky in 1967,
becoming the first Republican
governor in 20 years, and the
last Republican governor for 32
years until Ernie Fletcher was
elected in November.

During his term as governor,
Nunn's accomplishments
included significantly increas-
ing funding for education, cre-
ating special education plans
for exceptional students, raising
teachers' salaries, and complet-
ing the Kentucky Educational
Television Network (KET).

Nunn also increased the num-
ber of state-supported higher
education institutions with the
opening of NKSC and the addi-
tion of the University of
Louisville to the state system.

Nunn's other contributions as
governor included extending
interstate highways, creating
Barren River Lake State Resort
Park, and the planning and
funding of three more parks.

After his term as governor,
Nunn acted as chair of the
Board of Trustees at the
University of Kentucky,
Morehead State University and
Kentucky State University.

He was also known for his
lectures on government at
Western Kentucky University



Tony Redell/Photo Editor

Nunn Hall shines brightly, a tribute to his passion for education.

and was given the 1999
University of Louisville
Distinguished Alumni award.

Nunn's presence is still
acknowledged on NKU's cam-
pus. Students enter from Nunn
Drive and attend class in Nunn
Hall.

Nunn actively participated in

the groundbreaking of Nunn
Hall by driving the bulldozer
into the ground.
Nunn was married to the late
Beula Cornelius Aspley and
had two children, Stephen
Nunn and Jennie Lou Penn.

Black History Month

Activities Programming Board schedule of
events for February.

Wednesday

2/4

Cultural displays set up in the
UC Lobby celebrating different genre
including organization billboards,
arts/crafts, customary dress, etc.

Sunday

2/8

The movie, Remember the Titans, will
be played in Norse Commons Cafeteria
at 7pm. Snacks and refreshments will be
provided.

Tuesday

2/10

Philip Walker, a wonderfully talented
African-American performer, will
perform an interactive show entitled
"Can I Speak for You Brother" at 7 p.m.
in Budig Theatre. (www.African-American-Drama-Company.org)

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Students become socially aware

Graduates take jobs in nation's toughest neighborhoods through 'Peace Corps in the Classroom'

BY JENNIFER TOBIA

Knight Rider/Tribune News Service

So you were captain of your college tennis team? You were president of Columbia's Student Council?

You spent your summer building homes in Haiti? Plus you had a job at the United Nations and served as the editor of your school newspaper?

If so, you just might have a shot at getting to work in the one of the most impoverished corners of the nation, with the bonus of a minimum wage salary, 10-hour work days and little time to socialize with people of your own age.

Despite what you're thinking, this job description has been alluring enough to merit the two-year commitment of 10,000 graduates who have served as part of Teach For America since its inception in 1990.

Perhaps a more appropriate name for TFA is "Peace Corps in the Classroom," as the purpose of this program, the brainchild of Princeton Student Wendell Kopp, is to place recent grads from the nation's top universities in low achieving schools.

Those selected are drawn from job extremely competitive, have applicant pool, with 5 percent of 16,000 applicants coming from Yale, Princeton and Northwestern.

The average GPA of the 2003 corps stands at 3.5. The accep-

tance rate for 2003 was 13 percent.

The hope is that TFA participants' energy and scholarly achievements will be enough to make a positive impact on elementary and secondary education - even though the grads are unaccredited as teachers and likely never had an education course.

George Washington University senior Jess Crowell found TFA's mission a compelling idea and decided to apply for the 2004 corps.

After making it past the initial application procedures, Crowell was invited back for an interview.

The interview, which lasted hours, consisted of 10 other Teach For America applicants, who each displayed their aptitude for problem solving, simulated a lesson, and interviewed with two Teach For America alumni.

With sitting in this room with some of the smartest, and most well rounded people, and we were all basically showing off, trying to make ourselves seem better than the next person," Crowell said. "It definitely was one of the most competitive atmospheres I've been in for a while. At least I knew I didn't get it, it would be about to get beaten out by someone who was more than worthy."

On Dec. 18, Crowell received a letter accepting her into the program.

"I was shocked to see that I

had been accepted, especially after all my friends who had interviewed got rejected."

Weeks later she received her assignment: the South Bronx.

"I had put down Atlanta, Georgia, as my first choice; New York City wasn't in the top three. I'm a little intimidated to teach in the Bronx," the petite blonde said.

"Especially after I found out a student had been shot and killed there a few months earlier."

Of course, the Teach For America Web site profiles the positive experiences of former corps members, hyping the redeeming qualities of such a commitment.

Information sessions focus on the amazing stories of inspired classrooms thriving because of the devoted corps.

The Web site says: "We need those who have what it takes - both to excel as a teacher despite immense challenges, and to ultimately assume great influence in your community - to step up and take our effort forward."

This is but a shadow of warning of the hard path to follow.

Of course, each experience is

unique, and not always positive. The story of 22-year-old Yale Graduate Joshua Kaplowitz, assigned to teach fifth grade at Emery Elementary in Washington, D.C., is enough to deter all but the most ambitious of individuals.

After experiencing racial harassment, a disapproving principal and an inability to control his class, Kaplowitz was sued for \$20 million by a parent whose son claimed Kaplowitz pushed him (an incident Kaplowitz firmly denies).

After Kaplowitz was arrested and tried for assault, a charge on which he was acquitted, the school system and the teachers' union eventually settled the case for \$75,000.

He reflects on his experience as an unfortunate result of resentment directed toward him from accredited teachers, the principal and parents, and a lack of support the three-person D.C. Teach For America staff was capable of providing.

Asked if this story conjured hesitation, Crowell said, "I think anyone accepting this responsibility knows what she's

getting into. You just have to be overly cautious with every turn."

"Of course accounts of positive experiences and the ever-growing enrollment and competitiveness of the applicant pool is cause for counter examination."

Allison Serafin, a member of the 2002 corps, taught sixth grade language arts and social studies classes at Attucks Middle School in Houston, Texas. Her classes ranged from 22 to 28 students.

"The experience was everything I thought it would be and more. I expected it to be challenging, but after one week in the classroom I learned that I had never had a job that was really 'challenging' before in my life," Serafin said.

"Most of my students were far below grade level and faced many challenges of poverty, such as inadequate nutrition and lack of quality housing."

"My responsibility, and the responsibility of all corps members, was to ensure that my students were able to overcome these obstacles in order to make significant academic gains."

Serafin said the program's summer prep institute helped ready her for the classroom with "foundation skills necessary to become an effective teacher."

She admits that there were times when the frustrations and setbacks gave her a sense of defeat, yet, "at the end of my

"oh, poor me" moments I had to roll up my sleeves and get back in there for them. ... I spent every waking moment either with my students or thinking about my students."

Though she had to go above and beyond the hours she was technically paid for, Serafin said one trade off was the relationships she gained from the program.

She enthusiastically talks about the contact she keeps with former students and the inspirational effect it has on her today in her job as a TFA program director in Philadelphia.

