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Steely's Book Becomes Center of Controversey

Staff Writer

Controversy is nothing new to

Controversy is nothing new to me, Frank Steely said.

As the first president of NKU, he had to "buy the pasture, build the campus, hire professors and find students," all the while fighting local bureaucrats and media to help NKU gain the recognition it deserves, Steely said.

Steely, now a history professor at NKU, is again involved in controversy.

This one centers around the publication of his new book, "Northern: Birth of a University."

University."
A former history professor,
Leslie Tihany, has demanded a
public apology and retraction of

portions which he believes to be libelous. The book is based on Steely's

The book is based on Steely's perspectives about the beginnings of of NKU and the inner workings of campus politics.

Steely said he pulled no punches in telling it as he saw it. Throughout the book, Steely gives NKU's history as well as criticizing local media and community figures.

"What JP Steely states is

"What Dr. Steely states is libel which has been disproved and i will not let it stand," Tihany said. In a March 1 letter to Steely,

Thany's lawyer said they be-lieve portions of the novel which deal with Tihany's dis-missal from the university to be libelous.

The letter called to cease the



book's publication and distribu tion. It also demanded a public apology and retraction by both Steely and Gateway Publishing

ompany. Gordon Kushner, Gateway's

lawyer, found no reason to cease publishing.
Kushner also sent a letter to Tihany's lawyer requesting specific passages which are allegedly libelous.
At this point, Kushner said no legal action has been taken.
"We are in the process of carefully studying the matter," Manley told The Northerne March 31.
He said he had no further.

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Thany stated the passages in question were "sheer, unadul-terated libel... that is not done in civilized society with impunity."

He said he will let the courts

decide

"We will just have to wait

and see what transpires. . . I haven's lost any sleep over it,"

Steely said.
Steely said all his comments and quotes are well documented in Regents archives, his persons, transcripts of hearings

and the local newspapers.

The book is the result of the Board of Regents authorization of Steely to write a history of the university after he resigned in 1975

Steely delayed writing it until after the Kentucky Bicentennial Committee in 1992 urged all institutions to write a histories. After Steely decided to put his personal experiences and research into a fin-ished book because as he said

time goes on and people forget.

Around this time, Peter

resilister, vice president of uni-versity relations and develop-ment, said he was looking for a history book to commemorate the 25th anniversary of NKU, so he discussed using Steely's book as that history.

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After Hollister read part of Steely's manuscript, he decided it wasn't what he wanted. Hollister then commissioned Frank Stallings to do a photo

"We wanted something nos-talgic, fun, positive and uplift-ing," Hollister said.

Steely said he wasn't as con-cerned with being positive of uplifting, but instead wanted his book to "give the most hon-

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Twenty-five years ago, nothing but farm land and a small lake, now named Lake Inferior, could be found but as this aerial photograph shows a growing university has taken its place, with downtown Cincinnati nearby. Now with a 12,000 student enrollment and a new residential village, university administrators expect NRU's enrollment to reach 15,000 to 17,000 students. Photo contributed by Joe RNU.

'Embrace Opportunity' Right on Track

3-year Campaign has Generated \$5 million

By Edwinna Meister Staff Writer

A 3-year campaign kicked off in August 1992 to generate \$10 to \$15 million is right on tar-get, said Peter Hollister, vice-president of university rela-

president of university rela-tions and development. Hollister said the money generated from "Embrace Opportunity" will go toward a variety of projects selected by the Board of Regents, faculty, staff, Student Government and the community at large

The university administra-tion and the foundation board authorized the program in an effort to strengthen the quality at NKU.

The first thing we want to of is build endowments for scholarships," Hollister said. "If we can add 100 scholar-ships, then we are adding to the quality of the institution by drawing the best and bright-

Other priorities, including computer technology purchases, library acquisitions and lecture endowments, can only add to ne university's strength, lollister said. The remaining selected pro-

grams are improving the cam-pus landscape, building more

extensive athletic fields and allotting more athletic scholarships

Government Student President Mike Franke said the campaign is an enhancement to the school.

The monies raised give us

"The monies raised give us the opportunity to do things we can't get state dollars for."

The fund raiser first involved soliciting regents, faculty and staff. While this phase is currently drawing to a close, it has generated roughly \$5 million, Hollister said.

The next phase will reach.

The next phase will reach and Greater Cincinnati commu

nities at large, while the last phase is to address alumni. Throughout the entire cam-paign, corporations and busi-ness will be contacted.

Rosemary Schlacter, assistant vice-president for development, said negotiations for contributions are currently in process with Fifth/Third Bank

and Scripps Howard Company.
Hollister added Proctor &
Gamble, Cincinnati Gas and
Electric and Union Light Heat and Power to the list.

Schlacter said the money aised will help in this time of udget cuts but that state fund-See Campaign on Page 10

University Proposes Race/Gender Class for General Studies

By Laura Shipp Staff Writer

On April 1, the University Curriculum Committee, a sub-group of the Faculty Senate, approved a proposal for an ad-ditional race/ gender perspec-tive category in the general studies requirements for bache-lor's deemed. lor's degrees.

