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NKU welcomes the Big O

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

Basketball legend Oscar Robertson's message dealt with his relationships from his basketball playing days and the concept of being a social individual at the 3rd annual NKU Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

"The way you live, the way you'll play," he said.

The ceremony, which took place at Regents Hall last Wednesday, honored and inducted five former NKU players and one former coach (see sidebar, page 7).

In his speech, Robertson said that he began playing sports at the age of

five and spoke about what it was like to be a champion in 1955. He also said he had the opportunity to play for the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team. He said, "I know the tricks of the trade."

Robertson said sports is not a cakewalk and that the pro circuit is not easy. There are temptations and a lot of people fail, he said.

Robertson also spoke about how it is good to form relationships with people. "There's more to college than just going to class," he said. "You have to get to know people. You have to talk about what you're doing as an individual."

Robertson said that when he went to the University of Cincinnati,

where he played college basketball, he grew from a young man to an adult because he was a social person.

Besides the guest speaker, there was a dinner and a silent auction that included many different sports memorabilia such as a Tim Couch autographed Cleveland Browns jersey and a Michael Jordan signed basketball.

Don Weber, NKU alumni and Sports Director of ICN6, was the emcee of the program and introduced everybody throughout the night.

NKU President James Votruba also spoke. He emphasized excellence on the field and academics.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony was the reason everyone came,

but all who attended, including some of the inductees, can claim Oscar Robertson was the main attraction.

"It was a tremendous privilege to hear him speak and sit next to him," men's soccer inductee Kevin Cleary said. "When I was a little kid, he was one of my NBA heroes."

Tennis coach inductee Roger Klein added, "Other than Michael Jordan, he's the best. It's nice to meet him."

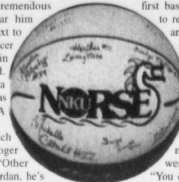
Robertson is known as the greatest

all-around basketball player in history. He averaged a triple-double in the 1961-62 NBA season and was the

first basketball player ever to record 900 rebounds and 900 assists. He played with many pro teams, including the old Cincinnati Royals.

Robertson said he wanted to give people a different message than they were hoping to receive. "You don't give a speech to please people, you give a

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Mountains are movable

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor



Representatives from the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond guided students on the climb to the mountaintop that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke about during his "I've Seen the Promised Land" speech.

The weekend could best be described as a mountaintop, with intelligent discussions on race being the peak of the mountain.

The diverse crowd numbered about 50 people and a crowd with such racial diversity is rarely seen at Northern Kentucky University.

The workshop allowed interaction with students, faculty, staff and other community members. The forum allowed participants to engage in discussions

with distinguished individuals such as NKU professors Dr. Michael Washington and Dr. Clinton Hewan.

The workshop was sponsored by Students Together Against Racism.

The representatives from the People's Institute included two NKU faculty members: Washington, an African-American, and Dr. Yassue Kuwahara, a Japanese-American.

The other two representatives of the People's Institute was a Native-American, Moon Roberts, and Rev. David Billings, who is Caucasian.

The speakers guided the discussions by talking about different aspects of racism, but did not hinder the discussion with excessive lecture.

The speakers' message guided the discussion in a progressive fashion and kept everyone on target for the most part.

One example of this progression was when Moon Roberts asked the crowd at the beginning of the workshop on Saturday to put three rows of three dots on a piece of paper and connect those dots using only four lines.

Many people attempted to do this by simply making a box. However, a box only connects eight of the nine dots.

The purpose of the exercise was to remind everyone not to think inside the box. The idea of thinking outside the box was a recurring theme throughout the workshop.

Saturday afternoon, Washington asked everyone to define racism. Although several definitions were given, racism was defined as race prejudice plus power for the purposes of the discussion.

During the discussion on race, there were some stories told about encounters with racism, one of which occurred on campus Friday.

The discussion didn't end when the workshop's sessions were adjourned. The breaks gave the group a chance to interact with each other and further learn from each other.

The last two hours of Saturday's workshop were allotted for cultural sharing.

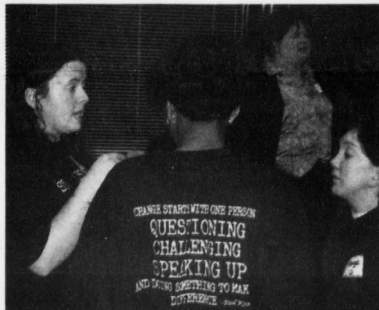
Cultural sharing was a time that the group had the opportunity to share things about their culture, family or themselves.

Some shared things about their culture. Elea Mihou, one of the founding members of STAR, gave everyone a Greek pastry as an example of her culture.

Many people shared stories with the group. Many of them were emotional. Some people shared poetry they had written or poems written by others who had impacted their lives.

Proof of the workshop's success was that everyone had bonded well enough they felt comfortable enough to share such personal accounts.

At weekends end, we left the comfy confines of our open-minded group and embarked back into the world filled with racial prejudice and discrimination.



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner
Former and current STAR presidents Elea Mihou and Elea Mihou and NKU grad Margie Wise shared their experiences and thoughts on racism at the workshop.

Hearings on student org funding set to begin

Recipients of funds chosen by Fee Board, funding depends on ability to meet student needs

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

The Student Fee Allocation Board will have its hands full during the next few months fulfilling a quarter of a million dollars among the student-run organizations that apply for funding in 2001.

The board will hold meetings after spring break to determine what groups will receive money generated by the Student Incident Fee, which charges every student enrolled at Northern Kentucky University \$13 per credit hour.

Not every organization looking for funding will be accommodated, said Kent Kelsio, chair of the board and dean of students.

"It's tough because we really don't have enough money for every organization," Kelsio said. "There will be a significant number of organizations that will not be funded."

Criteria for recipient selection, Kelsio said, will be set by the board. "I'm sure it will have to do with meeting the needs of students,

increasing student satisfaction, and enhancing student life," he said.

The board is comprised of representatives of faculty, student government, alumni and administration. Five student representatives were also appointed by President James Votruba.

Kara Clark, board member and Student Government Association president, made recommendations for selecting the five students.

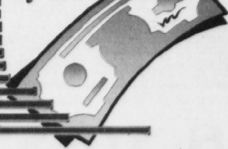
Clark recommended Angela Duncan, a member of the Anointed Voices Gospel Choir, which first received funding last year. Also recommended was Stephanie Kappesser, president of the Norse Leadership Society. Clark described the NLS as a traditionally funded group.

"I tried to pick one person from a group that has always been funded, and then another group, very young, that has just become funded," she said. "We try to just have a somewhat diverse group of students."

Other students appointed were Josh Wice, of College Democrats;

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Distribution of funds by the Fee Board



Katie Rasp, of Student Organization Funding; and Forrest Berkshire, of The Northerner.

