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## Boost in student org funding proposed

By Forrest Berkshire  
Editor in Chief

A proposal being submitted to NKU President James Votruba could mean more money for student organizations.

The proposal requests that the university allocate an additional \$45,000 to the Student Fee Allocation Board. The fee board is chaired by Dean of Students Kent Kelo, and is composed of representatives appointed by Kara Clark, student government president. It is this committee that determines how money is allocated to different student organizations.

If the proposal is approved it will mean the fee board will have \$242,042 to distribute. The proposal is based on a fixed rate of \$20 per student.

Clark emphasized that this money is

only coming from the fees students already pay as part of registration. The money is generated from the \$11 per credit hour Student Activity/Incidental Fee.

Clark said the fee board funds a lot of programs that come out of the Office of Student Life, as well as FreshFusion and many other events.

"That pool of money that we have been getting has been stagnant for the past 10 years," Clark said. "So no matter what new organizations come on to campus, or how good the current organizations are doing, we always the same pool of money. Even though, obviously, the enrollment numbers have gone up, the amount of students involved have gone up, the number of organizations have almost doubled in the past 10 years. So the university is taking in more money but they're not giving it back to the organizations."

In purchasing power, student organizations' funding has declined over the past 10 years. In 1990 the Fee Board was allocated approximately \$200,000 from the student activity fee. When adjusted for inflation by the Consumer Price Index, it has the same buying power as \$134,500 in 2000. What this means is that student organizations have lost approximately \$65,500 in purchasing power.

Clark said this proposal tries to tie the amount of money to enrollment, rather than an arbitrary number, as has been the case in the past.

The fee is estimated to generate more than \$3.4 million this year, said Angela Schaeffer, associate director of the Office of Financial Planning.

Clark said she is not sure if the proposal will pass, but said she expects some negotiation with the administration before anything is finalized.

### Rate of increase in the Student Activity/Incidental Fee



## Lecture series a hit at NKU

By Sara Reilly  
Staff Writer

So far this semester, the college of arts and sciences lecture series has been a hit. According to Gail W. Wells, dean of the college of arts and sciences, the pilot program has been so successful that "we've had to turn away crowds."

The main goal of the pilot program, which began last semester, is to bring in renowned lecturers from all around the country to speak at Northern Kentucky University. There are two branches to the lecture series. The actual lecture series brings in those who are the best in their field, and the alumni series brings back to NKU alumni who have become successful. Wells said that by recruiting well-known members of the academic community to NKU, "We hope to stimulate conversation among students, faculty and community members."

Barry Andersen, associate dean of the college of arts and sciences, is the director for the lecture series. He said the series would help "raise the visibility and the reputation of NKU." He also said the lecture series "brings fresh ideas from outside our immediate area into the campus and community."

The budget for the college of arts and sciences didn't allocate extra funds for speakers to be brought to campus on a regular basis, so Wells had to write a grant proposal to get the funding. The budget request was accepted and the college was allowed a \$30,000 grant to start the lecture series.

The lecture series kicked off this past fall with the Freshman Book Connection. All freshmen were given the book, "The Color of Water," by James McBride. The nationally known author then came to speak to the students in September.

This semester, the lecture series plans on bringing in six speakers. Two of the speakers, Mary Ellen Mark and Dr. Duane Dugan, have already visited NKU, and those promoting the lecture series said they couldn't be more pleased with the results.

Andersen said the lecture and book signing by Mary Ellen Mark drew a standing room only crowd of 650 people to Graves Creek Hall. He said the New York-based documentary photographer, whose work has appeared in *Life* magazine and *National Geographic*, brought people in from Dayton, Louisville and Morehead State University.

"I was impressed by student reaction to the art lecture with Mary Ellen Mark," said Wells. "Many students loved it and said, 'she's been my role model.'"

The Dugan lecture on "Warrior Women in Folk Songs and History" also drew great support from students and faculty. Wells explained that Dugan speaks for \$30 at some places. "We try to keep it free for students," said Wells.

Faculty, staff and students can gain free admission to all of the lectures this semester. However, for the Mary Ellen Mark lecture, it was a \$5 charge for the general public.

Dr. Olin Sacks, neurologist at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine will be speaking April 11. Sacks, author of "Awakenings" and the book that led to the movie "Love at First Sight," starring Val Kilmer, will give the last lecture of the arts and sciences lecture series entitled, "Creativity and the Brain." The cost to NKU alumni and non-NKU students will be \$5 and \$8 for the general public.

The grant for the lecture series will run out after this semester and Wells will have to write a new proposal for more money. Both Wells and Andersen are very optimistic, however, that the funding will continue. Andersen said that because of high attendance and the visibility that NKU is gaining because of the lectures, people will say, "Gee, they're doing good things at NKU."

Wells said that because of the success of the lectures she expects the budget request for funding will be approved. "If not, I'll reach out to the community for support."



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The Stray Animal Adopter is one of the nonprofit organizations that benefited from the five Northern Kentucky University classes participating in the Mayerson Philanthropy Project.

## NKU classes reward nonprofit organizations with the gift of philanthropy through project

By Sonja Donelan  
Staff Reporter

Five Northern Kentucky University classes rewarded 13 nonprofit organizations for their work in the community.

These classes, part of the Mayerson Philanthropy Project, were designed to evaluate the needs of the community and to award money to local nonprofit organizations. Each class was given \$4,000 to support one organization or to divide, in any way they chose, between several organizations.

One award was able to help restore the quail population in this area. Another award was given to Fourth Street Elementary School to create an after-school program called "Wonderful Wednesdays." This program provides after-school reading to students on Wednesdays so their parents can run errands such as doctor visits.

The largest award was given to the Grant County Board of Education to create a class to teach English as a second language to Hispanic community members. This program will help parents communicate with their child's teachers better.

Another organization which

received \$1,000 was the Stray Animal Adopter Program. They used the money to help pay the veterinary bills for all the stray animals they take in. They then hold adopt-a-thon to help the animals find homes.

Other organizations such as The Welcome House, the Mary Magdalen House, the Fennel Center for Grieving Children, as well as others received money.

"This semester, 12 students who were in the fall Mayerson classes are evaluating the outcome of the awards," Dr. Joan Ferrante, lead evaluator of the program, said. "We are just beginning this process, but it appears that the money has been put to excellent uses."

Robin Crigler, project leader and executive assistant to the president, said she is extremely pleased with the way the program is going. "Many are learning philanthropy for the first time," she said.

"Students are learning what the can contribute to the community, not just money, but they can contribute their time and talent," Crigler said.

Katie Herschdel, political science and business management, was a student of one of the philanthropy classes. "I



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Funds from the Mayerson Philanthropy Project will provide shots for strays to make pet adoption easier.

thought the project was really worthwhile because we got to see the project start to finish, which is really important," she said.

Crigler said the Mayerson Philanthropy Project at NKU is the only organization at the collegiate level to actually give money to organizations.

Some schools have this pro-

gram, but not the extent Northern does. Other schools have pretend money to hypothetically give to organizations.

"Right now we have funding for two years or four semesters. Our plans are to offer five Mayerson courses each semester, to evaluate the

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# The color white

By Michelle Brug  
Staff Writer

Dr. David Roediger's lecture on "Workers and Race in History: Three Dramas" came to Northern Kentucky University Feb. 13. NKU's department of history and geography, the Afro-American studies program, the Honors Program, and the Office of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs sponsored his lecture.

Roediger's lecture packed NKU's Business, Education and Psychology auditorium with eager, diversity-conscious students.

Applause roared as he took to the podium.

He began to discuss his new book "Colored White" and promised those in attendance that though the subject of his book and the lecture

would be similar, they would not be the same.

"White is often not considered a color," said Roediger in his account about an episode of television's "Sanford and Son."

The audience would soon find out exactly what he had meant. White is indeed a color.

Roediger discussed how work is clouded with white identity and white self-interest.

He said in his lecture, "It disturbs me how easily historians can write about race issues and how white becomes the norm."

Roediger showed testimonials from African-American men who struggled to obtain a learned trade as a steel-crane worker, which was often dirty and dangerous work.