This proposal will now be sent to the Faculty Senate for consideration. If approved, it will be added to the 1994-1995

A race/ gender program is not a new idea for NKU.

In his 1990 State of the University address, President Boothe challenged the faculty to "develop a broad-based course which will focus primar-ily upon the cultural, political and economic contributions of women and the non-Caucasian

segments of the American plu-ralistic society.

"Furthermore, I challenge the faculty not only to develop such a course but also to require

such a course but also to require all students to take this course before graduation."

The proposed category has been titled "race/gender per-spective" and will, according to the proposal, "deal with the proposal, "deal with race/gender in an integrated fashion."

Courses offered in this section will have to "incorporate his-torical understandings and con-temporary issues" of both race and gender topics. Courses must also focus primarily on the is-sues as they relate to the United States, which will dis-tinguish it from the non-west-

The category would require students to take at least three credit hours in a race/ gender perspective subject area that is in a discipline other than the student's major.
The purpose of this require-

ment, according to the proposed category description is to "fa-miliarize students with issues miliarize students with issues surrounding race/gender; in-cluding relationships between racial/ethnic groups, the inter-section of race/ethnicity and gender, and the overlap of race/ gender and cultural, po-litical, economic and social in-stitutions."

Courses currently included in this proposal which would ful-fill the requirements are histo-ry-105 introduction to Afro-American studies; woman's studies-150 introduction to women's studies; and sociology 205 Current Social Issues.

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Students Debate Proposal to Integrate Race, **Gender Course**

By Laura Shipp Staff Writer

To make mandatory or

This is the question many students are concerned about as the Faculty Senate considers the proposal to integrate a race/gender perspective course into the general

Many of the students attended the university curriculum committee
meeting to show their
support of the requirement
including Black United
Students, Students Against
Racism and Campus NOW
as well as several

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Inside This Issue . . .

Norse Sports Shorts

Baseball season is in full swing - Volleyball team recruits new blood - Lady Norse named to All-Academic Team.

Pitts off!

Gary Burbank offers WLW listeners a different cast of characters every

Baseball '93 A pictorial view at the boys of summer - the Norse baseball team.

News

News Briefs

Summer Job Fair Today

A summer and temporary service job fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday April 7 in the University Center. More than 25 organizations will participate including BB Riverboats Inc., the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Coney Island, Huntington Bank, Kings Island, Manpower and Olsten

Temporary Services.
Students can meet with potential employers on an informal basis to discuss summer or temporary work. The event is casual and while resumes may be helpful, they are not required.

Milburn Award Deadline Set

A new April 30 deadline has been set for student applications or the Frank Stinton Milburn Award.

The award, established to encourage application of

The award, established to encourage application of engineering and scientific principles to solve environmental problems, provides a \$100 stipend to the recipient. Any full-time sophomore, junior or senior may apply. Applications should include name, social security number, major, date of graduation, project title, project description including goals, procedure and significance and a letter or reccomendation from a faculty member in the students major department.

Women's Studies Writing Contest Open to any Student

The Women's Studies Program's fifth annual writing contest

is open to any student who has written on a women's studies topic for any class during the 1992-1993 school year.

Topics should describe women's lives, accomplishments or studies. Any format or length is acceptable, with only one entry per student. Final submission deadline is Friday April 16.

per student. Final submission deadline is Friday April 16.
The first prize is \$50, second and third place prizes are \$25.
Winning entries will be published for distribution in Women's
Studies classes and for sale in the bookstore.
Entries should be typed with the student's name, and social
security number on the cover and should be submitted to Jeanne
Henry, Director, Women's Studies, Learning Assistance Center,
Business Education Psychology building room 230.

DPS Investigating Assualt

An assault involving a stun gun in parking lot D Thursday is a under investigation by the Department of Public Safety.

A man told DPS officers three unidentified white men assaulted him at 8:10 p.m. and left in a black Monte Carlo with an Ohio license plate

an Ohio license plate.
The subjects are described as being in their 20's. Two were thin and the third was described as "big" in the report; with one wearing glasses and two wearing black caps with the bills turned backward.
The victim said one wore a Hornets Starter jacket with a hood.
The victim told officers the incident originated off campus.

Psych Club Announces Speaker

The Psychology Club and Psi Chi will have a guest speaker

at their next regular meeting April 15.

James Daum will speak on "Psychology and Law Enforcement" in BEP 342.

Pizza and soft drinks will be sold for \$1 and everyone is

Stewart, Farazmand Lunch Seminar Speakers

Greg Stewart, director of admissions, will speak today as part of the Wednesday Lunch Seminars series in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room of the University Center.

Faculty/Staft Dining Room of the University Center. Stewart's presentation will be on "The Entering Students of '93" and he will speak at 12:10.

The April 14 presentation will be "From Washington to Main Street: Perspectives on American Intergovernmental Relations" by political science professor Ali Farazmand.