Last year, \$247,000 from the Student Incident Fee pool was distributed between 16 organizations, including the Activities Planning Board, which received \$4,000 and the Student Bar Association, receiving \$5,000.

Kerri Nunley, treasurer of the Student Bar, said her association's operations are dependent upon the

money received from the Student Fee Allocation Board. Although fundraising projects are held, she added, participation in the American Bar Association Law Student Division would be impossible without outside funding.

"It requires a lot of traveling," she said, describing the law student division, which involves attendance at conferences held across the country. "That is a big part of our budget."

The process to request funds includes a written proposal and presentation before the board. Clark said the application needs to include a budget guideline stating all operation costs, and also an outline of the organization's future plans. She also said it must describe the organization's mission and goals in relation to NKU's Core Values.

The deadline for applications is yet to be announced, Clark said.

Beat like a drum



Alpha Tau Omega hosted its annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament for United Way. The *Northerner's* team (pictured here) advanced to the second round of the loser's bracket, ending its ill-fated run in an embarrassing (but hard fought) loss by more than 20 points.

DPS under new leadership

Interim Director Jeff Butler hopes to 'build skeleton' for permanent director

By James Proffitt
Assistant Features Editor

You have to ask yourself one question: "Do I feel lucky? Well do ya, punk?"

This may be the question that interim Department of Public Safety Director Jeff Butler is asking himself right now. Though Butler's conduct hardly resembles anything close to a punk, he may need a little luck to accomplish his goals.

"Quite honestly, I came with the understanding that there was a need for improvement in DPS. I'm enjoying the challenge," Butler said. "I'm hoping to build a skeleton for a permanent director. A search committee (to locate a permanent director) is forming. My time here depends on them." Mike Baker, vice president of Northern Kentucky University, would like the search to be completed by no later than July 1 of this year. Though Butler has only held his

position for a very short amount of time, he says that the effort to make changes in the department's policies is already underway. Among the changes Butler and the department are working on is getting staff up to level, examining how thorough current training is, and examining department requirements and making sure all of them are implemented.

Butler claims that he has already seen enthusiasm turn around in the

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Professor viewed remains of Auschwitz

By Rachel Dietz
Photo Editor

Some Northern Kentucky University students may not know that one faculty member on our campus specializes in studying one horrific event in history, the Holocaust.

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, Professor Nancy Kersell gave a lecture entitled "Revisiting the Holocaust" where she shared slides and experiences from her three-week trip to Poland and Israel.

Her trip was part of the 16th Annual American Teacher's Seminar on the Holocaust and Jewish resistance, which took place last summer, July 4-26. Kersell was one of 43 teachers chosen to attend. The teachers were selected from competitive applications and Kersell was the first teacher from Kentucky to be selected.

Vladka Meed, a survivor of the Holocaust, was the guide and program director of the seminar. She began the seminar in 1984 but told Kersell that this would be her last year to accompany the teachers on the trip. She is now 81 years old.

The group first traveled to several former concentration camps in Poland including Auschwitz, Majdanek, Berkanow and Treblinka. Kersell said that she was surprised at the clean, presentable conditions of the first camp they visited, Auschwitz. In her slides, the grounds of the camp were covered with trees and gravel pathways.

"After reading numerous testimonies of the deplorable conditions at Auschwitz, I was disturbed by its sanitized appearance," Kersell said. "If I hadn't known that I was looking at a death camp, the barracks and grounds would almost have looked like some sort of housing community."



Professor Nancy Kersell shared her thoughts and observations about her visit to Poland and Israel in her February 20 lecture titled "Revisiting the Holocaust."

At Majdanek, Kersell said she was surprised that the camp was located right next to a large city unlike the other camps that were in rural areas. "There was no way the people in that city did not know what was happening in that camp," she said. Kersell also told of a memorial at Majdanek that held a large bowl filled with human ashes that were kept at the campsite after the war.

"As I looked back at the city nearby, I wondered how the people who lived there had lived with the horrible smoke and smells from the camp," Kersell said.

The last camp they visited was Treblinka, which is mostly in ruins today. The Nazis destroyed it near the end of the war. Kersell said that even though they couldn't see as much of the original death camp at Treblinka, having to imagine what the people went through and the 13 gas chambers that were once in use there made it was almost worse than actually seeing everything. The site now has many gravestones and memorials for the 750 to 800 thousand people who died there.

The group then traveled to Israel to view many aspects of the Jewish culture.

One of the places they visited was Oscar Schindler's grave in Jerusalem. On the grave, visitors had placed many rocks just as we would place flowers on someone's grave.

Kersell said the group spent a lot of their time at Yad Vashem, a center established in 1953 to try to preserve the memory of the six million Jews killed during the Holocaust. According to www.yadvashem.org, the center includes a library and archive, which holds 55 million pages of documents and photographs about the Holocaust, a hall of names, museums, an international school for Holocaust studies, and many memorials to the victims of the Holocaust.

Kersell said one of the most emotional places she visited was the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem. The memorial was hollowed out from an underground cavern and stands as a tribute to the 1.5 million children who died during the Holocaust. See **AUSCHWITZ**, Page 7

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Exhibit dispels myth surrounding Titanic

By Karen Andrew
Staff Writer

Deborah Bogel is an expert - or so it seems - as she darts from one visitor to another, offering to answer any question not addressed in the illuminated display cases, wall signs and exhibits.

Bogel, a history major and a junior at Northern Kentucky University, has had the job since November of playing tour guide to an assortment of guests visiting the traveling exhibit, "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit" at the Cincinnati Museum Center. On display until March 9 are more than 200 artifacts recovered from the 1912 wreck of the RMS Titanic.

"The staff was given a packet of information that was good background about RMS Titanic, Inc., the salvage company and basic facts about the ship," said Bogel. "We got most of our information from the books in the gift shop and on the Internet."

The exhibit consists of several rooms based on a time line of the ship's life. Upon entering the first hall, the visitor is greeted with posters of black and white photographs of the Titanic being built at the Harland and Wolff Shipyards in Belfast, Ireland. There are also statistics (the RMS Titanic weighed 46,328 tons and was 882.5 feet in length) and artifacts such as a broken bottle.

In the next room are cases displaying such items as a collection of ladies' toiletry articles constructed of a plastic called Ivorine. Also, a large model of the ship graces the middle of the room. Bogel is usually found in this room where visitors begin asking questions about the ship, passengers and life aboard the vessel.

"A lot of people ask about Jack and Rose and the diamond from the James Cameron movie," she said. "Some are very upset when you tell them that it was fiction."

At the entrance to the next room is an actor named Tony who pretends to be an Englishman and the chief purser, Hugh Walter McElroy. Based on cards with individual passenger's names issued to visitors at the exhibit's entrance, McElroy will tell each person what deck he or she will stay on. In a later room, attendees can check the passenger list to see if the people on their cards survived, died or were lost at sea.