Monique Jaramillo, Deputy Director of Marketing Communications at the New York Tech For America office spoke passionately about the important role of alumni in perpetuating the mission of TFA.

"We need a force of leaders, people in every sector," Jaramillo said. "People who, after seeing the challenges that students face in these low-income communities, will continue to bring about fundamental, long term change."

Said Serafin: "I hope I made a difference in the lives of my students. I hope that they look at the world with a critical eye and believe that their academic success is possible with hard work and determination."

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Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity won the Gold Division, which

Crowning

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Based on the many factors the committee's decision is based on, Heavin felt privileged to be crowned queen.

"It's quite an honor to be considered one of the top students at NKU," Heavin said.

"All of the candidates were very talented students," said Martin.

"I was completely shocked and excited that I won."

Both Mills and Heavin were overwhelmed by the support from their family and friends.

Mayse also mentioned that along with this distinction comes a fair share of responsibility. Homecoming king and queen are often asked to speak

at such functions as Black and Gold Days and Transitions.

"My main goal when I come to school everyday is to try and get people to be as excited about our school of NKU as I am," said Mills.

"I tell people, students especially, that this is your school, and if you don't work for it, I speak up for it, and take pride in it, than who will? I hope being the Homecoming King will help me get more students active on campus."

Stefany Koo, who was nominated for queen by Christian Student Fellowship, was happy with the effects Homecoming had on the campus this year.

"Homecoming is important to our school because it motivates students," Koo said. "It's one of those things that you need to have because it battles apathy, which is a big problem for our campus."

"It's supposed to inspire feelings of love for your school, so you feel like this is a place for you. Instead of just concrete, it becomes a home for us - that's what homecoming is all about."

According to Heavin, Homecoming isn't just for students involved in Greek life, like many events, but rather it's intended for all student organizations.

"Homecoming is one of the

most well-rounded [events] that NKU puts on," Heavin said. "For students who actually try to get involved, NKU is a wonderful place." Koo said, "It all depends on how much you're willing to put into it."

Stephanie McGoldrick, chair of the Homecoming committee, believes that through this year's theme, "The Norse: The Untold Story," students were able to learn more about the school's history.

"Homecoming week [is] all time to celebrate the history of Northern Kentucky University, because there's a story to be told that not everyone knows," McGoldrick said.

"We thought that organizations through that theme could tell the story of their organization during this week, because their organization contributes to Northern Kentucky University as well. They're a part of the history; they have a vested interest in what happens at NKU."

McGoldrick and Tiffany Bellafant, chair of the points/spirit committee presented two awards in the second half to the organizations that had the highest percentage of their members attend all Homecoming events.

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was composed of student organizations with 25 or more members. Panhellenic Council won the Black Division, where organizations with less than 25 members competed. Each organization won \$250 as well as a trophy.

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DPS

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A state accreditation is not a requirement for state institutions.

"This is something we elected to do to give us a little more credibility and a little more professionalism," Martin said. The accreditation received by DPS must be renewed every five years.

The procedure for this renewal includes updating a 500-page manual to reflect any new laws or policy changes.

Another requirement is that the department is mandated to formally review every policy in this manual at least once a year.

"This will hopefully be a much easier process than obtaining the original accreditation," according to Martin.

Achieving state accreditation was not a simple task, but the numerous rewards it offers the university far outweigh the struggle to get this prominent status.

"It's an expensive process, and it's a very difficult process, but once you get there it's worth all the effort," Martin said.

Timeline: NKU history revealed

March 14, 1968

December 1969

August 1970

March 31, 1971

Spring 1971

Fall 1971

August 1972

May 1973

June 1976

July 1976

Spring 1979

Fall 1981

Fall 1981

Fall 1982

April 1983

May 1985

Spring 1985

March 1987

1993

March 1995

March 1996

June 30, 1996

March 1997

August 1997

Fall 1998

Spring 1999

April 2000

Spring 2001

Fall 2002

Fall 2003

Northern Kentucky State College founded

Dr. W. Frank Stealy appointed first president of NKSC

First semester at NKSC; 1,662 students enrolled

Groundbreaking of Nunn Hall

First Norsemen baseball team

First Norse basketball team

First classes on Highland Heights campus

First Commencement at Regents Hall

Northern Kentucky State College becomes Northern Kentucky University

Dr. A.D. Albright becomes president of NKU

Norse baseball team goes to NCAA Division II Tournament

First Honors Program courses offered

Norse volleyball team goes to NCAA Division II Tournament

Chase College of Law moves to Highland Heights campus from Covington

Dr. Leon Boothe becomes third president of NKU

WNKU goes on the air

Norse baseball team plays in NALA World Series

Lady Norse basketball team goes to NCAA Division II Final Four

Celebration of NKU's 25th Anniversary

Norse men's basketball team wins GLVC title

Norse men's basketball team wins GLVC title and regional title, plays in NCAA Division II National Title game

Dr. Booth retires as president

Norse men's basketball team wins GLVC title and regional title, plays in NCAA Division II National Title game

Dr. James Yotrubia takes over as president of NKU

Volleyball team goes to NCAA Division II Elite Eight

Women's basketball team plays in NCAA Division II Final Four

Norse women's basketball becomes first NKU athletic team to win a national championship

NKU Athletics program wins GLVC title for year of excellence

New Science Center opens; Toyota contributes \$1 million to Science Center

Enrollment exceeds 14,000

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Letters to the editor

Arena funding is at students' expense

 To the editor of *The Northerner*:

How dare the board of Regents create a 15 to 20 percent increase in our tuition and then accept \$43 million from the state to build a new arena as was reported in the Kentucky Post on January 27? The Board of Regents needs to tell the state they want to use that money to help ALL of the students by keeping tuition down for everyone.

Why does the Board of Regents want a new arena? So that the basketball teams can switch to Division I status, that's why!

Why should the athletic

department get what they want at the expense of all of the other students on campus? They shouldn't.

The athletic department should have to endure the same cuts as everyone else.

They should not get a new arena while the rest of us are facing a huge increase in tuition.

That puts the cost of it directly

onto the backs of every student at NKU.

We are paying for it with this proposed tuition increase!

Something needs to be done

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about that right now!

I, for one am going to protest loud and long to President Votrubna and the Board of Regents. I urge every

student to do the same.

Jeff Foster
Freshman, secondary education in social studies

Korean culture is misunderstood

Dear Editor:

Since I have been attending at NKU for four years, I have many chances through class to explain about "dog meat." Some Americans asked me very carefully because they didn't want to offend myself.

First of all, I understand how Americans think it is such a cruelty, that some people in the world eat dog, which is the friendliest animal to Americans. However, before you blame Korea, there is a part of Korean history you must know. About thousands of years ago, cow was the main resource for agriculture, so the ordinary people

could not have beef. However, dog meat was easier to get than any other animal, such as chicken, so it fed numerous hungry poor people.