The series runs every Wednesday at 12:10 in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room.

Theatre Opera Carnegie Readies for its Second Season

The Carnegie Opera Theatre announces its upcoming events during its second season.
"Postcard from Morocco: An Opera in One Act" will be performed in NKU's Main Theatre May 13-15 at 8 p.m.
The opera will be directed by Keith Lockhart.
The Carnegie Opera Theatre was started by two professional singers and were commissioned to do an opera for Kentucky's biscontennial celebration. entennial celebration

Tickets are \$8 with children under 12 admitted free. Call 431-0909.

Police Reports

e men were escorted off campus by DPS for driving with an open containe

3/28
Warren Dewey reported the theft of \$1,020 worth of compact discs.
3/29
David West reported the theft of a \$24 parking decal.
Dan Cline reported the theft of \$5,700 worth of jewelry from Willow apartr

male student in the residence halls reported past and ongoing sexual ssment by a male student.

r Ball reported the theft of a purse, watch and money (totaling \$285) from a er in the Albright Health Center. ne Smith reported the theft of a purse, valued at \$26, from BEP.

iriam Kannan reported the theft of a purse, valued at \$50 from the Natural

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from student government, the black studies program and women's studies.

Student Government sought out student opinion on the issue and Student Government President Mike Franke said four main opinions were preva-

lent.
So far, Student Government found students strongly in support of the proposal, students who felt race/ gender classes should be available but not required, students who didn't want additional general studies requirements and students ies requirements and students who were afraid that such classes we ould do more harm

Tom Ratterman, an undeclared freshman, the new cate-gory "will only make us treat people better and be more open-minded when out in the real

People need to know, he said, because many whites grow up "with no black people in their neighborhood. They have black sports heroes, but don't

He feels the category should be required because "a lot of people won't take it if it's not a requirement."

Molly Gleeson, a freshman education major, on the other hand, feels it should be offered but not mandatory because she said she feels one class won't change people's minds.

change people's minds. Jamie Ramsey, a freshman English major, agrees with Gleeson for several reasons. First, if someone is racist or sexist and they're forced to take this class, "they will enter the class with a brick rall around them and won't hange their mind." He said he also feels it is not

the university's place to force their beliefs on students.

"Race and gender beliefs are personal beliefs, and while I personally believe such preju-

dices are wrong, I don't think the school has the right to force students to take the

Melissa Nichols, English major, feels it will never work to address race and gender issues in just one class, but it "should be integrated into all classes. There should be a cannon change, not just a change in a three-hour require-ment."

Nathan Smith, a junior political science major, said the achievements of minorities should be integrated into all

"We need to catalyze our understanding ... instead of poking fun at them,'

- Chris Reed

"Instead (of the current proposal) you should tell chemistry to teach about the accomplishments of black and women chemists, and so on down the line," Smith said. "It should be accomplished through every class, and not through a one class requirement."

Smith also expressed a con-

cern for funding, because he said the budget has already been cut substantially. Mike Michalack, a sopho-

more applied sociology and anogy major, feels the cur-oposal he said does not rent proposal he said does not go far enough.

"The current proposal is just

as exclusive as current curricu-lum." Michalack said. "The as exclusive as current cum." Michalack said. "The whole idea of democracy is inclusive, and education must hold the same democratic views and attempt to include

all group... "While American contingent is greater than other contingents in this area, there are many truly re-pressed people that attend this school, such as Middle East and Asian students. We need to include all.

ide all. "All cultures exist to meet needs, so learning of other cul-tures can only serve to enrich us because we are learning of their successes and strengths" A multicultural curriculum

A multicultural curriculum will "enlighten us as to how we see ourselves and others in society, to point out where stereotypes come from," Michalack said. "By enlightening us and said. "By enlightening us and making us aware of why we think the way we do, it will give us the knowledge to base decisions on, and can in turn lead us to change of thought through greater perspective and understanding." Chris Reed, a sophomore art major, said a race/gender re-quirement is necessary to put an end to racism.

end to racism

"We need to catalyze our un-derstanding of cultures instead of poking fun at them," he said. The school needs to teach

this information because stu-dents are never made aware of this in a typical history class, Reed said.

Reed said.

Lowell Truitt, a member of Black United Students, feels such a requirement is imperative because it will "ease the pain and fright about minorities and races in general."

As minority groups rise into the majority through an increase in immigration and employed in the page of the property of the page of t

ployment, it is imperative that whites and blacks, as well as men and women, come to under-stand each other and themselves, and this class is just one

serves, and this class is just one way to foster that understand-ing, Truitt added. "In this complex world with so many different ideologies, this course will help students understand different ideologies today as well as the history and world philosophies of no only African Americans, also of other cultures," T

Class From Page 1.

Two new classes that would be created to fit the category are sociology 110-introduction

are sociology 10-introduction to race and gender; sociology-210 analysis of race and gender. John Bushee, head of the General Studies Committee on the University Curriculum Committee, encouraged all present at the meeting to begin the

new category. He said that there are at east 30 classes that could fit

into this category.