Behind the chief purser are displays of first and third class cabins. The room then opens into the Grand Staircase area where artifacts such as china and a cherub statue are exhibited. Recorded violins play waltzes and popular music of the day.

"One of the sweetest things that happened was when we had a retirement group in and a couple began dancing in our Grand Staircase because it was 'their music,'" said Bogel.

"A lot of people ask about Jack and Rose and the diamond from the James Cameron movie. Some are very upset when you tell them it was fiction"

-Deborah Bogel

Walking into the next chamber, the visitor is suddenly awakened to the conditions just before and after the Titanic sinking. A highlight of this room is an ice sculpture formed to resemble an iceberg. Visitors are encouraged to try to keep their hands on the ice for as long as possible to understand what it was like when Titanic passengers tried to survive by holding onto real icebergs.

A sign reads, "Most who lost their lives that night did not drown. They died from hypothermia - they froze to death."

The last room illustrates how the artifacts were recovered. A large plate containing salt water displays a china plate from the ship.

"The plate would have broken had they not stored it this way for a period of time due to all of the salt absorbed by the plate while on the ocean floor," explained Bogel.



Karen Andrew/The Northerner

NKU student Deborah Bogel welcomes visitors to the Cincinnati Museum Center for a tour of the "Titanic, the Artifact Exhibit," which is showing until March 9.

Bogel works at the Titanic Exhibit about 20 hours a week in addition to another job and school. She acquired the Titanic position with help from Bonnie W. May, history lecturer at NKU. May had been contacted by Andrea Reckers, an NKU graduate who was in charge of finding people to work at the Titanic exhibit.

"They were in need of really good, qualified students," said May. She knew that Bogel fit the bill. "She's quite an outstanding student."

May said that in order to work at such a job a person has to know a lot about the period.

"They need to know what kind of attitudes, dress and conversations they had," she explained. She also said it is very difficult to separate myths from historical facts, especially with such movies as Cameron's "Titanic."

May said that there are no history classes at NKU which specifically cover the Titanic event. In her U.S. History 103 survey classes, students are required to write a research paper on any historical event. At least one student each semester writes about the Titanic.

May does recommend that NKU students attend the Titanic exhibit. Bogel agrees.

"I think it is a great exhibit for college students," said Bogel. "If they are on a

budget I would recommend they skip the Omnimax. But I think they can appreciate not only the loss of life but the unbelievable feat of recovering and preserving the artifacts."

"Titanic" illustrates what it's like to take a boat to the site where the Titanic sank and ride down in a submersible to the bottom of the ocean. It takes two and one half hours to get to the ocean floor where sand, dirt and darkness surround most of the wreckage. The film illustrates what people have to go through to recover the Titanic artifacts.

A visitor to the Museum Center can easily spend a large chunk of money just to experience the Titanic event. Parking costs \$3.50 (\$2.50 after 4:30 p.m.) and the "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit" runs \$12 (no student discount). Adding the OMNIMAX film "Titanica," the ticket increases to \$15.50.

In addition to the expense, large crowds may also be a problem. Much of the artifacts are small items such as jewelry and letters and often the visitor has to leave over the display cases to see the objects.

But if NKU students can afford the almost \$20 price tag, they will experience a slice of life from 1912 - an important historical event that touched many lives on both sides of the Atlantic.

Author mixes comic with the ominous

By Sarah Krutzkamp
Staff Writer

Author Eudora Welty was the topic of a little lively luncheon conversation at the weekly Wednesday seminar. Welty's work was discussed by Pat Bradley of the literature and language department. Bradley's presentation, "Laughing at What Terrifies, Eudora Welty Goes to the Circus" focused on Welty's use of the circus in her writing. Bradley said her initial interest began with a Kentucky writer, Robert Penn Warren. Warren wrote a novella entitled "Circus in the Attic."

Bradley's presentation outlined works by Welty that referenced the circus. Bradley said Welty often combined the comic with the ominous. In "One Writer's Beginnings," Welty writes about her childhood experiences with the movies. She writes about her memories of other children laughing at the movie clowns because they were terrified of them.

Some of Welty's other works with references to the circus include "Delta Wedding." This novel portrays one family's struggle of accepting the New South. Welty's other reference to the circus is in "The Petrified Man." This story is about a young man's abuse in a circus freak show. Ted Weiss, professor of geography, is in charge of the seminars during the spring semester. Weiss said the e-mail program Eudora is named after Welty.

Bradley said many southern writers besides Welty used references to the circus as an image for the Old South. She said this was their way of resisting Modernism.

The lunch seminars are offered every Wednesday from 12:05 to 12:30 throughout the semester. The seminars cover a wide variety of topics such as politics, health, science and literature. Weiss said, "The talks are very informal, with people eating their lunches, arriving late and leaving early."

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Eating disorders common

By Julie Stratton
Staff Writer

Growing up and figuring out what you want to do in life is tough, but imagine not ever feeling valuable unless you weigh a certain amount. With the pressure from the media, colleagues and even family members to be attractive and thin, it is easy for someone to develop an eating disorder.

Eating disorders have been a common occurrence since the 1970s and the number of cases has continued to rise. According to "The Perfection Trap," a pamphlet available in the Health Center located in University Center room 336, researchers of this disorder have not found one main cause as to why it starts. For many people, controlling what they eat is a method for them to control their lives. People can develop the disorder due to the death of a loved one, verbal or sexual abuse, the desire to be accepted by

peers or an obsession with being perfect.

Debra Pearce, a nutritionist and professor of biological sciences at Northern Kentucky University, said sometimes parents can contribute to their children having eating disorders by saying comments that they think help them but actually hurt them. According to "The Perfection Trap," the excessive desire for thinness is psychologically driven.

There are three main eating disorders: anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge-eating disorder. Generally, people with anorexia starve themselves, people with bulimia will continue to eat after they're full and then will purge by vomiting, taking laxative, diuretics or enemas. Anorexics and bulimics may also excessively exercise. "The Perfection Trap" states that bulimics will be attracted to exercising because they will temporarily relieve depression. Binge-

eaters will go on strict diets and then over-eat and their weight tends to fluctuate. They are often difficult to recognize.

Since there is not one cause for these diseases, there is not a medical cure, only therapy and that usually doesn't work. Pearce said she thinks that the best medicine is laughter and that many anorexics and bulimics do not have the ability to laugh at themselves. "I don't think that they will ever go away because society is appearance oriented, it comes from self-esteem. We are all susceptible to negative comments about our appearance," Pearce said.

Jill Hangen, clinical psychologist in the Health Center, said curing eating disorders can be accomplished "if they felt good about themselves and the media didn't put so much emphasis on appearance." According to Hangen, a few people will come in each semester.