Today, there are only few, I mean really few, Koreans who eat dog meat, and we distinguish between dog for food and pets. Dog for food is raised in clean environment farms with enriched nutrition. Apparently, these dogs are not pets that you can name. I mean, they are all mixed kind.

Then, should we Koreans force our government to shut down restaurants, which cook dog meat? It is still arguable in Korea between animal protection organizations and restaurants owners.

I think Korean government

should leave those restaurants because our government already punished them when we hosted 88 Seoul Olympics and 2002 World Cup. In the mean time, any restaurants sell or cook dog meat had to either close or move to suburbs in order to avoid giving ugly impression to Western countries.

I believe many Koreans agree with myself whether they eat dog meat or not, because it is matter of cultural sovereignty.

Furthermore, Chinese government follow the same steps that Korean government did in order to host 2008 Beijing Olympics successfully?

I don't think so, but question

is still standing and Western countries are awaiting response from Chinese government.

I think Western people eat many disgusting foods as well, but I don't express at all because it is their part of culture, and I don't have any historical and cultural background knowledge relatively.

I love the dog. I still miss my first dog that I lost in a car accident about ten years ago, and there are millions of Koreans who love the dog and treat them as a human being.

I hope this article help you understand little more about my people and my country.

Jim Hyang Kim
Senior, information systems

SGA control of media funds unconstitutional

Dear Editor:

 Thank you for alerting us to the situation at Northern Kentucky University. As I understand it, the government is currently trying to obtain budgetary control of *The Northerner* (as well as WNTV and WRN) for the purpose of influencing the content of these media outlets. It is also my understanding that the SGA's ultimate goal is to feature more SGA members in the broadcast outlets and to generate more favorable coverage of the school in general and the SGA in particular in *The Northerner*. Finally, I understand that the SGA wishes to reach this goal by funneling funds from the SGA to *The Northerner* while attaching new strings to the use of those funds in the process.

Based on these facts, you have asked for our opinion on

the following: first, whether the school can validly transfer budgetary control of the student media outlets to a group which has already stated its intent to influence the content of said media; and second, what consequences could the school face if such a transfer were to go forward. The Student Press Law Center is the only legal assistance agency in the country devoted exclusively to educating high school and college journalists on the latest developments in the law affecting the student press. Having provided assistance to over 2,200 student journalists and educators last year alone, we are happy to help.

 Switching control of *The Northerner's* funding process to a group that has already stated its intent to use its control of said funding to influence the publication's content is unconstitutional.

When a student publication (print or broadcast) has its funding mechanism changed in a way that has foreseeable

 unconstitutional consequences – such as allowing any group to alter the flow of public funds in an attempt to control content – the university that effects such a change opens itself to the possibility of a lawsuit. See, e.g., *Stanley v. Magrath*, 719 F.2d 279 (8th Cir. 1984) (holding that a university engages in unconstitutional censorship by allowing students to specify whether or not their student activities funds may be used for the newspaper); see also *Schiff v. Williams*, 519 F.2d 257 (5th Cir. 1975).

 Furthermore, even if the school were to make such a change, the student government could not alter the paper's funding in an attempt to control, manipulate or punish its content. *State Board for Community Colleges v. Olson*, 687 P.2d 429 (Colo. 1984), *appeal after remand*, 759 P.2d (Colo. Ct. App. 1988).

 In light of the Sixth Circuit's decision in *Kincaid v. Gibson*, 236 F.3d 342 (6th Cir. 2001), which cited both *Stanley* and

Schiff favorably in dicta as limitations on the university's power to transfer or alter funding mechanisms, *Kincaid* at 348 note 6, it seems clear that a legal challenge could successfully be brought in your jurisdiction against the school if this change were to go through.

Toward that end, we at the Student Press Law Center will be happy to contact members of our Attorney Referral Network. Our network includes experienced media law attorneys who have offered to assist student journalists on a pro bono basis.

If the administration and student government are not aware of the law in this area, please share this letter with them. Also, please keep the Student Press Law Center updated on any developments in the situation and do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Student Press Law Center
Adam Goldstein, Esq.
New Media Legal Fellow

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Compiled by Brianna Bodine

Do you think SGA should be allowed to control student media, RHA and APB funding?


Bethany Williams
Junior, criminal justice

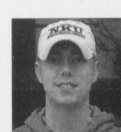
"That's a lot of control. I don't think it's a good idea. I don't think SGA need to concentrate on tuition."


Katie Lauer
Junior, speech communication

"As long as they're [SGA] fully monitored and everyone has an equal voice, it would be OK."


Monique Johnson
Senior, elementary education

"Until they can get the media involved, they shouldn't."


John Huff
Sophomore, flight aviation

"Yeah, it will give students more control."


Crystal Cumb
Junior, graphic design

"No. They [the media] have their own right to say whatever they want to say."

editorial note

Media shapes our views

Consumers should request improved news content

ble voices and moving images, giving it an added touch of reality – and less time to reflect on what is being said.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, what is the worth of a moving, speaking image? So what does this mean?

It means that individuals have a responsibility as consumers of media.

If we truly expect the media to accurately reflect important current events, then we must be able to think critically about the messages they are sending and be willing to put our dollars into stations that accomplish this.

Too often, our culture screams from more of what it doesn't need: we are glued to the screen by the Britney Spears wedding gone awry

and images of Michael Jackson on top of his van for a photo before his court case on sexual abuse. Meanwhile, important questions that affect our individual lives go ignored or unanswered.

What the media leaves out is just as important as what it includes. During the recent war in Iraq, one Arabic television news station referred to Operation Iraqi Freedom as "War for Oil." If we only watch the Arabic news station, we are likely to assume that the U.S. has only one goal in the war: to control Iraqi oil.

Likewise, on the day Saddam was captured, an American news station continuously repeated the same two 20-to-30 second clips of Iraqis

celebrating in the streets while reporters spoke about the events in the forefront of the screen. If the Iraqi celebrations are the only thing we see, we are likely to assume that the vast majority of Iraqis were overwhelmingly happy about the U.S. capture of Saddam.

Both of these assumptions are based on just a few moments of the same message repeated over an extended period of time.

Therefore, as consumers of media, we must request news that reflects many sides of the same issue, that gives credible sources for the information presented, and that gives ample consideration to important issues rather than spending a great deal of time on well, Michael's mug shot.

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Sami Marqua
Sophomore, criminal justice

"Why not? Students should be able to control what they do."

The Civil Rights Movement: A Brief Timeline

May 17, 1954

The United States Supreme Court rules on the landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education* case that segregation of any kind in a public school system is unconstitutional.



September 1957

A group of nine black students are denied entry at an all-white high school in Little Rock, Ark. The national guard is called in to escort the students out of the school.

Feb. 21, 1965

Civil rights leader Malcolm X is shot to death in Harlem.



April 20, 1971

The Supreme Court upholds another landmark decision and declares busing as a legal method of integrating public schools.

June 23, 2003

The Supreme Court upholds affirmative action in higher education.