As the proposal stands, it

ediate evaluation of cours es that might currently meet, or might be slightly altered to meet, the requirements of the

should not increase the total number of hours required for graduation, said Linda Olasov, chair of the university curricu-

The race/ gender perspective will be voted on by the Faculty Senate in an open meeting on April 19 at 3 p.m. in the University Center ballroom.

Steely From Page 1.

est interpretation as I saw it as to the years of NKU's foundation and development."

With all of the negative attention Steely has received about 16 interpretation, be upplied about 19 interpretation, be upplied about 19 interpretation, be upplied by the sort worried about losing professions.

Actually, this might help

carry Steely's book after articles appeared in the March 10 issue of The Recorder newspapers

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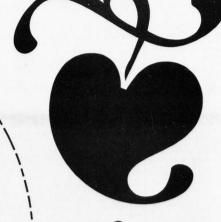
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Letters

Response To Letter

Dear Editor:

I am writing in regard to the letter in the march 10 issue written by Scott Kappas. I have three important points I would like to make about the

My first point deals with the remark made stating, "Any award limited to a single group individuals

discriminatory."

Are outstandig professor awards discriminatory? Are the senior awards given to discriminatory against freshman, sophomores and juniors? Is the college degree

juniors? Is the college degree tiself discrimanotory against those who didn't graduate?
Yes, they are but being "discriminatory" is not necessarily negative.
Elementary school teachers want children to discriminate between the letters, such as "P" and "R"; to make the proper sounds and the better they discriminate, the higher an interest of the proper sounds and the better they discriminate, the higher an interest of the proper sounds and the better they are the proper sounds. discriminate, the higher an award. This is not necessarily

megative!

My second point, it was said,"... yet no legitimate arguments were made as to why the minority only scholarship mentioned by him were not 'racist' in their own right."

The mere fact they have been defined as minority scholarships means that they scholarships means that they have been considered as a legitimate group that has experienced negative inhumane treatment by the majority group. Any introductory textbook in sociology defines minority group as a group who has been victimized by unjust discrimination by the majority discrimination by the majority. discrimination by the majority group. Therefore, based on the sociological definition of the word "minority" the group that

has been victimized is not victimizing anybody else by getting just treatment. In other words, no one is being enslaved, lynched, defranchised or structurally and legitimately left out of society and economy.

My final point in regard to ilimitation is based on a person's skin color or some other inherent characteristic, it is, by its very nature 'racist.'"

Any serious student of history would not accuse the constitution of the United States of being racist for both excluding blacks sand Indians in Article 1 Section 2 and at the same time accuse it of being racist for the 13th ammendment which freed the slaves.

The reason a serious student of history or the social sciences would recognize it was racist to exclude Indians and blacks. Because of this, it had to use skin color as the basis for rectifying racism. This does not make it racist to do it, rather appropriate to solving the problem which is based on race

or skin color.

For instance, the commonwealth of Kentucky recognized that its shameful history of enslavement, Jim Crow, and denial of educational opportunities to blacks could be adequately addressed by offering very small numbers of scholarships to them. This action is on the part of the state - it is not incrently appropriate to solving the problem based on race. That's why the state allows it to be legitimate.

I've been told by students that the author of this article is a graduate of this institution who majored in history. As a freshman, if I know these things, certainly an alumni from the history department should know this. I am deeply concerned about the curriculum if these views express what the student has learned. This type of misunderstanding in the inapprorpiate use of such important historical concepts fosters racial amnesty and speaks to the reason as to why the curriculm must provide required courses understanding of the diverse world in which we live.

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Clinton Liberated By TV Talk Shows

BY WALTER R MEARS
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WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton was smiling, but he wasn't kidding when he told Washington correspon-dents he can bypass them be-cause he's been liberated by the talk shows.

In the new administration, the established ways of the es-tablishment media don't necessarily apply.

It was nearly 10 weeks before

It was nearly 10 weeks before Clinton had an old-fashioned White House news conference, the kind in which questioners choose the topics. "We'll do it again some time," he said as he left the East Room on Tuesday. "Il like this

Until then, his Q-and-A ses Until then, his Q-and-A sessions had been dominated by a presidential announcement or appointment, or shared with a visiting foreign leader. While that had prompted complaints in the press room, outside of it, the distinction doesn't make a difference.