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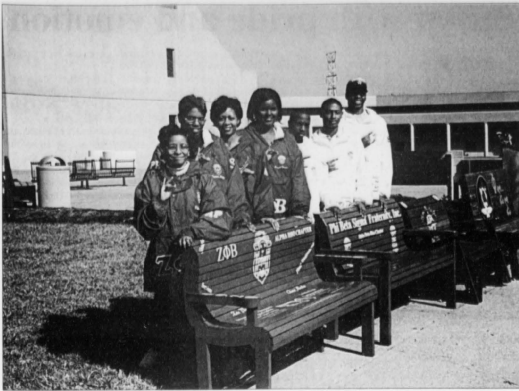


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Members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta pose in front of the newest additions to their organizations. The benches, located on UC plaza, represent the organizations' sense of group unity and group pride.

The seats of unity

By Hlevian Baloy
Managing Editor

The two new blue benches in front of the University Center are an addition to the rows of benches that already represent much of the "Greek life" at Northern Kentucky University. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. collaborated together to raise money for its benches.

This fraternity and sorority share a brother and sister bond, mainly because their colors are royal blue and white and they were both founded on the campus of Howard University in the early 1900's.

Nathaniel Perkins of Phi Beta Sigma said, "We did fundraisers to raise money for the benches, such as working at Red's games." Perkins said that Phi Beta Sigma placed its charter members' on its bench and have space reserved for future members to place their names.

Zeta Phi Beta's bench is a little different. Angela Duncan of Zeta Phi Beta said, "We put our original founders on our bench, as well as the charter members, the four basic principles and our shield."

The reason for benches being placed on campuses is to promote group unity, group pride and a sense of giving back to the community. Kim Vance, assistant director of student life, said.

She said, "The tradition of benches has been going on for years and most Greeks at universities that do not permit Greek houses purchase a bench so their organization can be recognized."

These new benches are turning heads among the student body. Freshman Devin King said she is glad to see that there is more than just one African-American Greek organization being represented. "I would like to see all the African-American fraternities and sororities have a bench on the square because I think they deserve it."

Phi Beta Sigma hosted a "Greek History" program Thursday, Feb. 22, in Norse Commons at 7 p.m. The African-American fraternities and sororities at NKU came together to share history of famous people who were a part of their organizations. Perkins said at the end of the event, "We hope to pave the way for more organizations to be known by displaying our bench."

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Before Captain Terry McCreary became Special Assistant for Public Affairs to Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he graced the halls of Northern Kentucky University.

McCreary spoke in room 200 of the Business, Education and Psychology Building Feb. 21 as part of the College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Success Series. McCreary graduated in 1978 with a degree in history.

How important is Capt. McCreary?

Dr. Jonathan Reynolds, assistant professor of history, said it was incredibly difficult. "It seemed that every time we thought we had a potential date for it, something important happened somewhere in the world and he had to go take care of it," Reynolds said.

During the lecture, McCreary's pager went off. He looked at it. "It's the *Washington Post*," McCreary said. Much of McCreary's lecture traced his steps from NKU to the Navy.

McCreary had many good things to say about his alma mater.

James Ramage, regents professor of history, recalled before the lecture having McCreary in class.

"Enthusiastic student who participated a great deal in class discussions and enjoyed current events and always had something significant to contribute as far as what was going on in the world and with world affairs. He would come by the office and would sit down and talk for hours," Ramage said.

McCreary discussed his career with *The Northerner* before his lecture.

He said he liked being in the Navy because the offered a lot of opportunity to exercise leadership skills.

"You let a lot of responsibility and lot of ability or opportunity to lead fairly young that you just don't get out in the civilian sector as I've seen," McCreary said.

McCreary said at the end of his first four years he decided there wasn't anything he wanted to do more than being in the Navy.

"I said 'lets get until I stop enjoying it' and I'm still here. I'm still having a great time," he said.

McCreary said he got his warfare qualifications as a naval officer after his first tour and he joined the public affairs community within the Navy.

McCreary said he was on the USS Missouri during Operation Desert Storm.

"I was on the Missouri during Desert Storm and I was the ship's public affairs officer, so I was responsible for the press visiting and the coverage the ship received," he said.

However, McCreary said his role on the ship was twofold. He said he had also the duty during a conflict to help defend the ship. McCreary said his job was to write the commander's reports that were sent to higher authority.

"I prepared them during the operation and as soon as it



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NKU grad Capt. Terry McCreary is the Special Assistant for Public Affairs to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States of America.

was over, I gave it to the commanding officer and he was able to keep his higher headquarters informed of what we were doing," he said.

McCreary was satisfied with the way the press coverage was handled. However, he said he thought the media weren't happy because they didn't get out to as many units or to cover as many things as they would have liked. "I think from our standpoint, we were happy to be able to communicate directly with the American people during the war," he said.

McCreary could not discuss the recent air strikes on Iraq, but did speak about those strikes from a military standpoint.

"The strikes were merely a military mission designed to protect our pilots..." McCreary said.

McCreary spoke about the readiness of the military. He said they have testified before Congress that the first to fight forces - the troops that will be on the front line and the first to move in any conflict - are ready.

However, he said that other forces, including logistics and surveillance, are fraying.

"Those forces are certainly not ready and are somewhat fraying," McCreary said.

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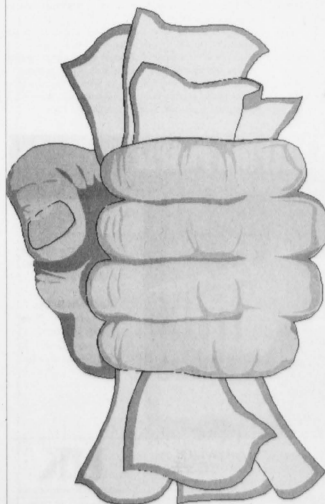
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NKU women seniors end home season with pride and emotion

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

NKU honored four seniors on Senior Day, guard Michelle Tuchfarber, forward Julie Cowens, forward Jessica Jensen and guard Heather Livingston, in a post-game celebration following the Norse 79-63 victory over Quincy University Saturday at Regents Hall.

The four women were presented gifts by their teammates and were honored by coach Winstel for their years of dedication to the program. This group of seniors was a very important part of the 2000 National Championship team.

Jensen said her years at NKU have been rewarding and valuable for her. "I learned so much on and off the court. It was quite an experience. I will certainly miss my teammates," she said. For the game, Jensen scored seven points and had five rebounds.

Junior forward Michelle Cottrell led NKU in the game with 19 points and eight rebounds. Tuchfarber scored 15 points, and Cowens chipped in 12 points and four rebounds.

Cowens said the emotions of senior night didn't hit her

until the game was decided. "It was more less another game for me. Once the game was over, I started to tear up and couldn't hold back. I really enjoyed my years at NKU," she said.