He taught through personal family stories and real-life accounts of

labor. He taught through the poetry of Sterling Brown, which introduced the drama, complexity and gender dimensions between the relationship of race and class. The poetry outlined white terror on black workers, and the possibility and need for interracial unity. He explained that the only racial issues that are brought to the forefront are the issues that are of epic proportions, and how race relations need to be in an effort to improve everyday.

"There are no special issues about everyday racism," he said.

"Wherever anything this energetic goes on, I think it is safe to say that students are, at the bottom, responsible for it," said Roediger.

"Professors energize the students and students also energize the professors," he said.

Roediger is currently the



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Spoke at NKU February 13 on race and class issues.

Babcock chairman of history at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He has written on U.S. movements for a

shorter working day, the history of discrimination and many published books about race and labor issues.

## Mardi Gras still alive at Covington

By Cheryl Ritchie  
Staff Writer

Despite the unfortunate turn of events during last year's Mardi Gras, the celebration will still take place this year on Main Street in Covington.

On Feb. 23 and 24 Mardi Gras will be celebrated indoors. This year's Mardi Gras will once again be sponsored by The Main Strasse Association. The only change this year is the city will not issue them a permit for the streets to be shut down.

The problems of last year's Mardi Gras was due to an unruly crowd. There was public urination and indecent exposure, which resulted in this year's indoor Mardi Gras, said Captain Kraft of the Covington Police Department.

"First of all, this is an inside event. Nothing will be outside. No streets will be blocked off," said Kraft.

There will be 10 bars participating and a cruise on B.B. Riverboats. There will be a \$10 charge for the entrance into the event. The bars that will be participating in the events are Rosie's, Tracy's, Mulligan's, Strasse Haus, Village Pub, Cosmo's, Check and Bull English Pub, Chek Nora, Pachinko's and Willie's. The tickets will be sold on Friday and Saturday.

There will be a discount on all Miller products in the bars, Kummer said.

If you're not 21 you won't be able to get in, said Kraft.

There will be a \$15 charge for the cruise. Tickets for the cruise will be sold in advance. South Bank Shuttle will provide transportation. Passengers for the cruise will board at 4 p.m. and return at 7 p.m. on both. The cruise will have free food and a cash bar. Robin Lacy and Zydecio will be playing, Kummer said.

"Beads and a lot of fun. It's going to be a safe and wonderful event," said Kummer, who also noted there will be plenty of security attending.

Kraft said the actual number of officers who will be attending is still being worked out.

## Job fair provides opportunities

By Erin Johnstone  
Staff Writer

Queen City Jobs, owned by by Infinity Broadcasting, hosted a job fair on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Gregory Centre on Pete Rose Way. Approximately 40 companies gathered to find suitable applicants for available positions. Queen City Jobs is a recruitment company designed to make the job search easier.

The next job fair will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at the Gregory Centre. Anywhere from 35 to 50 companies will attend. This could be a great opportunity for graduating seniors to get exposure to the available positions in the Tri-State area. It also gives students an opportunity to meet one on one with representatives from various companies in one day.

Job fairs, however, are just one of the tools offered by Queen City Jobs

to help students get exposure to job opportunities in the Cincinnati region. Queen City Jobs is free of charge to the job seeker. The company holds job fairs, has a recruitment paper and has a Web site, Angela Paoletto, an account executive for Infinity Broadcasting and Queen City Jobs, said, "We have a tool for every student that is interested in finding a job." Students can post their resume on the Web site at [www.queencityjobs.com](http://www.queencityjobs.com), or reply directly to specific job postings that are available on the site as well. Paoletto said, "Every student should be on our Web site if they want to stay in Cincinnati."

These job fairs can be very helpful to students who are graduating with an associate's degree, bachelor's degree, or just students who are looking for full-time and part-time positions while still in school.

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### FEB. 12 Location: OUTSIDE THE FINE ARTS BUILDING NEAR LAKE INTERIOR - INJURED ANIMAL

An injured raccoon was found on campus. The injured animal was deemed to be a potential safety hazard and also seemed to be suffering. A Wildlife Preservation Representative responded and confirmed that the animal was ill, suffering and in danger. The animal was captured in a cage and removed from the campus.

**FEB. 13**  
Location: ALBRIGHT HEALTH CENTER - AUDITORIUM - SUSPICIOUS PERSON  
A suspicious white male was seen inside the auditorium. The subject appeared to be nervous. The individual was

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gone by the time of the officer's arrival. Numerous pamphlets soliciting for music club membership were found in the area. No property was reported missing or damaged.

**FEB. 13**  
Location: UNIVERSITY CENTER - FREIGHT ELEVATOR SHAFT - FIRE-NO INJURIES.  
A fire alarm pull station was activated because of a fire in the freight elevator shaft. The building was evacuated and the fire was extinguished. The Central Campbell County Fire Department and the NKU Environmental Safety Officer

responded to the scene. The cause of the fire was an overheated sump pump located in the bottom of the shaft. The pump is used to remove water from the shaft. There was no damage to the elevator and it remained in service after being checked by technicians. The Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office was informed of the fire. The building was reopened at 9:53 a.m.

**FEB. 13**  
Location: UNIVERSITY CENTER - LOBBY - VERBAL ALTERCATION  
A complaint was received of a verbal argument between a male and a female in the UC lobby. The male was gone upon the officer's arrival. The female said he was a fellow student and that the problem was now settled.

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## One view on SGA rift

### Leadership qualities lacking

In the Feb. 7 article entitled, "Controversy Brews in SGA Rift," Mr. Josh Wice made some strong accusations about Ms. Kara Clark. Mr. Wice, your comments were comprised not on truth or fact, but merely your uneducated opinion. This negative "campaigning" on your part has shown nothing but your lack of class and integrity. These are two qualities that Ms. Clark exhibits on a daily basis in both her personal and professional life, one of the many reasons she is so highly respected by the community and the student body.

### Letter to the Editor

Kara Clark and Jennifer Surgalski are two of the most effective leaders who I have ever had the pleasure to work with, both of whom always follow through with their responsibilities and commitments without hidden agendas. They are also extremely dependable individuals who always fight for the foundation of the group, rather than advancing their own self interests. These women exemplify excellent communication skills, which leads to positive relationships with all that come in contact with them. They always keep an open mind and invite others to contribute valued suggestions and complaints.

I've done my research on you, Mr. Wice.

I've learned that within the past year you have resigned from President of Young Democrats and from the position of Team 2002 Legislative Advocacy Coordinator in SGA. Your reasons for resigning are quite clear, your inability to maintain satisfactory relations with certain members of the organization. It's obvious that you lack several key qualities to be an effective leader. You are not dependable, not committed, and certainly not cooperative. My question to you, Mr. Wice, if you were to be elected President of SGA and you have to work with the Board of Regents, if you can't get along with Dr. James Votruba, are you going to resign from that position as well? It is time for you to be more concerned with serving your constituents, rather than advancing your supposed political career. It's enormously tactless for you to go around attacking your opponents. I think your issues with Ms. Clark stem far beyond any issues with SGA leadership. From your comments in last week's article, it seems to me that you have some serious gender issues. Could the problems possibly lie in your intimidation of effective female leadership?

I urge you to continue to prompt articles as you previously did. In the end, it will do nothing but benefit other candidates as SGA President.

By Crystal Caudill

## In memory of Earnhardt

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

I am writing these words within minutes of hearing the news that Dale Earnhardt, Sr. was killed in a crash during the last lap of the Daytona 500 race Sunday.

It is impossible to express that raw emotion that I feel after hearing that someone I have admired all my life has passed away.

I still have that old Matchbox car that was a replica of the valiant Number 3. I spent countless hours on the living room floor as a child playing with that car, pretending I was Earnhardt.

I wasn't a huge NASCAR fan, but I was an Earnhardt fan and I will always be. Deep in my heart, Earnhardt will never be forgotten.

I watched the coverage of the tragedy on CNN as tears filled my eyes. I could not imagine anyone having to be subjected to such a horrible end. I began to

wonder what was going through Earnhardt's mind during his final moments.