Clinton answers questioning reporters all the time, some-times at his morning jog, some-times before an Oval Office meeting. It's done on his terms, but gripes from reporters at the infrequency of full-scale news conferences don't get far with aders and viewers who see Clinton responding to questions almost every day. "You know why I can stiff you

You know why I can still you on the press conferences?" Clinton asked the Radio and Television Correspondents Association at its annual banquet on March 18, before he held his first. "Because Larry King liberated me by giving me to the American people di-

to the American people di-rectly." The tone was bantering, but not the point. Times, and tech-nology, have changed, and the president's message doesn't al-ways have to pass through the White House press nowadays. All presidents try to talk to the people as directly as they can, on messages that fit their aims, not topics chosen by the news media. And the direct lines to do it are more accessible

Clinton's spokesman said the president intends to hold more news conferences than Ronald Reagan, fewer than George Reagan, fewer than George Bush. That's quite a spread. Reagan's were rare, East Room affairs, 50 in eight years. Bush opted for less formal, far more frequent news conferences, usually in the White House brief-ing room. He held 142 during his single term, but dropped them in the final campaign months

During the campaign, talk shows emerged as a forum for candidates, including the pres-ident. Actually, independent Ross Perot spotted the outlet first, effectively launching his third-man campaign by saying on CNN's King program that if enough people asked, he would run. During the campaign, talk

run.
All told, the three candidates made 96 appearances on the three network morning pro-grams, the Larry King and Phil Donahue shows, in the 10 months before the 1992 election, according to the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center. Clinton led the listings with

47 appearances. Perot made 33, Bush 16.

Liberation from more tradi-tional media forums didn't nectional media forums didn't nec-essarily spare them from tough questions; there were some, and there were confrontations. "I just don't let you guys filter me to the voters any more," Clinton snapped at Donahue during one appearance

during one appearance.
In office, Clinton's people said
he would use a variety of formats to keep in touch with the mats to keep in touch with the American people. He hasn't re-turned to the call-in talk shows, but he revived another campaign forum with a tele-vised town meeting from Detroit on Feb. 10, answering questions from the studio and three wired-for-sound TV audi-ences in other cities. He said he

ences in other cities. He said he hoped to do a lot more of it. At that radio-TV dinner, Clinton said they'd have to admit that he looks pretty admit that he looks pretty good in his presidential role. "I watched all of President Reagan's press conferences and I know when to tilt my head and smile," he joked.

He's learned more than head tilting from Reagan.
Reagan's was the era of the issue of the day, a White House effort to keep control of the message and avoid distrac-tions. That is the Clinton aim, too, with constant emphasis on his conomic preserve. his economic program.

His determination to keep the

focus there was underscored when he had House Democrats in to celebrate the passage of his first two economic measures. "You know, this week, I have had to take a good deal of time off to deal with the foreign policy responsibilities of the president," he told them, and then got back to economic

So, too, with his Saturday morning radio talks. That also was a Reagan era fixture, and the messages were no less single-minded: Reagan economics. Clinton is using the same medium a dozen years later to erase those economic policies

Wilkinson Trial Aftermath

By CHARLES WOLFE

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer
FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)
The Bruce Wilkinson trial
produced more than an
isolated conspiracy conviction.
It gave ironic credibility to
gave purier, one-time super
lobbyist turned government
witness.

onsiderable influence with the General Assembly, but who has confessed to extortion and wire fraud, was vilified by Wilkinson's attorneys as a "master liar" throughout a two-week trial.

They had plenty of ammuni-

There was evidence from FBI recordings, not to mention Spurrier's own admissions on the witness stand, that he built a career on duplicity and

built a career on duplicity and the purchasing of influence. Kentucky Utilities Co. paid him \$150,000 a year to be its lobbyist. Yet he cheated on his expense account. He spent 15 years on the erstwhile state harness racing

commission, 10 as its chairman, and used inside information for personal profit.

Jay Spurrier was the master manipulator, the biggest fixer in Kentucky politics," defense attorney George Salem said. "Here is the greedy man, with his finger in every deal in finger in Frankfort."

Spurrier did not deny it.

It's not surprising that a

probable prison sentence awaits him once the government no longer needs him as a witness. But Spurrier was insistent on one point: He passed a \$20,000 payoff to Wilkinson, whom he

had recruited to fix the state

had recruited to fix the state's arbitration of intertrack wagering rights for two race tracks in Henderson County. Despite the defense's assertion that Spurrier was, "a liar and a thief and a scoundret," the jury believed him.

That gave heart to Kentucky's federal prosecutors. Their immense investment in an investigation of state government corruption had not previously been staked in a courtroom.

The first nine indictments

The first nine indictments arising from the investigation code-named Boptrot resulted in guilty pleas. Those presumably were the easy

presumably were the easy ones.

Next comes the trial of former House Speaker Don Blandford, who is to begin fighting extortion, fraud and racketeering charges on April 19 in U.S. District Court at Frankfort. Spurrier is expected to make an encore.

to make an encore.

Effects of the Wilkinson verdict may even ripple into the 1995 governor's race if Wallace Wilkinson runs again. The government did not claim he was implicated, but that would be immaterial.

Rivals could have a field day with the felony committed on his watch.

Guidelines for Writing Letters to the Editor

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Sports

NL Hand Full Of Reds, Cards

The crack of the bat, the pop of leather hitting leather, and the smell of hot dogs, peanuts, and beer means spring is officially here and it's time to "Play Ball!"

Major League Baseball: Preview '93

Sports Editorial

First of a two-part series

This season promises lots of excitement due to league expansion and the massive migration of star players to different teams. But, the game itself is still played with nine men aside, so those of us so-called experts can make predictions now and look back in October and see just how expert we really are. expert we really are.