Tuchfarber said she thinks the intensity in the second half was the key to the game. "The game was real close at halftime. The key was the way we picked up our intensity and really making it a tournament atmosphere, which should help us in the GLVC tournament."

The Norse dominated the game, causing 27 Quincy turnovers. The Norse made the free throws when the game was on the line, hitting 17 of 20.

Winstel said she felt her team came out in the second half with the energy needed to win. "They played with lots of energy in the first half. Quincy was 7 for 8 from the



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Four NKU women's basketball seniors were honored Saturday for all their hard work on the court.

three-point line which gave us some problems. In the second half we stepped up our intensity and were able to win," she said.

Cowens said she believes the win over Quincy was very important late in the season. "It was important to win today because Quincy beat us earlier in the year. We owed it to ourselves to beat them and get ready for the tournament," she said.

In Thursday night's 84-63 victory over University of Missouri-St. Louis, the Norse dominated the rebounding advantage 43-24 in the game.

Livingstone led the team with 17 points while Cottrell had 13 points and eight rebounds. Cowens scored 10 points and six rebounds.

The Norse started the game with a 31-12 lead. The full-court press was established early in the first half by the Norse. "We pressed them in the first half. It was able to get

our defense going. It also reminds everyone in our league that we can press," Winstel said.

The Norse shot 51 percent from the field in the game. Winstel said she believes it was a total team effort for the good shooting. "The key for us was we were getting good shots and shooting with confidence."

Livingstone said she felt her team was very focused and ready to play. "We came out pretty intense, we moved the ball real well and got some open looks because of that." UMSL came out in the second half and battled the Norse. Livingstone said UMSL came out playing hard in the second half. "They did a great job of breaking us down and they were able to hit some big shots."

Winstel said her team just really decided to push the intensity up on defense. "Our team pushed our defense intensity up and really played very good defense. We also started hitting shots and putting pressure on the defense."

With the two wins, the Norse are now 23-3 overall and 17-3 in the GLVC. The Norse will begin the GLVC Tournament Wednesday in Evansville, Ind., at 9:30 p.m. against Quincy. "The tournament will be a war for our team. Everyone will be gunning for us and we need to be ready to play every game," said Winstel.

Conley breaks assist record

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

Tell all the coaches in the nation that their team would shoot 58 percent in the first half of a game and that the scoring margin would be 22 points and surprise would be the last reaction they would expect."

Tell them that their team would shoot that well and be on the air at the end of that 22-point margin and surprise would be accompanied with shock and horror. Missouri-St. Louis coach Mark Barmen likely felt this way.

NKU shot 74 percent in the first half of its game against the Rivermen, 64 percent for the whole game, en route to a 96-70 win Thursday. The Norse shot 73 percent from 3-point land, 11 of 15, in that first half to seal the Rivermen's coffin.

NKU senior guard Craig Conley played the role of palibearer number one in the game, planting the Rivermen with a stellar 21 point, 14 assist performance. Conley's 14 assists broke the NKU single-

game record of 13, set by Terrance Moomman in 1986 and tied by Conley in 1999.

"Right now it seems like I'm seeing the floor a lot better," Conley said. "With (NKU) hitting like they were, it makes it easy on me."

Missouri-St. Louis stayed in a 2-3 zone the entire first half, and the Norse made the Rivermen pay for failing to adjust sooner, none more than Conley.

With that team staying in the zone as long as they did, they really made me look good," Conley said. Conley made UMSL pay by dribbling into the teeth of the zone, then dishing off just as the defense collapsed on him. That led to scores of wide-open shots for the Norse, 64 percent of which were good.

Coach Ken Shields said, "Some days they hit, some days they don't. We played very unselfish. We had 16 assists and one turnover at halftime."

Shields said of Conley, "He's had an outstanding career. He's 40 off of the all-time (NKU) assists record. We're going to have to have a few more (tournament) games for him to do that, though."

to the cold weather. "It's hard to get loose," he said.

In the bottom of the eighth, Rahschulte bunted for a single to lead the bases and keep the Norse rally alive and Osterkamp scored on a sacrifice fly by junior Jason Martin.

Rahschulte saved the save after pitching a scoreless ninth. Osterkamp made a diving stop at shortstop and made the throw to first to record the first out and Rahschulte made a lunging catch in center field to record the second out.

Cox picked up his second win by pitching two scoreless innings. "I'm trying to get groundballs," Cox said. He said getting the first batter out is very important.

Head coach Todd Asland said that one of NKU's strengths is its bullpen. "If we get a lead in the eighth or ninth (inning) we're going to win," he said. "We have veterans out there who've been through the fire."

Asland tied the contest in the sixth and Whaley was replaced by Cox after pitching six innings and giving up just two runs. "My changeup and fastball were working," Whaley said. He attributed some of his early inning struggles

Norse win with pitching and D

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

Northern Kentucky University's baseball team can attribute its recent success to defense and pitching.

After going 1-1 in its first two games of the season despite scoring 24 runs combined in both games, the Norse swept a two-game series against Ashland University Friday and Saturday while scoring just six runs combined.

NKU benefited from strong pitching performances by three upperclassmen and timely defense in the ninth inning of the second game to improve its record to 3-1.

The Norse won both games 3-2. In the first game senior Kyle Pletzer came out of the bullpen with the Norse trailing 2-0 and pitched four scoreless innings to help NKU stay in the game.

NKU tied the game in the fourth inning with RBI doubles from senior Michael Otkamp and sophomore Chris Osterkamp.

Andy Cox picked up the win

after junior Steve Walton drove in pinch-runner Shaun Erie in the eighth.

Senior Shaun Fausz recorded his first save of the season by pitching a scoreless ninth.

NKU had to play catch-up in the second game, Saturday, as well. NKU's starting pitcher, junior Josh Whaley, gave up a first inning run when Ashland's Nate Moore scored on an error.

Whaley said he always struggles early in a game but said he puts it behind him. "One run is enough, no more," he said.

The Norse scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth. Osterkamp scored on a double hit by junior Justin Rahschulte and Rahschulte scored on a passed ball. Osterkamp and Rahschulte would come through for the Norse again and again in the game.

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Norse men's seniors go out on good note

By Bruce A. Reiter, Jr.
Sports Editor

Five NKU men's basketball players were recognized in their final home game of the year in the game against Quincy University Saturday at Regents Hall. The Norse won the game by a score of 110-91.

Craig Conley, Adam Norwell, Brian

Lawson, Todd Clark and Zach Wieber were all honored in front of a large crowd (1,233) for their accomplishments at NKU.

Lawson, who finished the game with a team-high 22 points, said it was real special for him to be honored on Senior Night. "It's a picture in my head. I went out big time."

Conley, who came away with 21 points and 11 assists, said that the crowd was great and that they helped make playing at home worthwhile.

"They love this team. I'm definitely going to miss it," he said. "I've been here five years and it feels like a home."