July 2, 1964

President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

March 21, 1988

Congress passes the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

Jun. 12, 1963

Medgar Evers, a Mississippi NAACP field secretary, is murdered in front of his home. Both subsequent trials result in hung juries.

April 4, 1968

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is shot while standing on the balcony of his Memphis hotel.



Dec. 1, 1955

After a long day of work, Ms. Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat at the front of a Montgomery, Ala. bus and is arrested.

Aug. 28, 1963

Over 200,000 people congregate in front of the Lincoln Memorial to hear Dr. King's famous "I have a dream" speech.



April 11, 1968

President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibiting discrimination in the selling, financing and renting of homes.

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NKU to celebrate black history with a variety of events, programs

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As the months pass by at school, do you sometimes wonder what's going on around campus when you're not inside the classroom? If you're not quite sure how to find out what those activities are, then you'll find an answer here.

It's now February, and with this month comes a dedication to black history – the perfect opportunity for campus to offer up a slew of activities.

Throughout the month Northern Kentucky University will be buzzing with organizations hosting activities filled with food, fun, and facts.

"We want to educate everyone on African American culture, and how it is a big part of American history," Delta Sigma Theta President

LeShauna Persley said. "There are many people who may not be as well educated on the subject, and for some it will be a reminder of where they came from."

Delta Sigma Theta will be hosting its annual Black History Bowl at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4. The event will take place at Norse Commons in room 117.

The bowl was instituted when the chapter was founded at NKU in 1995, and every year the sorority adds new ideas to keep things fresh and fun.

The African American and Latino Student Affairs Office will also host events throughout the month, including a Black History Kickoff.

The kickoff will be held from noon until 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the UC Ballroom.

They will also sponsor a Soul Food Fest from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9 in the UC

Ballroom.

If some of these events interest you, check out the Institute of Freedom Studies to get more in-depth information about Black History Month.

"Our goal is to collect and share information about the Underground Railroad in the country as a whole, but specifically the Ohio River Valley," said Prince Brown Jr., associate professor of sociology and director of the Institute of Freedom Studies.

Most events given by the Institute do not occur specifically in February, but if you have a thirst for knowledge or you are full of curiosity, then there are many activities and events you can be involved with through this department, Brown said.

For instance, the Institute sponsors an annual writing and art contest specifically geared toward black history and the

Underground Railroad.

The contest is not just for the campus; it involves the entire Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati area.

There is also an event called the Borderlands Conference, held on campus in conjunction with the Freedom Center of Cincinnati. This is another event focusing on the Underground Railroad.

"We actually have a joint faculty member who works 50 percent of the time at NKU and the other 50 percent of the time at the Freedom Center," Brown said.

That faculty member is Dr. Dolores Walters, who conducts training workshops for community researchers at the Freedom Center.

Walters also teaches courses in anthropology, and philosophy while assisting with the Institute of Freedom Studies.

The Institute of Freedom

Studies shares its knowledge with elementary and high schools throughout the year by hosting lectures and dramatic readings, and giving tours of Underground Railroad sites.

Additional events will be offered by Phi Beta Sigma Inc. It will host a Black Greek History Bowl on Thursday, Feb. 19. To find out where and what time this event will take place you can contact the Office of Student Life at 572-6514, or stop in the University Center suite 10.

One of the last big campus activities for the month will be a lecture given by Dr. Noel Ignatiev, titled "The New Abolitionist Movement."

The lecture is sponsored by the office of affirmative action and multicultural affairs.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It will be held in the University Center in Budig Theatre at 10:45 a.m. on

Tuesday, Feb. 24.

No reservations are required to attend this event.

If you need more information you can contact Connie Drews by calling 572-6388 or e-mail to cdrewsm@nku.edu.

In the end, I hope that you don't let the month of February slide by without taking advantage of all the activities offered on campus.

So if you're someone who usually lets the world pass them by, then this is the perfect opportunity for you to start getting involved.

If you wish to find out about more activities from other organizations, or for future monthly schedules of events, check out the NKU homepage and click the calendar link.

There you'll find a listing of events taking place on campus specifically geared towards black history and the Underground Railroad.

For more information on Black History Month activities, contact any of the following organizations

• Delta Sigma Theta- dst1913@nku.edu

• The African American and Latino Student Affairs Office – Call (859) 572 6684 or visit them in the University Center in room 352.

• Institute of Freedom Studies – Call at (859) 572-5817 or stop by at the Landrum Academic Center room 330.

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wednesday

• Nurse Visitation Day from 12:45-3 p.m. in Steepley Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.

• Battle of the Bands Auditions until Feb. 6 from 7-9 p.m.—TBA.

• Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is sponsoring the Black History Bowl in Norse Commons at 7:13 p.m.

• The Cincinnati Herpetological Society from 7-10 p.m. in Old Science 521.

• Cultural displays will be set up in the UC Lobby celebrating Black History Month.

thursday

• Building a Better Business Series runs until Feb. 19 from 6-9 p.m. in BEP 461.

• Nurse Visitation Day from 12:45-3 p.m. in Steepley Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.

saturday

• Fifth Annual Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Returns to Newport on the Levee. Plungers raise a minimum of \$50 and jump into the pool outside the Aquarium and Mitchell's Fish Market. Register at 9 a.m. in main building at Levee and opening ceremonies begin at 11:15 a.m. Held by the Special Olympics Kentucky.

• The 13th Annual Alpha Tau Omega Baseball Marathon starts at noon in the Aubright Health Center will include a silent auction, corn hole, men's and women's three on three softball, and free food. Free three point and half court shot competitions.

saturday continued

• The NPHC Ohio Valley Retreat will be from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the University of Cincinnati and sponsored by Student Life.

sunday

• Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers fly-tying classes from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Applied Science and Technology Building room 254.

monday

• Steepley Library and Chase College of Law Library are joining together to prepare an exhibit to highlight various years of selected documents. The exhibit will run until March 6 and will be available in Steepley on the third and first floor and in Nunn Hall on the second floor.

• The Photo Club is selling Valentine portraits and having a photo sale from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in UC. Come buy or get your picture taken.

• The African American Student Affairs Annual Soul Food Fest will be from 5-7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. If you are interested in bringing a dish, please contact Rhonda Sneed at 859-572-6678.

• Delta Sigma Theta Crush Week in the University Center & Norse Commons until Feb. 13.

tuesday

• Books are Fun! Sale in the UC Lobby from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. for three days.

• Philip Walker African-American performer will be on campus for a day of seminars and shows. At 7 p.m. he will perform an interactive show entitled "Can I Speak for You Brother?" in Bug Theatre. Contact Dee at dcm11212@yahoo.com for more information.

To place an event : contact Amie Vogt at 859-572-5859

Photo club sweetsens holiday

By AMIE VOGT

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Have you ever wondered who that pack of students who walk around campus with camera equipment in tow? They're members of NKU's Photo League, and this week they will have a holiday photo special.