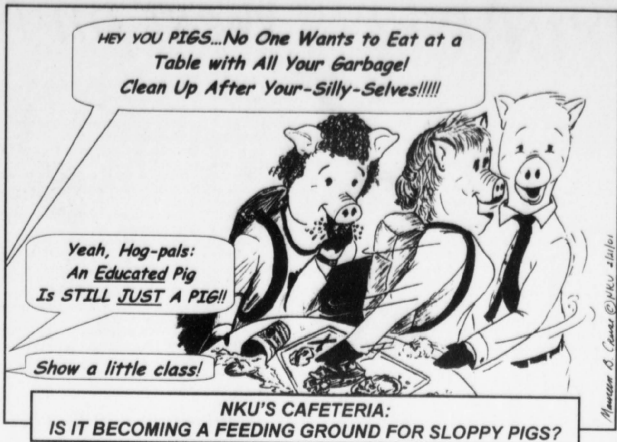
I began to think about Earnhardt's career. He defined NASCAR and was the hero of the Daytona 500. Perhaps it was only fitting that he gave his life on that very track.

I am sure that Earnhardt wouldn't want his fans to mourn him. Instead, he would want us to carry on the tradition of NASCAR, as he did ever so passionately until the day he died.

If I could say anything to Earnhardt, I would thank him for giving his heart, soul and life to the sport of NASCAR. I would thank him for making me - and millions - a fan.

I hope he knows that we will miss him. In body, he may be gone from us. But in spirit, the Intimidator will live forever. God bless you, Dale.

Dale Earnhardt  
1951-2001



## Campus needs waste policy

We all know from high school that atoms are the building blocks of matter. An atom that makes up part of your foot, car or arm could have once been used in Martin Luther King's leg or even Christopher Columbus' crew.

But with our children be composed of old Reeboks, plastic Coke bottles and Styrofoam cups from the Campus cafeteria? I don't think so.

According to the EPA, Kentucky's landfills will be full in the next five to ten years. Most of the landfills in the northeastern U.S. are already full and the cities and states are running into problems about where to ship their waste. Most of the other states on the east coast will also be approaching their peak capacity in the next decade. That means that more and more people will be living close to a landfill and chances are one of us or our children will have to live, work and play on or around a landfill.

Did you know that New York holds the record for the highest mountain on the eastern coastal plain? The mountain is called Freshkills and it receives 26 million pounds of commercial and household waste per day. It is reaching its capacity and will be closed sometime in 2001. Yet it only receives .018 percent of waste generated in the U.S. daily.

But landfills are monitored and carefully designed so that no pollution leaks out, right? Wrong! I assume that most municipalities check for groundwater pollution, but I could be wrong. Nonetheless these liquefied toxic waste collection systems are not perfect, they do leak and accidents do happen; not to mention all of the litter, the illegal toxic dumps, and the plastic bags that will haunt the inhabitants of the Tri-State for decades. The prices for landfills, and for the disposal of our waste will surely increase dramatically with an increase in population, an increase in waste and the decrease in space to put it.

The cost is one thing, but what about the millions of tons of toxic waste, sewage sludge and last year's class notes that are being land-

filled? What about empty printer cartridges, beer cans and cigarette butts? With the traditional belief that the environment and the economy are two competing interests, isn't this mass wasting a huge inefficiency in the economics of resources? Shouldn't we as a people be concerned about our children's health and what kind of environment and economy they will have to make a living in? Unfortunately, life isn't that fine and dandy, or clean and simple.

What should be done is some sort of waste policy for the campus. Recycling shouldn't be the goal - it should be more like a zero waste policy. Anything that is wasted is essentially lost potential, lost opportunity, and strikes another blow to our economy and our environment. Americans throw away enough aluminum in one year to rebuild the entire commercial airline fleet every three months and one beer can saves enough energy to run a television set for three hours.

Reducing, reusing and recycling should be a part of every household. Always remember to buy things that have the highest post-consumer waste content. Buy things with the least amount of packaging possible and use both sides of the paper. Shop at the thrift store and make sure you make your voice heard.

From manufacturers extending responsibility for their products to the purchasing leverage that the university has, or even simply letting your voice be heard by those in Frankfort about passing a bottle bill would surely help.

Get waste back into the economy where it belongs - not in the environment killing time. Just think, every time you throw away an aluminum can, plastic bottle, and especially paper, you are hurting someone else and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. So recycle. It is our world, we need to take care of it, for better or for worse, through sickness and in health.

By Ben Pollitt

President of ECOS (Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students)

### Letter to the Editor

## NORTH POLL

### What do you think of the "Don't Kick the Button" campaign?

Amber Lucas  
Communications  
Park Hills

"I didn't know anything about it. Just push it and don't kick it if it will cause problems."

Jeremy Wilson  
Sociology  
Edgewood

"I think the school's got enough damage as it is. Show some respect for the people who can't kick the buttons. It doesn't take much effort to just reach down and push it."

Maggie McCord  
Undeclared  
Ft. Thomas

"I think it is a good idea because it shows respect for the handicapped."



Abby Grimm  
Art  
Ft. Thomas

"If your hands are full at least use your hip or knee or something."

Amy Bausch  
Art Education  
Florence

"It sounds like a good idea but germs are everywhere, not just on people's shoes."

Phil Hapfinger  
English & Theatre  
Ft. Wright

"When people kick the button it ticks me off because I work with the handicapped. They have rights too and those people who kick them are ignoring those rights."

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# East meets West on NKU's campus

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

Two African men, separated by geographical distance and different in issues such as language and religion, have found common ground and friendship at Northern Kentucky University.

Burhan Mohamedali, from the east African country of Tanzania, and Joseph Samba, from the west African country Senegal, are both students at NKU.

Mohamedali said he and Samba are completely different. Mohamedali is Muslim. Samba is Catholic. Mohamedali's native language is Swahili. Samba's is Serer.

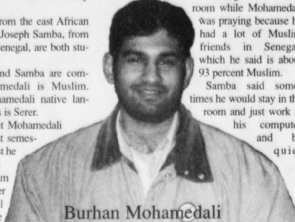
Samba said he first met Mohamedali during orientation his first semester here. He said that at first he didn't like Mohamedali.

Samba said by seeing him often and eating together with other international students in the Norse

Commons cafeteria they began to communicate more. Samba said their friendship further grew by calling and visiting each other.

The two were roommates last summer. Mohamedali, being Muslim, must pray five times a day. Samba said he didn't feel uncomfortable being in the same room while Mohamedali was praying because he had a lot of Muslim friends in Senegal, which he said is about 93 percent Muslim.

Samba said sometimes he would stay in the room and just work at his computer and be quiet.



Burhan Mohamedali

while Mohamedali prayed. He said other times, he would leave the room.

"When he's praying, sometimes I would go watch TV, to give him privacy," Samba said.

Mohamedali said he hasn't found that being Muslim has been a problem since he is in the United States.

By contrast, Samba is a Catholic. He said that he had a strong religious influence as a child.

"Two weeks after I was born, I was baptized," Samba said.

Samba said he joined the seminary at age nine or ten because he felt he could reach more people if he were a priest.

He left the seminary after ten years because he felt the European priests were not very racially accepting of the Africans, even though the seminary was in Africa.

Both Mohamedali and Samba said they notice the difference in African and American culture.

Mohamedali said it wasn't that big of a change because the culture in Tanzania is west-

ern-oriented.

Mohamedali said the biggest change was the waste of food. He said in Tanzania you would not see the amount of wasted food

you find here. He said food is very precious in his home country and there are a lot of homeless and hungry people there.

The change Samba has noticed is more of a social difference. He said he has found that many people do not take

friendship as seriously here.

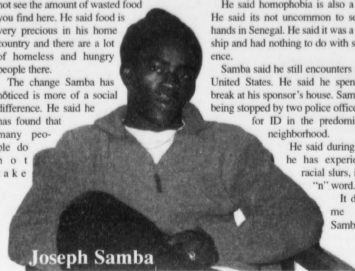
"In my country, when you have a friend, you have a friend," Samba said.

He said homophobia is also a major issue. He said it was not uncommon to see guys hold hands in Senegal. He said it was a act of friendship and had nothing to do with sexual preference.

Samba said he still encounters racism at the United States. He said he spent last spring break at his sponsor's house. Samba recounted being stopped by two police officers and asked for ID in the predominantly white neighborhood.

He said during his lifetime, he has experienced many racial slurs, including the "n" word.

It doesn't affect me anymore," Samba said.