Norwell agreed that the encouraging crowd of extended home games was what he is going to remember most about playing at NKU. "I came here because of the crowd. They are unbelievable," he said. "They are always loud and intense." Norwell finished the game with 12 points against Quincy.

Clark, who grabbed

a game-high 17 rebounds, said it was a great feeling to be honored like he was on Senior Night. "It feels really good. I'm going to miss playing here," he said.

Wieber, the other senior on the team, said he feels that it's all about the fan support. "The fans here support us and travel to watch us play," he said. "They love us so much."

The NKU seniors and the rest of the team ended the regular season on a good note (24-5, 15-5 GLVC) and are ready for the GLVC Tournament this week in Evansville, Ind. "We're as ready as we're going to be. We have the talent," Conley said. "If we continue shooting well, we are going to be tough to beat."

NKU is playing well right now and should be able to do well in the tournament, Clark said. "You can't ask for too much more. Our confidence is up."

"We are moving the ball a lot better," Lawson added. "We need to continue doing that as a team."

The Norse will be the No. 3 seed in the GLVC Tournament and will play the University of Missouri-St. Louis, No. 6, Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the first round. If NKU wins that game, they will likely play Kentucky Wesleyan, the No. 2 seed, in the semifinals Friday at 9:30 p.m.

Baseball team loses by 10

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

When NKU head baseball coach Todd Asland took the Norse program last summer, he probably didn't envision a home opener like the one he got on Wednesday.

The Norse were dominated in all aspects of the game losing to Ohio Dominican, 16-6, at Friendship Field in the home opener of the NKU baseball season.

With the loss, NKU fell to 1-1 on the season after beginning the year with an 18-11 win over Lindsey Wilson. The floodgates opened against the Norse in the fourth inning as Ohio Dominican emptied for a seven run inning. The Norse committed two errors in the inning, which led to the runs.

NKU couldn't recover and managed to score just five runs in the last four innings.

Asland said he thinks games like this show the inexperience of his team. "We just had young guys making some mistakes. Our young guys have to get used to the college baseball level," he said.

The bright spot for the Norse came off the bat of juniors Beau Brake and Justin Rahschulte.

Rahschulte hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning while Brake added one in the ninth inning.

Rahschulte said he was very pleased with his trip to the plate. "I went up to the plate just wanting to make solid con-

tact and get on base. I got a fastball down the middle and I was able to drive it," he said.

Senior designated hitter Michael Tudor was 3 for 5 and junior Pat Eschman went 2 for 4.

Rahschulte said he believes this team needs to work to bring aggressive in the batter's box. "We need to be more aggressive at the plate. We need to see good pitches and be able to find holes to hit through."

Asland said he believes the problem hitting the ball lies with not being aggressive at the plate. "We were not aggressive today. We struck out 14 times and didn't make enough contact wigs," he said.

Junior catcher Jason Martin said he felt the team showed tremendous heart battling all the way to the end.

"We didn't quit. We took the same approach to the plate and still kept battling up there all day long," Martin said. "Batters weren't hitting our spots today. They hit the ball well and we didn't do a good job of fielding it early in the game," said Martin.

"We are playing good games. Until our kids see it for themselves, we will have days like this," Asland said.

The Norse will have several games this week with games on Thursday against West Virginia State, 1 p.m. at home. The Norse will travel to Kentucky State on Saturday for a double-header starting at 1 p.m. and will return home for a single game on Sunday against Spaulding at 1 p.m.

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Conboy's Weekly Horoscope

By Timothy Conboy
Northern Astrologer

Aries (March 21-April 20)



You are feeling at odds with yourself. Be careful around figures of authority. This is a week of ups and downs but on Friday and Saturday, no matter what, try to relax. Take advantage of your optimism and courage when breaking into new fields.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)



You are standing on firm ground which is presently unshakable. Starting Thursday things will lose balance. Beware of others who will happily take advantage of this. If you have to vent, be safe and only do it around friends and family. Blackmail can be very dangerous.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



Try not to seem too radical, authority will try to hold you down. An unexpected person may drastically change your life. This weekend is a crash and burn. Try to stay out of depression. Also mind your own business when it comes to your friends. Involvement means alienation.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Keep quiet, people have a way of misinterpreting everything you say. By Friday all confusion should clear and they will most likely make amends. Take the weekend to thoroughly relax. And I mean relax, get a massage, take a long bubble bath, etc.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Volunteer your time to others. Don't take yourself so seriously, you are going to be a formidable opponent and it isn't good at all to listen to it. At least not for you. If a financial dilemma occurs, spend a lot of time contemplating it, don't jump in or step away from anything.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22)



Have fun this week, it's good for you. Try to drop some weight from your shoulders where you can. Keep your business mindedness present to avoid serious problems. Deal with people in the least confrontational way possible.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Don't reflect on old pains, try to react to new ones. Tact and a level head are both extremely good things to have this week. Deal with people in less of a defensive attitude. Try to handle jobs one task at a time to avoid being overwhelmed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)



Everyone is on your side, except for me, but perhaps I shouldn't have said that. Take this time to get a new project off the ground. Let your creativity run loose unless it threatens serious confrontations with others (look out for jealous Aries and regal Leo, they like creativity but hate to be outdone).

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)



Try to keep your options open. You are prone to losing things. Keep everything extremely organized. Volunteering opportunities are good for meeting people and getting into social situations. Take some time out on the town.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)



Communication with others is a must to further your career. Self-destructive energies are at work and you need to reserve all of your strength to persevere. Sexual energy is checked by your moon sign. Take this time to retreat from you present station in life.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)



The sun has moved and therefore so should you. Any moves, physical or social, will be extremely successful this week. Possessions can be safely secured this week. You will find a relationship among your friends to be stronger than any others. Keep on the look out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Keep your self in your own mental hallway. Allow others to take and give input and don't get run down by those around you. Take time away from your confident role and start taking more responsibility. Don't rely on others so much this week.

DISORDERS

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but it is such a private disorder and the people who have it are ashamed of it. It's usually a concerned person or friend who will come in on their behalf.

The media is said to be a big contributing factor in the way that women perceive themselves and how they think that others will perceive them. Sex is a big seller today and incredibly thin women are on the covers of fashion magazines and in the movies and are considered to be the desired women. Many young, impressionable girls and women look to them as idols.

Pearce said bulimia is taught by peers and it is rumored that at some modeling agencies women are being trained on how to vomit. It is also rumored that many popular actresses and musicians are said to have eating disorders. Actress like Tracey Gold and the late Audrey Hepburn have admitted that they had eating disorders and that the pressure in the entertainment business to be thin was difficult to deal with.

The toll that these diseases will take on the human body are severe and irreversible. There is a risk of osteoporosis-brITTLE bones, developing ulcers on the esophagus and lining of the stomach, hemorrhages in blood vessels in the eyes, erosion of teeth enamel, pressure ulcers and even death.