In the National League things will be different. will be different. Two new teams, The Colorado Rockies and the Flortida Marlins will begin play this season. The Marlins will become part of the weakest division in baseball the National League

This division once owned by the Pirates has become a free-for-all battle between a group

of mediocre teams.

Look for the Expos and the Cardinals to battle for the right to lose to the Al West champs in four games in the NL

champs in four games in the NL playoffs.

The Expos are young and talented but lack depth on their pitching staff. Offense will come easy for the Expos. Speedsters Marquiss Grissom and Delino Deshields will get on base and Larry Walker will drive them in. It will have problems finding good pitching on a staff manned by Dennis Martinez and a bunch of no-names who over-achieved no-names who over-achieved last season. Martinez will win his 15 plus games but don't look for much else from the rest of the staff. It does have enough talent to take second place, falling only to the red birds from St. Louis.

The Cardinals are blessed with a great deal of speed, young pitchers, a veteran leader in Ozzie Smith, and

some good young hitters.

The Cardinals lack a proven
RBI man, but don't be surprised
if another Ozzie, comes
through. Ozzie Canseco can through. Ozzie Canseco can hit, and he along with Gregg Jeffries could be the pieces that complete the Cards jigsaw puzzle. In the West I would say 't's a

five team race but, the Festres traded away half their team and have left themselves the best 3-4-5 hitter's in the league

and nothing to go with them.

The Giants have the best 3-4 hitters in Will Clark and Barry Bonds, but they have even less around their stars

even less around their stars, then the Padres do. The Padres and Giants will battle for the fourth or fifth place in the leagues toughest division. The Astros have almost guaranteed 30 plus wins with the addition of Greg Swindell and Doug Drabek to their pitching staff. Drabek and Swindell will add leadership and experience to a young staff. Swindell will add leadership and experience to a young staff that is third best in the division. The hitters will be lead by Ken Caminiti, and Jeff Bagwell. If Houston can find some help for Bagwell and Caminiti they could be contenders in the future.

Atlanta has the best five man

Atlanta has the best five man rotation in baseball this season and possibly ever, but they have nothing in their bullpen, except Mike Stanton and he can't pitch every game, or c

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Sports Briefs

· Baseball

Saturday the Norse split a louble header with double Bellarmine.

Bellarmine.
The captured the first game, 41 behind a strong pitching
performance by senior lefty
James Cook. Cook threw a
complete game two-hitter and
recorded six strikeouts.

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Junior first basemen Barry
Martin had three hits
including an RBI double. Junior
second baseman Brandon Chestnut added two hits and junior catcher Steve Higdon added an RBI double for the

The Norse improved to 15-12, 5-5 in GLVC play when it swept a double header from Kentucky State.

The Norse took the first game 15-5 behind senior Brian Keipert's four hits and three

RBIs. Freshman third baseman Eric Maley added two hits and four RBIs. Senior Mike Williams had two hits and three RBIs.

The Norse won the second game 10-6. Junior Mickey Pardee pitched six innings and recorded three strikouts and

llowed only three hits.
Keipert and junior Brannon
licks had three hits each, and Hicks drove in two runs. Higdon and junior Bill Pagan tallied two hits apiece and five RBIs between them.

· Volleyball

The NKU women's volleyball team have added two signees ans a transfer to their 1993

The Norse signed hitter Carolin Blomer and setter Beth Herman from Cincinnati Mt.

Notre Dame. It also added setter Sherida Jane Schepman of Crothersville, Indiana. Schepman is a transfer from the University of Montevallo, an NAIA power.

NKU men's tennis team improved to 5-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference when they defeated Indiana-Purdue Ft. Wayne, 6-3, and Lewis, 5-4 last Saturday.

NKU freshman Michael Hon improved his league mark to 6-0. Hon defeated Scott Davis of 0. Hon defeated Scott Davis of IPFW, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4 and Jose Cabrera of Lewis, 6-2, 6-2. Senior Dave Stahl is 5-1 at No. 3 singles and junior Scott Lutz is 5-1 at No. 4 singles. Hon and Lutz are 5-0 at No. 1 doubles.

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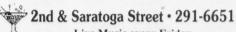
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Features

Extremely Impractical, Burbank Keeps on Top of Air Waves

Webster's dictionary defines craziness in the informal sense as "extremely impractical." An interesting definition that de-scribes the events of weekday

scribes the events of weekday afternoons on 700 WLW. That's when Gary Burbank and his large cast of characters take over the Cincinnati airwaves with their special brand of satire and comedy. They range from a beer guzzling reducek who does social commentaries, Earl Pitts, to a confused, elderly man who calls binself elderly man who calls himself a "retired eccentric," Gilbert a "retired eccentric," Gilbert Gnarley. G-N-A-R-L-E-Y. "If you're going to do a true

satire, you can't go halfway" Burbank said. "It has to be based on a truth in society. There has to be truth to make it ring ironic.