Joseph Samba

## NKU professor's educational experience is out west

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

Dr. Jonathan Reynolds, assistant professor of history at Northern Kentucky University, has been spending a lot of time out west. West Africa, that is.

Reynolds is currently co-authoring a textbook on African history and world history with his friend Dr. Eric Gilbert from Arkansas State University. The book is scheduled to be released by Prentice-Hall in the spring of 2003.

Reynolds said he became interested in African history because he knew so little about it.

He cited the first course he took on African history was during his junior year in college.

Reynolds said the views Americans typically have of Africa are not accurate.

He said many people view

Africa as poverty-stricken third world countries, similar to the images shown on TV infomercials.

He said while there are areas of Africa that have extreme poverty, it does not represent the majority of the continent.

Most of Reynolds' time in Africa was spent in Nigeria, a third world country. He said there are millions of cars in Nigeria, phones are common and some people even have computers.

"What is poor by American

standards does not translate into poverty in other places in the world," he said.

Reynolds said one kind of poverty that is in Africa that is not seen in the United States is the absence of health care.

Reynolds said he believes most Africans are happier than Americans. "Being in a place that's not so materialistic teaches you what is important is your family, friends and your work," he said.

Reynolds' first trip to Africa was in 1990, when we worked for the state department. He spent

three months in the city of Lagos, Nigeria, a city of 14 million people.

Reynolds said one thing that amazed him about Lagos was the number of cars there.

"My introduction to Africa was not seeing elephants and giraffes, which I have never seen in Africa. My first introduction was being in traffic," he said.

He said he took the position with the state department to be able to go to Africa.

Reynolds said one advantage of working for the state department was he had access to talk to leaders that he would not have access to otherwise.

Reynolds said he returned to Africa in 1991 when he went as a part of an intensive language program studying the language of Hausa.

He said he had studied Hausa, a See REYNOLDS, Page 7



## "Cabaret" is magnificent

By Drew Hester  
Staff Writer

We've witnessed NKU's theatre department entertain us with their acting ability, now see them WOW us with their voices! The theatre department's performance of John Kander and Fred Ebb's play "Cabaret" is fresh, exhilarating and packed with energetic singing and dancing. This is a must see for any theater enthusiast or average Joe looking for a good time.

"Cabaret" reflects the lives of several characters in 1930s Germany. The play manages to captivate the audience with fabulous singing and dancing while simultaneously touching on the harsh political reality of Nazism that surrounded Germany between WWI and WWII. The play revolves around a small cabaret that constantly crosses the sexual boundaries of Berlin in hopes of attracting patrons and their money in an eco-

nomic difficult time. Consequently, the scantily clad performers sing and dance their hearts out, but still manage to touch the audience with melancholy fingertips. Although the characters are consumed with dancing and partying, there is a definite undertone of loneliness and despair among them.

The play still poses the envelope of sexual acceptance by intertwining prostitution, homosexuality and general sexual promiscuity just as it did when it debuted in the 1960s.

It's difficult to pinpoint one shining star with such a large cast of talented actors, but Janette Palmer's portrayal of the flighty and exotic Sally Bowles offered a breath of fresh air to the audience and captured our imaginations. Kudos to you Janette!

Jeff Matiseff played the cabaret's emcee and also, along with director Joe Conger, choreographed the show. Matiseff's singing

See CABARET, Page 7

### Theatre Review

TO: Students of NKU  
FROM: Office of the Deans  
RE: Dean's Scholarship  
Academic Year 2001-02

Each year, Dean's Scholarships are awarded to recognize and honor outstanding academic accomplishments of students currently enrolled at NKU. Each scholarship will cover full in-state tuition for the academic year.

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Beginning February 28, 2001, application forms may be obtained from departmental offices. Students must request letter of recommendation from faculty members by March 30, 2001. Students must submit applications to the chair of their major on or before April 6, 2001.

Awards will be announced by each college in May, 2001.

# Diversity showcase of fair

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

Northern Kentucky University's celebration of Black History Month continued last week as the education department sponsored its annual Diversity Fair Feb. 13.

Mary Rozier, assistant professor of education, said the purpose of the Diversity Fair, held on the second floor of the Business Education and Psychology building, is to promote awareness of diversity.

More than a hundred people visited the Diversity Fair, according to Mary Rozier.

She said even though the event is sponsored by the education department, it is not limited to diversity in education.

Projects made by students in Rozier's EDU 316 class, a race and gender class for education majors, were displayed during the Diversity Fair.

The projects ranged from posters, maps and even board games.

One project was a version of Trivial Pursuit focusing on topics related to diversity. Another trivia game featured a Jeopardy!-style board.

There was a map on display illustrating what countries and continents people from different cultures are from.

One of the most popular exhibits was made by Lori Kelley, a senior elementary education and art major. The piece consisted of a

piece of fabric with Maya Angelo's poem "Human Family" on it. There was a small hole in the fabric, revealing a mirror behind it.

Kelley said she is a fiber artist and she really likes the work of Maya Angelo.

"When the piece is hung, if you look at it, it reflects yourself," she said.

What message does Kelley hope people would take away from viewing her piece?

"We're more alike than we are different," she said.

Rozier pointed to a poster above where she was sitting that read: "Diversity Begins At Birth."

Rozier said she believes that phrase sums up the message people should take away from the

Diversity Fair.

Jennifer Cottingham, assistant professor of education, said diversity comes in many shapes, sizes and colors.

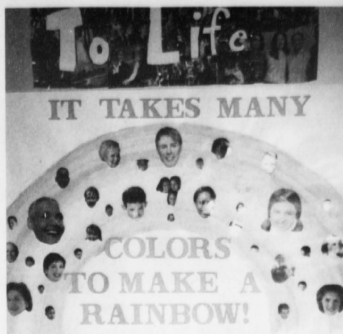
"We believe the more you know about the people in culture, the easier it is to find your place in the world," she said.

Barbara Gable, a graduate student taking classes in special education, said she was impressed by the projects on display.

Gable, who also teaches at St. Anthony School in Latonia, said diversity is a very important issue.

She believes that special education is also an issue of diversity.

"In every class I've been in, inclusion is an emphasis," Gable said.



Rick Amburgey/The Northern Kentucky University  
An example of one of the many posters displayed during the Department of Education's Diversity Fair.

## ATO ready to play ball

By Rachel Dietz  
Photo Editor

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity will get the ball rolling this weekend at its annual basketball marathon.

The marathon will begin at noon in the Albright Health Center on Friday Feb. 23 and last until noon on Saturday Feb. 24. There will be a variety of events including a men's and women's 3-on-3 tournament, a 3-point shooting contest, volleyball, dodgeball and kickball.

This is the 10th year that the ATO's have held the basketball marathon.

The proceeds from the marathon go to St. Luke's Community Foundation (Children's Hospital).

Anyone can come out to compete in the events. They do not need to be a Northern Kentucky University student.

Sign up sheets for the men's and women's 3-on-3 tournaments are located at the University Center Information booth and in the Albright Health Center.

However, students can still show up to compete without having signed up.

Sophomore ATO member Adam Robbins said the event has been very successful and fun in the past.

"Not only are people having a good time attending the event but it is also beneficial to the community and the children," Robbins said.

The marathon is one of the phil-

anthropy projects for ATO. According to Robbins, the event began at approximately \$1200 last year.

A \$15 fee is required to compete in the 3-on-3 tournaments.

The rest of the events are free but donations are welcomed.

There will be prizes for the 3-on-3 tournaments and the 3-point shooting contest and food for all people who attend.

The men's 3-on-3 tournament will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and the women's will begin at 8:30.

The 3-point contest will begin after the women's tournament.

Before the tournaments and after the 3-point contest there will be volleyball, dodgeball and kickball.

## Hardcore Troubadour

By Peter W. Zubaty  
Executive Editor

Singer/songwriter Steve Earle returned to Bogart's Friday night to something even Earle admitted had never happened in this town.

"I don't think we've ever sold out Cincinnati before," Earle said late in the show. "I guess we'll have to come back."

Considering Earle's career, which has been rife with substance abuse, marital failure, record company squabbles and a stint in prison, his career looks quite similar to the country music legends who blazed the path before him.