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If you would like more information or where you can go for help locally, contact the Christ Hospital Eating Disorders Unit at (513) 369-2624.

THE BIG O

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speech telling you how feel," he said.

Robertson said he was glad to watch all the NKU inductees be honored but felt that their feelings from this honor won't hit them until later. He felt the same way after he was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame in 1979.

He was most thankful for the crowd of people who came to support the Hall of Fame inductees. "You're the heroes here. Without you, these people wouldn't be in the Hall of Fame," he said.

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DPS

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department.
"I'm very happy with the progress we're making," Butler began. "Everyone is eagerly participating in this effort to improve. The overall morale is very encouraging. The (Channel 9) I-Team painted a very bleak picture (of DPS), but we have some quality people here."

Butler himself brought a lot of credentials to his position. Butler has forty years of police experience, along with a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati, summa cum laude. He is also a graduate of the FBI National

Academy, and alumni of "Leadership Cincinnati." Butler resides in Ft. Wright, Ky., with his wife, Christine.

"Northern Kentucky is a nice place to live and to go to school," Butler said. "This community is safe, and we intend to do everything we can to keep it safe."

So far, Butler seems to be enjoying himself and said that he truly appreciates the cooperative spirit that he has encountered across the campus.

"I really am enjoying working with the people, DPS, student life, the student organizations, across the campus really. Working with people has been phenomenal. I'm really sincere about that. The folks have been great."

AUSCHWITZ

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Holocaust. The memorial is dark inside, except for burning candles. The names of the children are spoken out as you walk through the memorial. Kersell said she felt comfort in imagining that those lights were the children's spirits that were safe from harm at last.

"It is a feeling that will live inside me forever," Kersell said. "I have no idea how to explain to someone how it felt who hasn't seen it for themselves."

Kersell said that the Holocaust was a lifelong interest of hers but she began doing a lot of research and teaching courses about it seven years ago. She said that teaching about the Holocaust is important because people need to know that mass murders such as the Holocaust happen all over the world and if we do not learn about it then history will be doomed to keep repeating itself. She teaches an English 201 class called Ideas in

Literature that focuses on the Holocaust and every other year an honors course about the Holocaust.

In closing, Kersell said the trip had an amazing impact on her life.

"As a result of this trip I feel myself filled with both compassion and moral courage," Kersell said. "When the survivors describe to us the horrors they endured it reminds us what it means to be human."

Kersell said that the remaining survivors will not be alive much longer to tell the world about all the experiences they went through during the Holocaust.

"Soon they will not be around to share what one survivor called the 'mutilated music,'" Kersell said. "However, their legacy will endure. At times full of discourse and fractured melody to which we must listen and respond."

Six inducted into NKU Hall of Fame

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

Six people were inducted into the 2001 NKU Hall of Fame last Wednesday at Regents Hall. Here's a rundown of who they are:

Derek Fields-NKU men's basketball player who played from 1985-89. Fields scored 1,664 points, including 15.3 points per game, in his career. He was also named GLVC Player of the Year in 1989 after scoring an NKU single-season record 664 points. Fields was the first former player of NKU basketball coach Ken Shields to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Melissa Wood-Fleming played on the NKU women's basketball team from 1983-87. She ranks No. 7 on the NKU all-time scoring list with 1,393 points and helped her team reach the NCAA Division II Final Four for the first time in school history in 1997. Fleming played under coach Nancy Winstel, and she feels that the women's basketball program has just gotten better every year. "The women won the Division II National Championship. That tells you right there," Fleming said. "Coach Winstel is dedicated to basketball and makes her players a lot better." Gary Flowerdew played basketball for NKU from 1985-88 and

currently ranks No. 1 in Norse history with 263 career hits and 165 runs scored.

Kevin Clepy played soccer for NKU from 1981-84. He was considered one of NKU's top defensive players as he helped the Norse win two NAIA District 32 championships in 1982-83. Clepy feels that even though there were more skilled players on his teams, he was the most aggressive of the bunch. "I was the one breaking up the play. I was known as 'The Hammer,'" he said.

Brenda Ryan played basketball and softball for NKU from 1978-82. She had a .541 batting average and led the Norse to a 31-5 record and AIAW Southern Regional championship in softball in 1982. As a basketball player, Ryan scored 1,252 points (13th all-time) and 416 assists (4th all-time).

Roger Klein known as NKU as "Mr. Tennis" since he coached NKU men's and women's tennis from 1975-87. At NKU, Klein coached his men's teams to a 114-102 record and also posted a 72-63 record as the women's coach. Klein led his men's team to the 1986 GLVC Championship, the first conference title for any men's program at NKU. "I taught players and made a star out of them. I was hooked on tennis," he said.

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U.S. Contractors come under fire in Colombia

American citizens involved in fire-fight during rescue operation of downed helicopter

By Jared Kotler

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — American anti-drug workers braved rebel gunfire to help rescue the crew of a downed Colombian police helicopter during an anti-drug mission, police and a U.S. official said.

The rescue illustrated the role American civilians hired by the government are playing in Washington's expanding involvement in the drug war — and the risks they face.

The rescue team, U.S. citizens contracted by the State Department for its drug-crop eradication program in Colombia, flew by helicopter into a gun battle in the southern state of Cauca and pulled out the downed police helicopter's co-pilot, a flight technician, and the door gunner, Col. Carlos Rivera, air operations chief for the Colombian National Police, said.

His account was confirmed by a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The fighting that put American citizens in the front lines of Colombia's 37-year-old war came during a massive coca eradication push being financed by Washington. The skirmish came days after officials had declared the first month of the operation a routing success and said there had been surprisingly little resistance.

The rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and a right-wing paramilitary group operating in the southern cocaine-producing regions make huge profits in protection payments from the drug trade.

As the American search-and-rescue helicopter prepared to assist, a Colombian police helicopter gunship had picked up the pilot of the



(AP Photo/Zoe Selsky)

Colombian soldiers patrol as a truck passes through the highway connecting the capital Bogotá with the Caribbean coast in Liza, 170 miles north of Bogotá, Monday, Feb. 19, 2001. After the army threatened to step in, thousands of ranchers and peasants lifted blockades they kept on the key highway to protest government plans to cede a swath of Colombian territory to rebels of the National Liberation Army, ELN, Colombia's second largest rebel group.

downed helicopter, who was forced to make an emergency landing after being shot in the leg by guerrillas on the ground.

Two other helicopters firing at FARC positions during the rescue were also flown by private American contract pilots, according to Colombian police Capt. Luis

Fernando Aristizabal, the co-pilot of one of the helicopters.

The Americans on the search and rescue team are employed by DynCorp, a Reston, Va.-based contractor hired by the U.S. State Department for its aerial crop eradication program. Rivera said in a telephone interview. Company officials declined to comment.