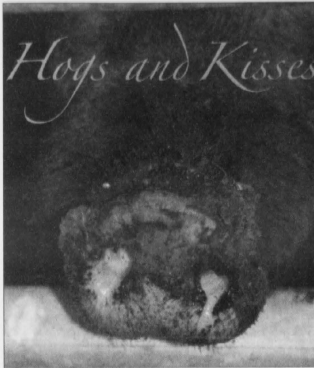
The league will sell Valentine's cards that they created by taking pictures of ordinary things, putting them on a card, and adding a Valentine-oriented appeal to win over your valentine's heart.

The cards will be sold from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9 in the University Center lobby. The 53 cards will have a five by seven size removable picture on the front of the card with a valentine message inside.

In addition to the cards, the art department will also donate print artwork that people can buy as gifts for the holiday, said Frances McQueen, president of the league.

The sale is one of the league's few fundraisers. The league will also collect donations to help finance a trip to Chicago in April. The trip will allow the students to enhance their photography skills by sightseeing, visiting galleries and museums, and taking pictures of new places, said Barbara Houghton, photo league adviser.

McQueen said that on the league's last trip, they saw some of Andy Warhol's work, which she



Ryan Sager/illustrator
Fran McQueen/photographer

Valentines, such as the one above, will be for sale Feb. 9.

said was an awesome experience. Another activity the league will participate in is taking pictures of the faculty and staff to help update the pictures on the departments' Web sites.

"By participating in the league the students become better stu-

dents and raise their standards," Houghton said.

Visit NKU's web site at www.nku.edu/photo, or contact Houghton via email at houghton@nku.edu to get involved.

Professor brings change to museum

By AMY EHRNREITER

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Since last fall, Dr. Steve Wolverton has been making serious changes in the anthropology department at Northern Kentucky University.

He was appointed director of the museum, and has begun to make his mark with the program. He has big plans for the department, from starting a webpage to new design for the museum, he said.

In high school, Wolverton's mother actually sparked the idea of anthropology.

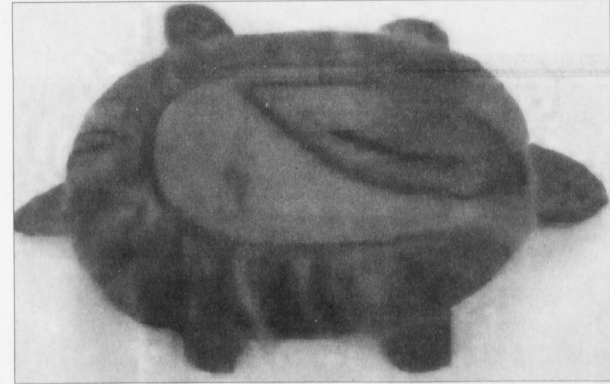
He said she told him it was something he could do. When he attended University of Missouri, he enrolled in anthropology classes for the first time.

"I really enjoyed it, they were really interesting," Wolverton said. Upon graduation, he had articles published in such periodicals as "Conservation Biology," "American Antiquity," and his favorite, "Quaternary Research."

Wolverton said he found the need for a director at Northern Kentucky University, while searching the Internet. Since he had experience in archeology, and management/administrative details, he decided to pursue the career, he said.

Coming from West Michigan, he moved to the area two years ago.

"I wasn't nervous about taking the position; I was excited about the opportunity, actual-



This Haitian wood carving box in the shape of a turtle is one of the many artifacts displayed in the Anthropology museum.

ly," he said. "The museum is a lot of responsibility, and I knew that when I took the job."

Dr. James Hoppwood found the museum in 1979. Hoppwood and his staff had collected artifacts over the years for use in the museum, Wolverton said. Those items, which have been collected from all over the world, range from common items to rare artifacts.

Although the program's bud-

get is small, Wolverton said many of the professors conduct their own research during the summer with private funding. Many of the artifacts have come from such trips made by faculty.

"Dr. Hoppwood started a very good thing. He took the first step, and he did so for 30 years, now it's my responsibility to continue," Wolverton said. "He began the collection, and now

that we have that, it's my duty to expand the program."

Since Wolverton arrived, many things have been changed in the program, according to Autumn Bennett, a work-study student in the program. Bennett has been involved with the museum since 2001.

"It's a lot of organizing right now. Things have changed dramatically," she said. "I've seen the plans that Steve has, and

they are really great. I can see more people becoming interested."

"I think it's a real step forward, forward in the fact that more people are here now than ever. There is more curiosity, more volunteers, more learning. We're really making progress," she said.

Students are now preparing information for online exhibits, organizing the old exhibits, and

even interning with local museums, Bennett said.

Wolverton has started partnerships with other museums such as Beringer-Crawford, Devos Park, and the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History.

"Students are able to intern and work-study in these places. They are doing the same work there like they've learned here," Wolverton said. "The students can go on to learn museum management, along with other useful skills."

Along with organization and storage, Wolverton has begun an online page of exhibits.

"We've closed the display areas. The layouts are outdated," he said. "We are currently in the design stages of renovating."

In place of the closed museum, he has set up temporary exhibits on the second floor of Landrum, located next to the former museum area.

But Dr. Wolverton still has big plans for the museum as well, he said. He plans to finish the museum space to be used by students and faculty. "I'd also like to start a partnership with local schools to have field trips to the museum."

With a well-designed modern space for the artifacts, students, faculty, and the public will want to come and see these cultural pieces, he said.

Bennett added, "It's about bringing people together for culture, and differences."

For an online tour of the museum, visit www.nku.edu/anthro/nkumthromuseum.

Student feels job allows her to make a difference

Tea Time



with Susan

"It feels good to do something good."

-Jennifer Foley

Since she began working at the Kenton County Animal Shelter five months ago, Jennifer Foley, a junior anthropology major, said she has gotten close to only one animal.

The last one (dog) I got close to, I took home with me," Foley said. "This puppy had flea bites all over him, and there was something about him."

The dog is an Australian cattle mix, and she said he was smart enough to be potty trained within two days. The dog was a stray that someone had picked up in Covington, and is one of many dogs that people from the Kenton County area bring to the shelter.

During the summer months, Foley said the shelter gets 300

to 400 dogs per week. With this influx of animals, many times shelter employees have to euthanize the dogs to keep the shelter (which has only 24 cages) under control.

Foley said they are working to fix that.

"Our shelter is really small, so we are trying to raise money to get a separate place to hold adoption animals so that we don't have to euthanize all the animals," she said.

Adoption animals are the ones that owners, who don't have time to care for their dog, bring in.

"Legally, we have to hold on to the strays for five days, so sometimes the adoption animals get put down before the

strays," Foley said.

Foley said they decide which ones to euthanize by doing a temperament testing on the animal. Animals that have been there the longest are often the first to get put down, as well.

"Sometimes the ones that aren't the most desirable get put down," Foley said.

Foley said the hardest part is not when they have to euthanize an animal, but when an animal that has a home no longer has one.