Since he got out of jail and kicked heroin, Earle has enjoyed his most creative period. Since his release

from prison and rehab in 1994, he has released five albums; each one with a personality completely different from the previous.

Earle's latest album is "Transcendental Blues," a collection of rock, bluesgrass and country tunes; some of those with an Irish/Celtic tint to it.

Earle opened the concert with the first three cuts from that album, including the title track, which has even enjoyed recent airplay of its video on VH-1. That additional exposure to the mainstream was likely the biggest reason for the sell-out in what is a traditionally tough town to sell out unless you are Metallica or n'Sync or some other mega-popular mainstream act.

Earle plowed through a three-hour set, backed up by a new version of his traditional back-up band, the Dukes.

Earle, 46, took advantage of the pulpit during the concert to discuss his anti-death penalty crusade. The crusade has been a passionate topic for Earle over the years, and has resulted in several of his finest compositions, such as "Billy Austin," "Ellis Unit One" and "Ozer Yonder (Jonathan's Blues)," a cut from "Transcendental Blues" which was a show-stopper.

Earle said that as he has "gotten older and hairier," he finds himself writing more "chick songs," than he used to. However, the range of

See STEVE EARLE, Page 7



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# NKU softball team has higher goals for new season

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

The NKU softball team is ready to begin a new season under third-year coach Kathy Brown with a new attitude and a turn-around from last season.

"We are starting a whole new era. We want to build a new tradition," Brown said. "500 is good, but we need to get better than that. We want to get us on the map."

The softball team has improved every season since Brown took the helm. Two years ago, the team finished the regular season with a 20-15 record, but didn't make it to the GLVC Tournament. Last season, NKU came away with a 25-24 record and finished fourth in the conference tournament.

"We beat Lewis and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, and we lost to Missouri-St. Louis, 5-4, in 14 innings," Brown said. "We would have been in third place if we had won that game. We played very well."

Brown, however, said she feels her team can do even better this season. "Our overall team goal is to win the GLVC, have an average .750 winning percentage and have a team batting average above .300. There is no reason we can't achieve that status," she said.

"Last year, we out-hit, out-slugged and made fewer errors than our opponents. Ten of those games we should have won. Mediocrity is not an option for us," Brown said.

The Norse will have a full squad to work with in trying to capture its goals. The team returns six starters to the team this year and adds three freshmen to the team.

## Offense/Defense

NKU has three seniors and three juniors on the team this season. Three of those players were among the top hitters on the team last season.

Junior Joanna Doerner led the Norse with a .321 batting average and 51 hits and was tied for first with 11 doubles last season.

Doerner will start out in left field to begin the year, Brown said. "She'll see action in the infield and outfield."

## PROJECTED ROSTER - FIRST GAME

<b>Left Field</b> Joanna Doerner	<b>Center Field</b> Camie Deaver	<b>Right Field</b> Jessica Dougherty
<b>Shortstop</b> Crystal Wilson	<b>Second Base</b> Amanda Davidson	
<b>Pitchers</b> 1 Kim Bina 2 Jamie Moore 3 Katie Garling 4 Lauren MacDonald	<b>Third Base</b> Kerry McKee	
	<b>First Base</b> Krista Eldridge	
	<b>Catcher</b> Kristin Koors Molly Fachman	

She plays very solid defense," Brown said. "Joanna is a very versatile athlete. She gets the job done anywhere you put her. She's a very consistent hitter."

Another one of NKU's top hitters who will bring plenty of power to the plate is senior Kerry McKee. McKee hit 253 last year and was second on the team with 24 RBIs. Brown said that McKee is one of the most exceptional players on the team. "She hits the ball harder than anyone else."

McKee said she still hopes to improve her offensive skills this season. "I'm hoping for better hitting stats than last year," she said.

McKee also plays tremendous defense. "She does an excellent job defensively at third base," Brown said.

Senior Krista Eldridge, who is nicknamed "The Big Hurt," was a spark for the Norse last season. She hit .276, had 42 hits and drove in a team-leading 27 runs while scoring 33 runs herself. "She is a very good hitter," Brown

said.

All the seniors on the team have shown great leadership and will be looked up to by many of the underclassmen, Brown said. "They have shown great work ethic. They have led by example for sure," Brown said.

Besides the returning players, the Norse bring in a talented group of freshmen. Two of them will begin the year in the starting lineup.

Camie Deaver comes out of Oak Hills High School and is an outfielder. She will be able to contribute right away, Brown said. "Offensively, she hits mostly from the left side. That has turned her batting around," Brown said.

Freshman Jessica Dougherty, a right fielder from Simon Kenton High School, will be adjusting from her old position as a pitcher. The softball team was in need of outfielders because of its availability of players, and she was willing to help the Norse out in that regard.

"I'm going to have to step up. This is a big change for me," Dougherty said. "I like playing the outfield a lot. It's more enjoyable and less stressful."

Brown said that Dougherty will have to find her niche in the outfield. "She played some good games in the fall. She will have to step up in the outfield and at the plate," Brown said.

One of the reasons NKU will have a balanced offense this season is because of Rob Charney, the softball team's new assistant coach. "He has been working with our hitters. He is doing a very good job with the drills," Brown said. "Everyone seems to be hitting better."

McKee added, "Our mechanics are coming together. I can see an improvement from last year."

The NKU softball team is a solid team overall, but it will be short a few players as the season gets underway. The Norse lost two players from the fall to the spring. Also, injuries have forced some of the players to move to different positions on the field.

"Our second base has moved to catcher. Our catcher has moved to the outfield. We have lost two catchers, one due to a car injury," Brown said. "That is a big adjustment for See SOFTBALL, Page 7

## NKU men fall hard to Kentucky Wesleyan

The NKU men's basketball team also played three conference road games last week. The Norse won two of them but suffered a huge loss.

NKU began the week easily winning against Indianapolis 96-66 Tuesday as senior Brian Lawhorn and junior Craig Sanders poured in 18 points apiece for the Norse. Todd Clark helped out with 16 points and nine rebounds for the Norse.

NKU took a two-game winning streak to Kentucky Wesleyan Thursday. The Norse had lost 13 consecutive times in Owensboro and were trying to break that streak.

Despite winning the earlier meeting between the schools, NKU never could get on track as the Panthers crushed the Norse by a score of 80-57.

NKU only made 36 percent of its shots in the first half. Sanders, 12 points, and Clark, 10 points, were the only two players in double figures for the Norse.

Fifth ranked Kentucky Wesleyan was led by Ronald Evans, who put up a game high 19 points. Anwar Perry also had 12 points in the 25-point victory.

The Norse got back in track Saturday as they defeated Bellarmine 90-74 behind Sanders 23 points.

With the win, NKU is 2-5 on the year and 1-3-5 in the GLVC, two games behind second place Wesleyan.

# Chia gets NKU volleyball job

By Aaron Stamm  
Staff Writer

Carlos Chia received quite a birthday present.

On February 14, Chia celebrated his 48th birthday and was told later in the day he would be the new head coach of the NKU volleyball team.

"Nothing really changes in the way I coach. I am still going to do what I have been doing for years. The attention should be to the players and I hope to be able to teach them a little about volleyball," Chia said.

Chia takes over for Mary Biermann, who retired in November after 12 years at the helm.

Chia, one of 45 applicants for the position, beat out two other finalists: University of Louisville first assistant Rick Nold and Truman State (Mo.) assistant Qi Wang.

"All the players were hired in December. When I recruited, I always wanted the person that I would feel could help our program. In that way it won't be a transition at all for me," Chia said.

Chia's first task on the job was to direct NKU's annual grade school volleyball tournament, which took place last weekend.

Junior Luisa Gomez agrees with Chia that the transition period will be an easy one. "Carlos has already been there through the off-season conditioning and recruited us and knows how we play," she said.

NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier said she felt Chia demonstrated the qualities she was looking for in a head coach.

"He has been a major part of our team's success the last six years. He has a great deal of contacts in



CARLOS CHIA

the area and is very well-known and respected. He has a solid knowledge of the game and has a desire to do better," she said.

Six players for NKU this past season were Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati high school products. With the contacts in the area, Meier credits the work of Chia for that reason.

"Carlos cares a great deal about the program. He is well respected by the rest of the athletic department. He has a deep desire to be a part of the program for a long time," Meier said.