The exact number of Americans on board the rescue helicopter was not immediately clear. Rivera and the U.S. official said the search-and-rescue teams usually include American pilots, rescuers and medics. Several Colombians were also aboard the search-and-rescue

helicopter, including a door gunner and co-pilot. The U.S. official said Americans are not permitted to man the helicopters' weapons.

In Sunday's mission, six helicopters escorted four spraying planes from Laramia military base in Cauca to spray coca crops near the town of Curillo. U.S. special

forces troops are training Colombian army counterterrorism soldiers at Laramia under Washington's \$1.3 billion aid package.

The helicopters came under rebel fire in Curillo, 240 miles southwest of Bogotá.

After the pilot of one of the police helicopters was shot and landed his craft, the five other helicopters moved in and began shooting at rebel positions, said Aristizabal.

Aristizabal said the helicopter carrying the Americans hovered inches above the ground while the remaining Colombian crew of the downed helicopter rushed aboard.

The guerrillas "were very close," Aristizabal said.

Rivera said a search-and-rescue helicopter piloted by a DynCorp employee always accompanies the fumigation missions, in which DynCorp pilots also often fly the OV-10 aircraft that drop the herbicide on the coca.

The search-and-rescue helicopters typically fly high above the spraying planes and escort helicopters, getting involved if necessary. They carry stretchers, oxygen, chain saws and medicine, Rivera said.

U.S. contracted fumigation pilots have been shot at before in Colombia, and several have died in crashes in recent years. But Sunday's fighting was the first known case of Americans coming under fire since the huge aid package was approved.

However, the U.S. embassy in Bogotá has said eight spray planes and escort helicopters were hit by "hostile ground fire" in six separate incidents during spraying operations in December and January. It was unclear whether Americans were on any of those aircraft.

Pope John Paul II inducts 44 new Cardinals

Europeans now the minority in voting Cardinals as Church draws closer to Africa, Latin America



(AP Photo/Massimo Sestini)

Cardinals attend a Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Thursday, Feb. 22, 2001, on the second day of the consistory. Forty-four new cardinals, elevated Wednesday, came from 27 countries on five continents, a sign of the worldwide reach of the church and the ebb of Europe's long domination.

By Candice Hughes

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — St. Peter's Square was awash in scarlet and gold Thursday as Pope John Paul II bestowed the simple golden ring of a cardinal on 44 new princes of the church.

A day earlier, the pontiff had given them their red hats, symbols of their willingness to die for the Roman Catholic faith. The rings—symbols of their fealty to the pope—sealed that ancient bond.

One-by-one, the new cardinals approached the pontiff during the solemn ceremony, bowing, then sinking to their knees on a gold cushion at the foot of his throne.

"Receive then the ring, sign of dignity, of pastoral readiness and of the most binding communion with the Chair of Peter," he said to each in Latin, slipping the ring on the third finger of the right hand of each kneeling prince.

The College of Cardinals now counts a record 183 members — it briefly stood at 184, but an 81-year-old Venezuelan made cardinal in 1983, Jose Ali Lebrun Moratinos, died Thursday. Among the cardinals, 135 are under 80 and thus eligible to vote for the next pope. The new cardinals come from 27 countries on five continents, a sign of the worldwide reach of the church and the ebb of Europe's long domination.

"Dear brothers, let's go to sea, cast out our nets and go forward in hope," John Paul, 80, exhorted the new cardinals in a strong voice Thursday, recalling the ancient Christian image of apostles as

"fishermen" trolling for souls.

The modern church has also flung its nets wide, growing fastest in Africa and Latin America.

Europeans are now a minority of the voting-age cardinals. John Paul's latest group also includes the first cardinals born in the Honduras, Bolivia, Ecuador, Latvia and Lithuania, as well as the first black South African cardinal.

Among the new cardinals are four U.S. citizens: Fordham University theologian Avery Dulles; New York Archbishop Edward Egan, 68; Washington Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, 70; and the leader of Eastern rite Catholics in Ukraine, Lubomyr Husar, who is also a Ukrainian citizen.

At 82, Dulles is the oldest of the new cardinals. Clearly unused to elaborate Vatican ritual, the respected scholar extended the wrong hand for his ring. The day before, he was late to receive the three-pointed red hat — called a biretta — which fell off after he embraced the pope.

John Paul has appointed all but 10 of the voting-age cardinals. Almost all share his conservative views supporting church bans on abortion and artificial birth control, celibate priests and the denial of Communion to divorced Catholics who have remarried.

One, Karl Lehmann of Mainz, Germany, was a surprise choice because of views considered liberal.

Lehmann, bishop of Mainz, denied he was a "rebel," saying, "I believe in dialogue with the modern world, which has positive things and also problems. Maybe that is considered provocative."

Bill would protect pharmacists from filling abortion drugs

By Charles Wolfe

Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — A "conscience" bill to protect pharmacists who refuse to fill prescriptions for abortion drugs advanced toward the Kentucky Senate on Thursday.

A physician can refuse on moral grounds to perform an abortion. A pharmacist should have an equal right, Sen. Elizabeth Torti, the bill sponsor, said in testimony to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

She said the bill was aimed primarily at

pharmacists who are employees, not owners, of a pharmacy. They could not be fired or otherwise punished for refusing to fill an abortion prescription if they had stated a conscientious objection.

"It simply balances conscience with authority," Torti, R-Radcliff, said.

The bill had one opponent on the committee. Democratic Sen. Joey Pendleton of Hopkinsville, who said people in rural areas might not have a second pharmacist to fall back on.

The only real debate was between some committee members and a retired Methodist clergyman, the Rev. Gilbert

Schroerlucke of Louisville, who said a pharmacist was "obligated to respond to a patient's needs."

"Can one person's conscience be allowed to control free trade and the rights of others?" Schroerlucke said.

He then attempted to draw historical parallels that irked some senators. Schroerlucke said Hitler's extermination of Jews, George Wallace's defense of segregation and Pope John Paul II's denial of a woman's "basic human right" to be a pastor all were matters of conscience.

Schroerlucke also said pharmacists who

object to filling abortion prescriptions should find another line of work, prompting Sen. Charles Borders, R-Russell, to suggest that Schroerlucke do the same. Sen. Dick Roeding, himself a pharmacist and former lobbyist for pharmaceutical companies, told Schroerlucke he had

"It simply balances conscience with authority"

—Sen. Elizabeth Torti

at times refused to fill prescriptions in his own practice.

Torti's bill originally would have forbidden a pharmacist to be denied a promotion. One of her supporters, Sen. David Karem of Louisville, persuaded her to remove it, lest it create a class of plaintiffs.

"It sets up someone who may never have been pro-life, and now they're pro-life because they didn't get promoted," Karem said.