"The hardest part is when an older animal comes in and it just comes in and doesn't understand why it has to be in a cage," Foley said. "They are constantly looking for their owner."

Foley said she feels like she is making a difference in her job.

"I've always loved animals, and you watch on Animal Planet how people abuse them, and you just want to protect them," she said. "This is my way to do it."

Her duties at the shelter include cleaning cages and vaccinating animals, but what makes her happiest is seeing a good adoption.

"When you see a good adoption, you know that animal is going to a good home. You can just see on the faces when they are happy," Foley said. "It feels good to do something good."

She said that the shelter also has twice as many cats as dogs.

She said the reason for the number of cats is because many people don't spay or neuter their felines, and cats can have up to 5 kittens in a litter, and up to 3 litters a year.

If interested in adopting an animal, Foley said that people can come into the shelter, fill out a questionnaire, and adopt an animal. Dogs cost \$70, and cats cost \$60. Vaccination shots are included.

Do you have an interesting story to tell?

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James Brown

• The "Godfather of Soul," James Brown, was arrested on charges of domestic violence on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

According to the sheriff's report, Brown shoved his wife to the ground and threatened her with a chair. Brown was released the next day and denied the charges against him.

• "Jeopardy" host Alex Trebek was involved in a car crash on Friday, Jan. 30.

Apparently, Trebek fell asleep at the wheel and his truck hit a row of mailboxes then soared 40 feet over an embankment. Trebek was not seriously injured.

• Producer Marcia Gay Harden was killed Thursday, Jan. 29 after a long struggle with breast cancer.

Bunin is best known for producing hit reality shows like "The Real World" and "The Simple Life." Bunin was 57 years old.

• Comedian Jamie Foxx was sentenced to two years probation and fined for \$1,500 for a fight with Harrod's New Orleans Casino security guards.

Foxx paid guilty to a misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace, and, in exchange, prosecutors dropped two felony battery charges against him.

*Courtesy of the Associated Press

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On Friday, Jan. 30, film fans packed Greaves Hall for a screening of director Susan Seidelman's mystery-comedy "Gaudi Afternoon."

The film was the third shown by Cincinnati World Cinema as part of its Independent Film Festival, hosted by Northern Kentucky University.

For a Friday night, the screening drew a large and diverse crowd of NKU students, teachers and other film fans from the community.

A mysterious plot fuels "Gaudi Afternoon," a film that is odd and often quite absurd.

Cassandra (Judy Davis) is an American writer working as a translator in Barcelona.

One day, she receives a visit from another American named Frankie (Marcia Gay Harden), who is searching for her estranged husband and their

daughter Delilah.

Frankie hires Cassandra to track down the mysterious husband Ben and, desperately needing the money, Cassandra accepts the job.

The role of Cassandra mimics that of the classic "hard-boiled" detective in the film noir genre. She is tough, smart, and intuitive.

Cassandra even goes so far as to call herself "Bridget O'Shaughnessy," referring to Mary Astor's role in the classic film noir, "The Maltese Falcon."

What Cassandra and the audience begin to realize is there's more to this story than a simple runaway husband case.

There's also a little bit more to Frankie than meets the eye, and "Ben" turns out to be female (Lili Taylor plays the role of Ben, with great conviction).

Cassandra starts to piece the puzzle together after a trip to some sort of totally surreal cross-dressing song-and-dance

bar.

If the plot fuels the movie, then the extremely quirky characters fuel the plot.

This can be seen in the role of New Age nanny April (Juliette Lewis). Lewis plays the role so convincingly, it's hard to tell if she's being over-ly tripped out, or just putting on an act to fool the other characters.

Barcelona is a scenic backdrop for this sordid tale of gender issues.

Antonio Gaudi lends more than his name to this film, as the architect's work is prevalent throughout the movie.

This story is many things. It is a film noir mystery, a comedy, but, primarily, this is a story about female gender issues and roles.

These eccentric female characters explore their lives and Gaudi's world around them, searching for their own identities.

Ben and Frankie must struggle to be parents despite their



Photo contributed by FilmThreat.com
Judy Davis and Marcia Gay Harden in Seidelman's "Gaudi Afternoon"

sexual orientation, and Cassandra must deal with the ticking of her biological clock.

Though this film is almost impossible to describe, it is not impossible to enjoy.

There are plenty of moments

when riotous bursts of laughter could be heard throughout the audience.

Sometimes it is strangely touching and absurd, but never is it dull.

Animation is different form of expression

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War, tragedy, and comedy were the main themes of the short animation film fest, held Jan. 31 in Greaves Hall.

These are not the typical cartoons seen on Saturday morning television. No, these short films have a message.

Animation enables the expression of ideas in ways that normal film cannot. There are no limitations or boundaries in

animation.

There were twelve films in all, ranging from 3 to 15 minutes in length.

One of the standouts was "Frank the Wabbit." It is a tale of a rabbit that believes he is better than other rabbits due to his intellect. After a string of luck, he becomes an idol that can heal people's ailments and, eventually, the basis for a new religion.

Another film on the lighter side is "The Freak." This award-winning film depicts the

actions of an outcast in a cookie-cutter world. Jailed for upsetting the status quo, he eventually breaks free and starts a new way of life for the Orwellian-like planet.

"Le Papillon" is the tale of a medieval Japanese woman striving to keep the memory of a lost loved one alive. This film, filled with beautiful water colors, has a unique styling that fits the story, setting, and theme appropriately.

"Hedge of Thorns" and "A Conversation with Hairs" both

depict the tragedies of war through a child's mind. These two films show how children see things for how they really are. War tears them away from their loved ones and creates a division among their people that they do not understand.

Another standout film is "TRANSIT," a story with seven chapters, drawn by seven artists, and told in a peculiar manner.

A chronicle of romance, murder, passion, and deceit, "TRANSIT" keeps viewers

thinking for its entire twelve minutes.

The only film neither entertaining nor intellectual is "Seeds of Life." This CGI animation looked as though someone had just purchased a computer animation program and was toying around with it.

"The dull, bland, and lifeless 'Seeds of Life' could have been scrapped.

Overall, the festival seemed rather short, and I hoped it would have gone on for another hour or so, with more films.

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Sports Scene



with Kyle

Arena would help NKU

NKU received some unexpected, but great, news last Tuesday. Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher included funding for a \$42 million special events center to be built on campus.

Although the budget is still pending final approval, the inclusion of the funding in the initial proposal comes as a surprise.

"It's exciting to think about it," said NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier. "There have been a lot of people, within the school and within the community, that have been working very hard for this to happen."

The special events center will provide NKU's basketball and volleyball teams with new playing facilities, and will also serve the Northern Kentucky community in many different ways.

"The community has to continue to push for it," Meier said. "It's important for the region as a whole, and it shows growth and progress for the university."

The proposed plans are for a 6,500-capacity arena that would include a new home for athletic administration offices and athletic training rooms.