Chia said there will be some changes he will make going into the 2001-02 season. "We are going to focus on individual work on the court and in the weight room," he said.

Chia says the strategy he puts in will be some of the same as it was during Biermann's tenure. "One of our team is speed. We will once again use our speed to our advantage. We are one of the shortest teams in the region. We will work on starting and going low in our rotations," he said.

Chia, a member of the 1972 Peruvian National Team and a graduate of Thomas More College, where he was the head volleyball coach for two years (1978-80).

Meier said she is confident that the transition period for Chia and the team will be a very smooth one.

"Carlos is very excited about the job. I feel the transition period will be very smooth because he already knows the girls, the department and the area. The future of the program looks very bright," she said.

Gomez said she thinks Chia will bring more commitment from the players to the program.

"I think Carlos is going to expect more commitment from the players. He will expect us to be more intense everyday in practice and games," she said.

"He is a part of our team. We have more contact with him than anybody. I feel he brings us more desire to go all the way and win a National Championship," Gomez said.

## This Week in NKU Sports

### NKU women lose shocker to Bellarmine

The NKU women's basketball team attempted to pick up three conference road wins last week as they were in the midst of a five-game winning streak.

The Norse started out the week defeating the University of Indianapolis 72-38 last Tuesday. NKU junior Michelle Cottrell scored 20 points and picked up 12 rebounds in the win. The double-double was the 3rd of Cottrell's career. Senior Julie Cowens scored 17 points for the Norse.

The NKU women continued its long journey with a 102-73 win against Kentucky Wesleyan Thursday.

Cottrell again provided the spark for the Norse with 24 points and six rebounds. Seniors Michele Tuchfarber and Cowens each poured in 16 points for the victorious Norse.

NKU, ranked sixth nationally in the Division II poll, faced its toughest challenge of the week, taking on 20th-ranked Bellarmine Saturday. In the game, the Norse had a 13-point lead at halftime but the Lady Knights came from behind in the second half and upset NKU 79-75.

Ryan Danner led five players in double figures for Bellarmine, 21-13 and 15-3 in GLVC, with 21 points. NKU, 21-3 overall and 15-3 in GLVC, was led by Cottrell's 21 points and 13 rebounds.

## Intramurals prove to be competitive

By Aaron Stamm  
Staff Writer

The NKU intramural basketball season is heading into the tournament with very competitive action.

The three leagues have had many close games and the standings are competitive.

Intramural director Dan Henry said, "The basketball leagues are going really well. We have added a couple teams in each league. We have only lost one team in all three leagues," he said.

The tournaments will begin at the end of the month and into March. Henry will look at each league and put tournaments together that will be as competitive as they can be.

Henry said he feels that the leagues are more competitive than they have been in a long time. "The teams are in

the correct leagues. There are closer ball games than in the past," he said.

"At the completion of the season, I will evaluate the teams' abilities and hopefully evenly match all the tournaments," he said.

In other intramural action, the indoor soccer league started last week with the largest turnout in Henry's tenure. "We have around seven or eight teams right now which could be the best we have had here," he said.

"Late spring is the only time we have for the grass to grow on the fields. We would have to evaluate that if we decide to have a league," he said.

### Standings through Feb. 17, 2001

Sunday League	
Looney Tunes	2-2
Overdone Hottdogs	3-1
Memorandum	1-3
Campus Rock & Supply	4-1
Homebody's	4-1
The Losers	1-3
Run-Run	2-2
J.V	2-3
All Stars	2-3
Cage Veterans	1-2
Greek Division	
Pike A	4-0
Pike B	2-2
TKE A	3-1
TKE B	1-3
Phi Tau B	0-4
ATO B	3-1
ATO A	1-3
Phi Tau A	2-3
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- \* WHAT EXPERIENCE STUDENTS HAVE GAINED FROM THEIR CLASSES
- \* OTHER ASPECTS OF STUDENTS COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

# Horoscope

By Timothy Conboy  
Northern Astrologer

Aries (you know who you are)

This week problems plague you left and right, but I guess this would be your own persona creating it. You are very headstrong and that is why people don't like you. Of course, this is why people like you too. Your prices/sidekick is getting really annoying but I am rambling like an Aries again.

Taurus (I own you)

Okay maybe not, but I thought it was fitting for someone who thinks they own everything. Oh shoot, I'm going to get myself into trouble with that one. It's a good thing you don't not fight very often. Oh, there I go again.

Gemini (yak yak yak)

Ok, I am tired of hearing the taking, get up and act. The sign of communication shouldn't use that as an excuse to talk constantly and pass no clear point. Oh great, I am never going to hear the end of this. For anyone who reads this, my name is a fraud, so don't try to talk my ear off for this.

Cancer (mag mag)

Nagannagannagannag. Oh wait, I already said this so stop nagging. Um, if you don't, I will do so something you won't like. No, what did I tell you? Stop nagging me. Will you stop already?

Leo (me first)

You are queen or king ALWAYS. But this doesn't account for the fact that all you know is maybe and not I thought you are royalty you have no power whatsoever and all of that attention you get is because everyone is afraid of the Aries standing behind you.

Virgo (what if (sob) what if)

Whiney Virgo, everyone thinks so highly of you because you help others to make yourself feel better. Oh stop crying, here have a tissue. Poor baby, everything will be fine (but what if it isn't?).

Libra (Godsdad)

"I am God and no one can stop me," or at least this is an attitude I feel around Will, one of the most typical Libras I know. But hey, they work great in marriage, but that's all they ever think about (that or sex).

Scorpio (squish)

Oh deep Scorpio your intellect goes as far as your ego (everywhere), but this is something that happily opens me to attacks on all fronts so I will end with "No sir please don't hurt me."

Sagittarius (ohm)

Deep and reflective, I would say something bad here, but I can't, it really stinks. You guys are always cool in my book. Just play with your intellect a bit more and stop playing with others' so much (no, absolutely nothing is implied here).

Capricorn (dude I have this great story...)

"...even though I just made it up five seconds ago." Ah, yes, loud, social Capricorn. I expect to be squished politically by one among you or the united forces of your sign.

Aquarius (don't get cocky)

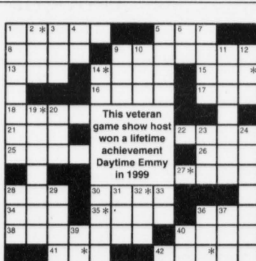
People like you as you are, just because it is your age right now. Doesn't mean you are any better than ever. You just have a little more responsibility on your shoulders.

Pisces (Help me, I'm melting)

This isn't a bad switch reference, it's a constantly needing help reference. I suggest a little book called "SELF RELIANCE." Stop whining to the Aries and start getting to work for yourself. You are not as helpless as you make yourself look to everyone. Now that your plans are foiled by full disclosure, you're kinds screwed, aren't ya?

Note: If you are upset by any of these send any complaints to [laahub@hotmail.com](mailto:laahub@hotmail.com), that way you may bypass The Northerner because, well, none of this is their doing. If you notice any recurring patterns in this chart, am, I know this really cool psychologist who can help you out. JUST KIDDING EVERYONE!

## -TV-CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Role on *Everybody Loves Raymond*
2. A dancer; '73 film about Nureyev
3. The Temble; '76 Lou Jacobson comic
4. Actor on *The Fugitive* (12)
5. Felix, for one
6. Betty of old cartoons
7. Whopper
8. Tom Bosley's role on *Murder, She Wrote*
9. Man Answers; '62 Bobby Darin movie
10. Dharma's mother
11. Generation
12. West
13. Worst in the line of Drew Carey's latest series
14. One ... Million; 1960 sitcom
15. 1991 star of *The Royal Family*
16. The ... and I; '47 Fred MacMurray film
17. Wallace, for one
18. Setting for *The Love Boat*
19. Island With You
20. '43 Peter Lawford movie
21. The ... Valley (1965-69)
22. Shen's son
23. Pop
24. Prior to
25. Role on *Batman*

DOWN

1. The Richards Show
2. Ms. Gardner
3. Traitor
4. Tuck ... a Lifetime
5. Mischief makers
6. Promo



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## STEVE EARLE

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diversity within his catalogue indicates that he is still equally comfortable in any genre.