Burbank performs most all of the voices. He can change in the span of one sentence from George Bush to Bill Clinton to Ross Perot and back without

missing a beat.

"I'm as throwback," Burbank said. "I've always enjoyed having a picture painted for me on the radio."

This craziness has also led to a number of achievements, op-portunities and financial sucportunities and financial suc-cess for Burbank. He has won numerous awards and is part-owner of a group of restaurants that carry his name. Burbank grew up in Memphis, Tenn., where he attended Messick High School in the late 1950s. He played drums in

a popular local band called the Mar-Keys that recorded a few successful albums. He also played with the musical greats Booker T. Jones, Steve Cropper and Duck Dunn. "Rock began in Memphis and Lutured everyone on to rock in

I turned everyone on to rock in Memphis," he said in jest. Or at least you think it's in jest be-cause you're not sure whether he's Gary Burbank or one of his characters

"I realized I was a good musi-cian, but not a great one. I mean I played on two successful al-bums and made a total of \$52."

Burbank first got interested in radio when he would skip his junior achievement classes and stand outside of a radio school down the street. He could see inside tone of the booths from

the street. His first radio job, at KLPL in Lake Providence, La., was a two-man operation. Burbank said the station manager took advantage of him.

It was a sunup to sundown station and it seemed like I worked those hours every day." he said. "The job allowed me to get comfortable behind the microphone and that's very im-

"It's also important because when you first turn your micro-phone on, you lose 50 points off vour IO.

Burbank keeps his real name private. His professional name, said hollywood comedy writer Dan O'Day, came from announce er Gary Owens of the Laugh-In television show of the late 1960s. Owens used to open the

show by saying, "From beautiful downtown Burbank."

After Burbank left KLPL, he worked around the south. In 1974, he was hired by CKLW in Detroit, which was the largest station in the country at the time.

Burbank left Detroit in 1976 and moved to WHAS in Louisville for his second stint at that station.

It was during his time in It was during his time in Louisville that a young Cincinnati disc jockey, Kevin Wolfe, started sending Burbank funny letters and cards through the mail. Then in 1981, WLW offered Burbank a five-year contract and he moved to Cincinnati. He and Wolfe finally met and Burbank hired Wolfe to be his executive producer.

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Burbank wanted to call Wolfe
by something other than his
real name on the air and Wolfe

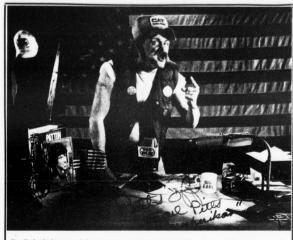
real name on the air and Wolfe came up with "Doc, the media urologist."
"Gary always tells me that he pulled me out of the gutter and gave me a life," Wolfe said. "We met once and all of a sudden! was working for him." Burbank and Wolfe worked

the morning shift from 6-9 a.m.

the morning shift from 6-9 a.m. for three years.

"I hated mornings: I could never make it on time,"
Burbank said. "I would always come up with some incredible

One foggy morning, Burbank got on the expressway going in the wrong direction, both Burbank and Wolfe said. Instead of driving toward



Gary Burbank's large cast of characters take over the Cincinnati air-waves with a special brand of satire and comedy weekday afternoons on 700 WLW. Photo contributed.

Cincinnati, he was heading to-ward Indianapolis. He reached Greenwood, Ind., before he re-alized what was happening. He pulled over and called Wolfe, then turned around and made it to work. Burbank's craziness surfaced

early during his career in Cincinnati. One year on St. Patrick's day, he painted the Ohio River green. He went out

on the river in a borrowed boat

on the river in a borrowed beat and emptied three large drums of environmentally-safe green dye into the river. By 1984, Burbank, his wife, Carol, and their two children. Sean and Tracy, moved to Alexandria, Ky., and were happy there, he said.

But then the station moved Burbank afternoons. Burbank considered leaving for another

city because he felt his contract

city because he felt his contract had been yiolated.
"He had a job offer when I was in the seventh grade,"
Tracy said. "It was either in San Francisco or San Diego, and the only reason he didn't take it was because I told him I was harmy been and usuatidate. happy here and wanted to

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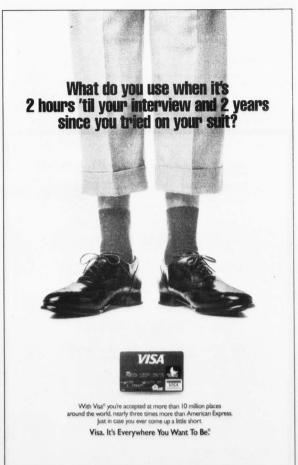
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Burbank from Page 6

WLW offered Burbank a 10-year contract and he accepted the offer to continue filling the Cincinnati airwaves with his

Four of Burbank's characters stand out above the rest. Pitts is the most well-known character nationally. His trademark "you know what makes me sick" and "Earl Pitts Umerikan, Pitts off," is syndicated to almost 100

off," is syndicated to almost 100 markets nationally. Wolfe said Pitt started off as drunk who used to live in "Foul-mouth" and occasionally call the show. He eventually evolved to the point where he now appears on the show every day with his commentary. Gilbert is probably Burbank's next most proceptizable characteristics.