The exact location of the new arena is still unknown, although it will be located on campus.

According to Meier, accessibility will have a say in where it is built.

"Once the location would have to be convenient for the region as well as the school," she said.

The inclusion of the proposed arena in the budget didn't happen overnight.

NKU and community officials have been lobbying for this to happen for nearly 10 years.

"It's been on the radar screen for a while," Meier said. "Once it became one of the most important issues for the entire community, it really gained support throughout the state."

The proposed arena would also bring new playing facilities for NKU's basketball and volleyball teams, something Meier said is important.

"Our gym right now is worse than a lot of high school gyms in our area," she said.

"This would allow us to have expanded concession areas, restroom areas, and get more people in attendance."

Another possible result of the construction of a new arena could result in NKU athletics moving up to compete in NCAA Division I play.

"Right now we are doing very well competing in NCAA Division II," Meier said.

"However, if we did have the special events center, it could eventually lead to us moving up."

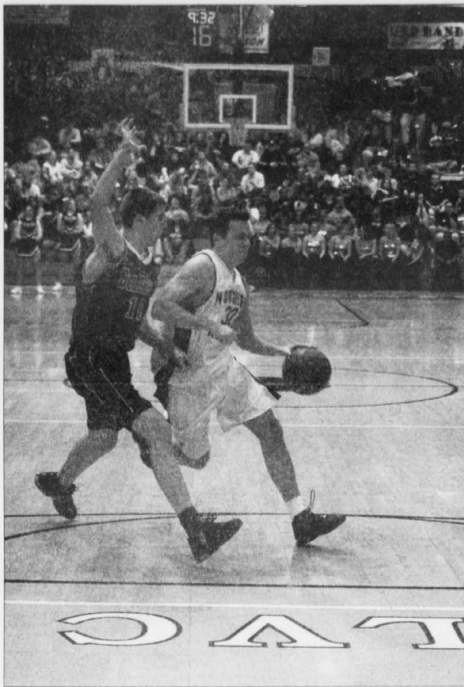
She said that getting involved as well. Get in touch with your senators and tell them the importance of getting a new arena to this area.

"It's about time NKU gets a little bit of recognition within the state government, and this could just be the start."

"This will really help NKU's identity in the region and in the state," Meier said.

"The community has to push for it."

Norse men and women defeat Bellarmine



Tony Redell / Photo Editor

Junior Steve Purdon scored 20 points against Bellarmine in Saturday's Homecoming game.

Norse score 100, defeat Bellarmine

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The NKU men's team won its annual Homecoming game Jan. 31, defeating the Bellarmine Knights 100-87.

It was the 18th consecutive time the Norse defeated Bellarmine.

It was also the first time this year the Norse have scored 100 points in a game.

They last scored 100 points on Jan. 4, 2003 against Saint Joseph's College.

I think this win showed that this team has a lot of people that can score," Head Coach Ken Shields said. "I was really happy with the way Steve (Purdon), Kevin (Reinhardt), and Kevin Schappell played

today. Kevin Schappell really helped us a lot today by coming off the bench and contributing 13 points."

Steve Purdon led the Norse in scoring with 20 points. Kevin Reinhardt scored 19 points, of which 15 were in the first half.

The win improved the Norse's record to 14-8 overall and 7-5 in GLVC conference play.

"This game was an example of the way we've played this year," Shields said. "When we're winning a game, we always seem to let the opponent back in the game. Then when we're in a game and we're losing, we always seem to play our way back into the game."

"We had a good first half with 18 points going into halftime, and then Bellarmine

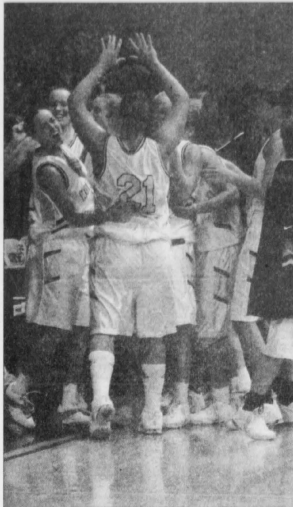
made a few runs at us and they were able to decrease that lead," he said. "Although, we were able to come away with a good win against Bellarmine today."

Both the men's and the women's teams embark on a two-game road trip this Thursday against the University of Southern Indiana and the University of Missouri-Saint Louis.

Both teams have just eight games before the season concludes on Feb. 28 at Kentucky Wesleyan, before advancing into postseason play.

Head Coach Ken Shields will coach his last home game on Feb. 14 against Lewis.

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The Lady Norse celebrate Saturday's victory over Bellarmine.

Snardon nets winning shot for Lady Norse

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In Northern Kentucky University women's basketball action Jan. 31 in Regents Hall, the Lady Norse defeated Bellarmine University with a layup by Sharell Snardon just as time expired.

The win improved the Lady Norse's record to 13-5 and 8-4 in GLVC conference play.

"Although Sharell made the last-second shot to win the game, I thought it was Nikki's pass to Connie and then Connie's pass to Sharell that really made the final play happen," said Head Coach Nancy Winstel.

"I really thought this was a great win for our team today. I'm really happy for our kids because it took all their time and effort to win this game tonight," she said.

The Norse came back from a seven-point deficit to win the game.

Sharell Snardon and Connie Myers scored 17 points each to lead the Norse.

Emily Burrows nearly completed a triple-double with 10 points, 10 assists, and 9

rebounds in the Lady Norse's winning effort.

Lindsey Neal led the Lady Knights of Bellarmine with 18 points.

The loss dropped Bellarmine's record to 12-7 and 8-5 in GLVC conference play.

Bellarmine was ranked 23rd in the nation in the recent NCAA Division II poll.

"Bellarmine is a very fine team. I was really happy for our team to hold Bellarmine to 60 points in the game because they usually score around 80 points a game," Winstel said.

"I was really impressed by the way we were able to take away Bellarmine's inside game because they are a really good post team."

"To win the Homecoming game was really special, also, because you always want to win your Homecoming game," Winstel said.

"Hopefully this will serve as a building block for the rest of the season and give us some momentum heading into the end of the regular season," she said.

Faculty win first NKU dodgeball tourney

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Weather problems put an end to plans for the Norse Bowl, a Jan. 31 flag football tournament involving students, faculty and alumni.

Instead, the teams faced off in the first-ever dodgeball tournament.

The events were held as part of the Homecoming celebration at Northern Kentucky University.

In the one-day tournament, five teams of faculty, staff and alumni faced off in one bracket, and 17 student teams competed in another bracket.

Bracket winners received championship T-shirts and competed for a trophy in the championship game.

The tournament is one of several new events in NKU's

revamped campus recreation season.

The Norse Bowl, which was cancelled due to cold temperatures, is expected to be played next year and also become an annual event. It may prove to be one of the more popular intramural events.

In the student division, teams were comprised of different fraternities and organizations, and also included co-ed and one all-women's team. Each year had, on average, about six players.