It was an excellent show, a great effort from an artist who, despite the fact that he is aging, is still producing some of the most thought-provoking music of his era; of sort like a poor-man's Bob Dylan.

Some of the high points of the

## JOB FAIR

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Michelle Jata, a sales assistant for Queen City Jobs, said that approximately 900 to 1100 people apply at these job fairs, and some of them are hired within two weeks. She said that companies are looking for applicants ranging from general entry level positions all the way to top management positions.

Students who are planning on attending these job fairs need to

show up prepared. Some companies send representatives from the human resources department to talk with the applicants. Bill Brinkman, a recruiter for Borcherting Adult Recreational, said that it could be a real advantage to come to these job fairs prepared. He said, "Applicants should come dressed appropriately, bring their resume, and be ready to interview on the spot."

The Manuel D. and Rhonda Mayerson Foundation provided \$100,000 to fund the program for a two-year period. Crigler said she hopes to provide research at the end of the program to encourage more funding from other foundations.

## PROJECT

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process from the student, professor, and community perspective and to make adjustments as we go along," Ferrante said. "At the end of the two-year process, we will make recommendations about how this program should proceed."

Reynolds said the people in Kano were very friendly to them. He recalled the first morning he was there. "The neighborhood was slaughtering a cow to welcome us," he said. Reynolds' third excursion to the state was financed by the Fulbright Scholarship, an award granted for dissertation research.

## Sports Trivia

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## NORSE: SOFTBALL

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them, but they have done well."

McKee said she feels the Norse are going to get through this transition of having a limited team. "It's going to be tough mentally. Putting people in different spots is an adjustment, but everyone is a good player. They've all played before," she said.

"We're all going to have to step up," Dougherty added.

Everyone on the team is capable of making plays at their respective positions, McKee said. "We're solid defensively. We have the confidence out in the field," she said.

Pitching

The NKU pitching staff has a good core of players this season. Two of them are injured right now. Senior Jamie Moore, one of the injured pitchers, led the team last year with 10 wins and pitched her way to a 2.14 ERA. Bown said that Moore will be a major factor when she's healthy.

"She was very good in the fall," Bown said. "I had a 1.04 ERA in the fall," Bown said.

Kim Bina is the other senior pitcher on the squad. She led the team

strikingouts with 83 and had a team-leading 1.54 ERA. Bina also had a good fall sporting a 1.08 ERA.

Bown said that both pitchers are throwing very well right now. "That is a tribute to their hard work in the off-season. They have both really improved in the fall," Bown said.

One of the pitchers who will make an impact when she's healthy is freshman Lauren MacDonald. She played high school ball at St. Ursula. She currently has a stress fracture in her arm and is not 100 percent yet.

"When healthy, she's doing some pitching. She is much improved from the fall," Bown said.

The NKU softball team will begin its season this Saturday with a tournament that is being hosted by The University of Southern Indiana. They will play Ferris State, last season's GLIAC champions. SU-Edwardsville and Quincy.

"That will be a test for us. We are going to play some quality teams," Bown said.

The Norse will play its first home game Feb. 27 against Morehead State University.

## REYNOLDS

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language spoken in northern Nigeria, in a graduate school at Boston University.

Reynolds said this trip took him to Kano, Nigeria, about 900 miles from Lagos.

Reynolds said the people in Kano were very friendly to them. He recalled the first morning he was there.

"The neighborhood was slaughtering a cow to welcome us," he said.

Reynolds' third excursion to the state was financed by the Fulbright Scholarship, an award granted for dissertation research.

This 1992 trip found Reynolds living in a house in Kano with three other American researchers. Reynolds said that African students are accustomed to a very formal classroom setting.

Reynolds described his teaching style as very informal and said he likes

to be silly in class.

"That was a challenge for the students of Bayero. For them, it was very disturbing," he said.

Reynolds said in Bayero University, the professor's word is absolute. He prefers to initiate class discussion.

Reynolds found one thing he liked about Bayero.

"It's good to know there is somewhere where students always do the readings," he said.

Reynolds said he believes his students took a lot away from the class as well.

"I think they learned a lot about American academic culture," he said.

Reynolds made subsequent trips to Africa to wrap up research on his dissertation. The second edition of his dissertation, which is more than 200 pages, will be released this year.

Reynolds said he returned to Africa last year and visited the country of Ghana, funded by a grant by NKU and the West Africa Research Association. During the trip, he said he collected comparative material from Ghana.

## CABARET

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and dancing was energetic and touching. However, his choreography is a marvelous array of routines from traditional German dance to whimsical, half-naked romps.

I personally found the voice of Kelly Dopp, who played Fraulien Schneider, to be inspiring and enchanting. It must be difficult to let them know they are revered and appreciated.

The entire cast gave an outstanding performance of an edgy play that has entertained audiences for decades. It proves once again that NKU's theatre group has the professional stamina

and awesome talent to rise to any theatrical occasion and turn in one phenomenal performance after another. If you don't take advantage of the talent available right here on campus it is certainly your loss! The cast's hard work and dedication to this project certainly paid off and they all deserve a big pat on the back to let them know they are revered and appreciated.

*Cabaret* runs from February 15-25 at NKU's Corbett Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$9 for general admission. For tickets call the NKU theatre box office at (859) 572-5464.

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# Bush's tax cut meeting resistance

By Alan Fram  
Associated Press Writer

Hardening partisan lines, balking Republican moderates and an evenly divided Senate are creating major hurdles for President Bush as he tries to muscle his proposed \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut through Congress.

Lawmakers are on a President's Day break until Feb. 26 and the first votes on the core of Bush's economic plan are probably weeks off. That gives GOP leaders time to pressure their mavericks into line.

They should succeed in the House, where Republicans have a 10-seat majority and the chamber's rules severely limit the minority's power.

But in the Senate, where the split is 50-50 this year and Vice President Dick Cheney can break ties, Bush and his GOP allies have to find the 50 votes first.

"It's very hard," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., lamented last week.

Domenici told reporters his vote count showed "there are between 47 and 49 that are absolutely committed, and we're still working."

There remains no doubt that Congress will approve a sizable tax reduction this year, which would be a major victory for the new president. Democratic leaders have endorsed a \$750 billion reduction.

Bush is optimistic.

"Amid growing concern over the economy and high energy costs, we're seeing

a good deal of bipartisan agreement that now is the time to reduce the tax burden and slow the growth of government spending," he said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

During a visit to Mexico on Friday, Bush predicted Congress would approve a tax bill "at the level I think it ought to be."

Even so, Domenici's committee is divided 11-11 between the parties and he may not be able to muster a majority vote required to push a budget resolution through committee.

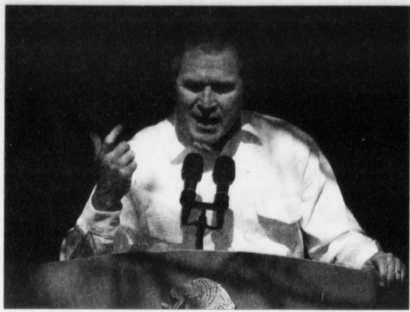
The budget sets the maximum size of the tax cut, with the details and actual enactment left for later legislation.

But the budget outline passed by Congress is crucial because it contains language that would shield the tax bill from a filibuster, a procedure Democrats could use to make Republicans get 60 votes instead of 51 to get the measure to the White House.

The Senate Budget Committee's inability to approve a budget would be embarrassing but not a big problem. Under a rarely used procedure, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., could simply bring a GOP-written budget to the Senate floor for debate after April 1.

That is when the hunt for votes will become serious. Budget resolutions themselves cannot be filibustered, so 50 votes will be the key.

Democrats overwhelmingly oppose Bush's plan, saying it siphons off enough the entire projected federal surplus for a



President George W. Bush has proposed a 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut. The tax cut is meeting heavy opposition in Congress.

tax cut weighted toward the rich.

"If President Bush's plan passes, our country will not be able to meet the challenges of better health care for families, better schools and retirement security,"

Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, the senior Democrat on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, said Saturday in his party's weekly radio address.

"His plan will undermine national defense to pay for excessive tax cuts for

those in the upper brackets. I also believe it will ultimately result in cutting Medicare benefits because it will divert funds from the Medicare trust fund to pay for his tax cut," Rangel said.