next most recognizable charac-ter. Gilbert usually calls differ-ent companies with either very strange question, comments or

ideas.
According to sentiment around
the station, Burbank did perhaps his funniest Gilbert this
year. Gilbert called the K.Y.
Petroleum Jelly Company to
comment on the product. The
Customer service representative
had no idea what was about to
happen, Gilbert then proceeded happen. Gilbert then proceeded to tell the woman how much he enjoyed the product and that he ate it on every thing.

he ate it on every thing;
He had one suggestion, however, and that was to add a little flavor to the jelly. The known was flabbergasted.
"Barl is a composite of all the rednecks I met while growing up and during my early working years," Burbank said. "While Gilbert, on the other hand, is really special; but he is the antithesis of Earl."
Apparently Burbank disguises his characters very well. Quite a few people call each week wanting to speak with Gilbert, said Bill Wills, program director.
Another of Burbank's popula-characters is Big Fat, which is

characters is Big Fat, which is short for The Big Fat Guy with a Stubby Cigar in His Mouth

who interrupts records to pitch his goods. His trademark "tis time I'm being honest wit' you," tells the listeners he is trust-

"Big Fat is actually two dif-ferent guys,"Burbank said.
"One was the mayor of Lebanon, Ky., who used to stand Lecanon, Ky, who used to stand around with a cigar in his mouth and his pants half-zipped. The other guy was a radio station manager I knew in Florida who used to say, 'this time I'm being honest with you." He has won five personality-of-the-year awards from Billboard magazine for medi-um-sized markets. Burbank also has won two Emmys for his two television comedy specials

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Burbank used the recognition to open a chain of barbecue restaurants. The restaurants have won national acclaim from barbecue expert Vince Staten. Staten awarded the equivalent of a five star rating.

Two restaurants are open with two more to open in the immediate future.

immediate future

"Brinkley never stood up during a newscast. And when he did, in my mind, he had on a pair of stockings and a garter belt. He is not gay, though. He just likes to wear women's clothing.

- Gary Burbank

Finally, there is Dan Buckles of the ABCD news team. Buckles seems normal enough over the air, but he is a transvestite. Buckles also reads the scripts word for word even to the point of pausing between

two pages.
"Buckles started as David
Brinkley," Burbank said. "But Brinkley," Burbank said. "But Brinkley never stood up during the newscast. And when he did in my mind, he had on a pair of stockings and a garter belt. He is not gay, though. He just likes to wear women's clothing."

to wear women's clothing."
Everyone seems to have his
favorite character. Tracy likes
Gilbert. Leah Burns, who does
some of the female voices for
the show, likes Buckles and the
ABCD news team. Wolfe likes
Ris Est the best.

Big Fat the best.
All of the characters have helped bring Burbank a lot of recognition within the radio in-WLW, he has won two Marconi awards from the National Association of Broadcasters for outstanding radio personality. Burbank is far from a hands off owner, though.

"He is in here almost every other day," said Steve Collins, general manager of Burbank's in Florence. "And when he's not here he is usually in the Sharonville location. He is most concerned with the food

most concerned with the food aspect, preparation, the new recipes and so on."
Burbank's contract with WLW expires in a couple of years and he has not made a decision on what he is going to

Wills said the station would

Wills said the station would like for Burbank to stay and has offered him a new contract. Tracy thinks he is going to re-tire but that he will probably go crazy sitting around the house.

Wolfe does not know what Wolfe does not know what Burbank's going to do either, but he knows what will happen to him when Burbank does retire. "I'll go back to the gutter," Wolfe said.



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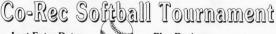
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The Reds on the other h The Reds on the other hand add slugger Kevin Mitchell and speedster Roberto Kelly to an already potent line-up. If Hall Morris makes a speedy recovery from a seperated shoulder and the rest of the team stays healthy, the Reds will field the line-up with the

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The pitching load will be carried by Jose Rijo and John Smiley. If these two can get the game to the late innings and Rob Dibble shows some consistency the Reds could win 100 games in the toughest division in baseball.

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To go further the Reds will need consistency from their remaining starters and bullpen along with a healthy Barry Larkin and Chris Sabo.

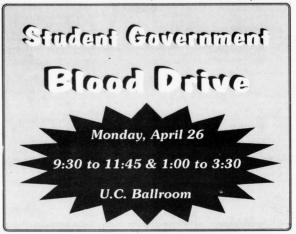
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Four women's basketbail players were named to the 1993 Great Lakes Valley Conference All-American team. Senior Lori McClellan, junior Tammy Schlarman, sophomore Amy Moreland and sophomore Jana

To be recognized a student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve and carry a 3.0 cumulative GPA or post a 3.2 GPA over the past two nesters.

McClellan was honored for the third consecutive year





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