Assistant Director of Campus Recreation Jill Kleiser said she hopes this will turn into an annual event during Homecoming, with a traveling trophy for the winners.

"The championship trophy will be engraved with the champion's name on it, and will be displayed in the Health Center," she said. "There are enough spaces on the trophy

for nine years of champions."

Kleiser described the dodgeball rules as

"super-basic." "It's old-school, straight out of elementary school," she said. "There's six people on each side of the court. If you catch the ball that is thrown at you, the other person gets out. If you get hit below the shoulders, you get out. If you get hit in the head, you don't get out, and if you cross the center line you get out."

Kleiser's faculty/staff/alumni team, Phiut, defeated a team named Charge in its bracket. The team then played the student champions of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity for the tournament championship.

In the championship game, Phiut came out victorious, and will have its name engraved as the first Northern Kentucky University dodgeball champions.



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Members of the faculty/staff/alumni team pose with their trophy.

hotseat



with John Rasp

In this week's *Hot Seat* interview, John sits down with Kevin Schappell. His girlfriend, Jenna Huggins (UC head coach Bob Huggins' daughter) also made an appearance in the interview.

John Rasp: How important for you was it to put up a double-double against UC? **Kevin Schappell:** I just went out there and had fun. It was a great time. We had a chance to win and we almost came through.

JR: Who was your girlfriend rooting for at the UC game? **KS:** She said that she wanted me to play good, but she wanted her dad's team to win. Everyone on the team was giving her a hard time about that.

JR: How is it to room with Jesse Rupe? **KS:** He's a good roommate. He's a neat freak and a man of routine. He notices every little thing that you change. If you turn his alarm clock a little bit crooked, he'll notice it right away and have to switch it back.

JR: Rupe says Assistant Coach Dave Bezold would shoot him in a three-point competition. Would Coach Bezold shoot you?

KS: No way! We play NORSE (a variation of HORSE) once a year, and we're supposed to play pretty soon.

JR: Have you ever dunked over one of your teammates in practice?

KS: Not this year. In high school I have.

JR: Coming from Cincinnati and playing for a Kentucky team, who has the best college basketball team-Cincinnati or Kentucky?

KS: This year, Cincinnati. They are real tough and they are going to go to the final four this year. I hate Kentucky.

JR: What player on the team listens to the worst music before games?

KS: Probably Walt Kelsey. When we were at Florida he was playing country on his DVD player. Him and Rupe like to listen to country and some kind of guitar music. I like listening to rap.

JR: What is your best Coach Shields memory?

KS: At our awards banquet at Montgomery Inn last year, he started talking about my girlfriend Jenna. Jenna got really embarrassed and her face got all red because Coach Shields was

talking about her. She was the only girlfriend there and she thought he was talking about her for about 15 minutes, but I thought it was probably only for a couple minutes.

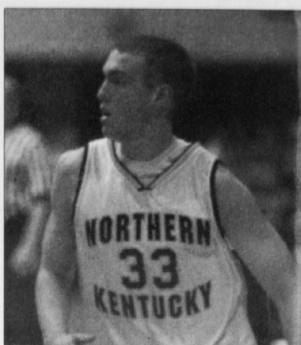
Jenna Huggins: Kevin made me go because he told me I had to go since I went to my dad's (UC) banquet. He told me that all of the other girlfriends would be there. I was the only one there and I felt like an idiot.

JR: What team, that you have played so far, talked the most trash?

KS: Probably Kentucky Wesleyan because they are our rival.

JR: Do you ever hear some of the things that some of the fans try to yell at you during a game?

KS: At UC they were all chanting "Bob Huggins' daughter" and "Bob Huggins' son" and stuff like that. It was pretty funny.



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Freshman Kevin Schappell is a guard on the men's basketball team.

Lakers, Mavs will come out on top

NBA PICKS



with Dominick Wise

Now that football season has ended, Dominick will predict two of the top NBA games each week.

Los Angeles Lakers @ Philadelphia 76ers: Thursday 7:30

The Lakers' season has been up and down.

This team was supposed to be the dominant team in the league this year. Some NBA experts and analysts predicted the Lakers to win 70 games.

The team has been hit by the injury bug, however.

Rick Fox has been out most of the season.

The "Mailman," Karl Malone, also went down with a knee injury in early January. The injury was supposed to be minor, but it ended up being a severe injury. He will be out until March when, hopefully, the Lakers' playoff run is still alive.

I think the Lakers will be fine when he comes back.

Hopefully the Lakers will have Kobe Bryant back for this Thursday's game at the 76ers. He has been out for the past week with an injury to his pinky finger.

On the other hand, the 76ers have

also been hit by the injury bug; Allen Iverson has missed a lot of games this season due to all sorts of injuries.

Forward Glen Robinson has missed the beginning of the season with injuries as well. Derrick Coleman has also just been added to the 76ers injured reserve.

No one expected the 76ers to be hit by the injuries so early in the season. I think this will be an exciting game if Kobe Bryant can play.

Can we say Allen vs. Kobe?! If not, I still think the Lakers can hang with the 76ers because the 76ers don't have a big man that can hang with Shaq.

But if Kobe does play then the Lakers should win by double digits.

Prediction:
Lakers 105
76ers 93

Dallas Mavericks at New Orleans Hornets: Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

The Dallas Mavericks is a team that is very inconsistent.

One night they will beat a good team, then the next night they will lose to a sorry team. The effort by this team isn't there.

This team has just about an all-star line-up. Everyone wants the ball on this team - there just aren't enough to go around.

This team is lacking a big man in the middle. Until it gets a big man, it will continue to struggle and play inconsistently.

The Mavericks' defense is horrible. Almost every night this team allows its opposition to score 100 points or more.

The Hornets have struggled with the injury bug all year round, as well.

Jamal Mashburn has finally returned to the starting line-up after missing almost the first half of the season with injuries.

The key question is: Can he stay healthy enough to take this team deep into the playoffs in the East?

The same question goes for point guard Baron Davis, who has had a stellar season so far. His play has been outstanding, but injuries have really hurt him this season.

This Wednesday's game will be a shootout. Look for the score to be in the hundreds. I think Dallas will win this close one, because of its offense. I think Nash and Nowitzki will have a big game, and look for Nowitzki to come up big in the end.

Prediction:
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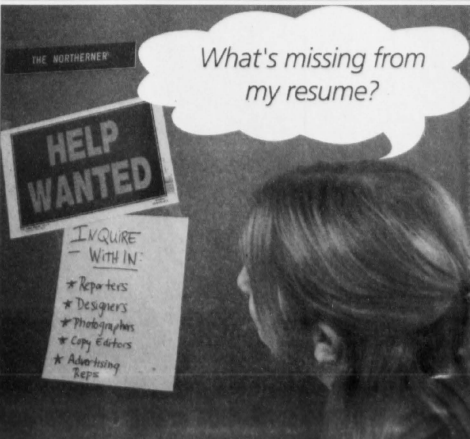
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