Bush said on the radio that his plan was fair and would help all taxpayers. Once, agreement on debt reduction, taxes and education reform seemed impossible, the president said. "This is our chance to act, and we cannot let it pass."

So far, Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia is

the only Democrat to announce support for Bush's tax cut. But two moderate Republicans, Sens. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island and James Jeffords of Vermont, have announced their opposition, saying it is too big and tilted too heavily toward the rich.

Other GOP moderates, including Sens. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Olympia Snowe of Maine, have said they would prefer a "trigger" that would permit future tax cuts only if specified surplus or debt-reduction targets are met.

To attract moderate votes, Domenici is considering putting such a trigger in his budget resolution, said a GOP aide speaking on condition of anonymity. To avoid angering conservatives, Domenici might also apply that trigger to spending growth by federal benefit programs, the aide said.

White House officials have said Bush opposes such a trigger.

GOP leaders are sure to press Chafee, Jeffords and any other doubters to vote for the budget resolution as a first step. Because the resolution only sets the maximum tax cut figure, the moderates could work to reduce the actual tax cut later, the leaders will say.

But it is unclear that argument will work.

"I've always been open for more information, but as it stands now, no," Chafee said when asked if that would win his vote for the budget.

## Airstrike brings support for Hussein

By Jasper Mortimer  
Associated Press Writer

The U.S.-British airstrike on Iraq will strengthen Arab support for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, tarnish the Middle East's image of U.S. President George W. Bush's administration, and undermine U.N. "attempts to resume monitoring of Baghdad's disarmament, Arab officials and analysts say.

The attack on Iraqi air defense systems was "a serious negative step that we cannot accept nor understand," Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said Saturday.

Moussa, whose country contributed troops toward the U.S.-led coalition that evicted Iraq from Kuwait 10 years ago this month, said it was time to review measures imposed on Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait.

He said Friday's airstrike undermined the talks scheduled for Feb. 26-27 in which the United Nations will try to negotiate with the Baghdad government a way of resuming weapons inspections in Iraq and lifting the U.N. trade sanctions maintained since the Kuwait invasion. Under U.N. resolutions, the embargo cannot be lifted until Iraq is found to be clear of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

The Iraqi issue has to be resolved in "a smart manner, not just by bombarding Iraq," said Mohammed el-Sayed Said of the Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, a Cairo think tank.

He said sanctions should be lifted in return for Iraqi disarmament, and endorsed the Russian and French proposals for doing this. But the United States and Britain have rejected the Russian and French plans as being too lenient toward Iraq's weapons programs.

U.S. military officials said the airstrike was a defense measure aimed at cutting down the increased threat that Iraq has mounted to American and British planes patrolling the no-fly zones over the north and south of the country. Iraq had beefed up its radar capacity and was firing at allied planes more frequently.

Analysts said the Arab public will not buy this argument.

Said, the Al-Ahram center ana-



President Saddam Hussein is shown during a joint meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council and Regional leadership of the Ba'ath party in Iraq in this image taken from Iraqi television Friday Feb. 16, 2001. The meeting was called after the Friday airstrikes by U.S. and British warplanes on five Iraqi military sites.

lyst, said that however much Iraq may have upgraded its radar and anti-aircraft guns, "nothing has been shot down by Iraqi air defenses" since they began challenging the allied planes in late 1998.

"Nobody in the Arab world has agreed to these no-fly zones," said Salama Ahmed Salama, a columnist for Egypt's most influential newspaper, Al-Ahram.

"The zones, which were set up after the Gulf War to protect dissident minorities from government forces, were not included in the U.N. resolutions," Salama said, adding that the Americans and British were carrying out the strikes "on their own, without giving a damn about the loss of lives among civilians in Iraq."

Representatives of Iraqi opposition groups in exile joined the protest against the attack.

In Damascus, Syria, Libed Abawi of the Iraqi Communist Party said the airstrikes "would never help our people in their struggle against the dictatorship but would rather foment Arab

feelings against the United States."

A common theme among analysts was the idea that, with the latest attack, the United States has shot itself in the foot in terms of isolating Saddam.

Another Al-Ahram columnist, Fahmy Hameidi, said people feel that the American and British governments decide to strike Iraq whenever they deem fit, which "humiliates Arabs."

About 200 Palestinians took to the streets of the West Bank town of Ramallah on Friday, waving Iraqi flags and posters of Saddam and chanting "Death to America."

More than 200 Jordanians stood in the rain outside the Iraqi Embassy in Amman on Saturday, shouting "Long Live Saddam" and burning a U.S. flag.

In Kuwait, arguably the most pro-U.S. state in the region, legislator Abdul-Mohsen Jamal said the airstrikes would hurt Kuwait's standing in the Arab world.

Neither Kuwait nor Saudi Arabia commented on the attack Saturday. Both states provide the

U.S. and Britain with air bases for patrolling the southern no-fly zone.

"The American administration has to be wiser and more understanding of the situation the Arab peoples are in," Jamal said.

While U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell likes to defend the sanctions regime as necessary to stop Iraq from rebuilding the weapons with which it could attack its neighbors, a journalist in a neighboring state said his people no longer accept this reason.

"The Arabs now look at the situation in Iraq, and the prolonging of the sanctions, as a political matter rather than having anything to do with security," said Yousef al-Kuwatli, who writes for the Saudi newspaper Al-Riyadh.

The sanctions themselves have cast Iraq in the role of victim as U.S. and media reports have published innumerable cases of malnutrition and shortages among Iraqi civilians, prompting dozens of humanitarian flights to Baghdad from Arab states.

## Protestors blockade major highways in Northern Colombia

By Andrew Selsky  
Associated Press Writer

Police were ordered to use force if necessary Saturday to disperse thousands of people blocking major highways in northern Colombia to protest plans to temporarily cede territory to a leftist rebel group for peace talks.

But protest leaders, some with alleged links to right-wing paramilitary forces, vowed to maintain the three-day-old blockade, which has strangled delivery of goods from the capital, Bogota, to port cities on the Caribbean coast.

"We don't want to clash with security forces," said one leader, Orlando Fuentes. "But if they execute the order of the government... well, let them do what they must, but we will keep blocking the highways."

Protest leaders called on President Andres Pastrana to replace his peace envoy, Camilo Gomez, accusing him of being biased in favor of the rebels. They also demanded the presence of a U.N. human rights official.

Interior Minister Humberto de la Calle announced that police have received orders to clear the highways, using restrained force if necessary. But a police colonel in Lizaama, the site of a large blockade, said his men would not move to disperse protesters without written orders.

Protesters were also arming themselves with sticks and machetes while some truck drivers were releasing the air from their tires to prevent their vehicles from being removed from the highways.

By midday more than 2,000 peasants, cattle ranchers and suspected right-wing paramilitary members crowded the highway at Lizaama, up from 500 the day before. Police carrying guns, clubs and tear-gas grenades loomed on.

The protesters brought in three dump trucks loaded with

rocks which they said they would use to defend themselves, and police said they suspected some protesters were paramilitary fighters armed with pistols.

Three provincial governors rushed to Lizaama, 195 miles (312 kilometers) northeast of Bogota, to mediate. The governors want Pastrana's administration to negotiate with the protesters, who oppose plans to grant a 1,120-square-mile (2,912 square kilometers) zone to the National Liberation Army, or ELN, Colombia's second-highest leftist rebel group.

"These people want to negotiate, and hopefully the central government wants to negotiate too," said Bolivar Vargas.

But protest leaders left little room for bargaining, vowing to block the highway until the government abandons plans to cede the territory.

The standoff challenged Pastrana to get tough with right-wing paramilitary forces and their backers, as he has pledged he would.

The blockades, which began on Friday, are backed by cattle-men's associations - the traditional support base of the paramilitary United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, which has been battling rebels and massacring people it says are rebel supporters.

The protesters, who include crewmen of military age, ranchers, women and children, said they were not consulted before the government decided to cede the territory to their enemies, the rebels, in an effort to jump-start peace talks.

The zone Pastrana wants to grant the ELN would be similar to a larger chunk of land he ceded to Colombia's largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, two years ago. Sporadic peace talks with the FARC have not brought a peace accord.