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Affirmative Action debated

After a 45-minute dialogue on affir-

After a 45-minute dialogue on affirmative action last week at Northern Kennukey University, finally an agreement was reached.

"Discrimination still exists and something needs to be done about it." asid Elea Mihou, president of Students Together Against Racism, who kicked off the dialogue. "But there wasn't any agreement on what needs to be done." The University Center Theater played host to the debate. The panel discussion was sponsored by STA.R. Black United Students, Black Law Students Association. "This dialogue is important because it takes the debate off the street and places it in an academic setting."

The dialogue was a forum in which

sides: for and against affirmative

action.

Arguing for affirmative action were
Dr. Clinton Hewan, a political science
professor at NKU: Sharlene Lassiter, a
professor at Chase Law School and
Bradford C. Mank, a professor at the
University of Cincinnati School of
Law.

Law.

Arguing against affirmative action were Dr. Dennis O'Keefe, a political science professor at NKU; Kevin Murphy, a columnist for The Renton County Recorder and Gene Brown, a non-traditional student majoring in political science at NKU.

The forum was mederated by Dr.

The forum was moderated by Dr. Michael Washington, a professor of history at NICL

history at NKU.

O'Keefe and Lassiter gave five-minute opening explanations for their respective stances. These were followed by a 20-minute open discussion

session amongst the panelists.

Brown, the only student on the panel, said, "Affirmative action is an issue of morality. One must take an immoral stance to defend affirmative action because it violates the Constitution. America presents opportunities, not outcomes. One needs to be prepared to take advantage of their opportunities."

He likened affirmative action and the aspect of grade adjusting for minority students to point shaving in sports events. "If point shaving in sports events. "If point shaving in sports events. "If point shaving is illegal and wrong, why jort grade adjusting."

Brown asked.

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Mank addressed the issue of grade Mank addressed the issue of grade adjusting as often being "overempha-sized" by the opposition when a mem-ber of a minority interviews for a job. He explained that nepotism and other scoicecomonic factors determine who gets hired more often than do grades. Hewan explained, "Opposition to affirmative action is a "vicious

onslaught that is steeped in the myth of white superiority and is held by those who wish to maintain white privilege and power using any means necessary. This opposition is rooted in insidious racism and underlies any formidable opposition being waged against affirmative action:

The dialogue maintained its integrity through the conduct of its participants, locaw were expressed and emphasized and paneliss worked to find common ground in their views.

Al Long, a second-year student at the Chase Codlege of Law and vice president of the Black Law Students Association, addressed affirmative action as a steeping stone. Long noted, "To combat the evils of the future, we must arm our children with the weapon of the truth. We need to identify that discrimination exists and its a problem. We need to build from affirmative action."

A stitch in time

By Jeff C. Gardiner

Women's history month at Northern Kentucky University is coming to a close. However, it's not too late to help create a piece of history by getting involved in the Women's Center Quilting

The last quilting bee will be held on Tuesday, April 6 in University Center room 232. The quilting bee is the brain-child of NKU junior Shauna

Arnett, whose grandmother and great-grandmother were both quilters. Arnett said quilting bees started in the 1900s as a way for women to get together and talk about history. We invited women of all ages to design a quare that represents their life," Arnett said, "In the end we will

one's life story."

The quilting bee is open to NKU students and to the public. It is not necessary to be a quilter to participate. Arnett said she did not know how to quilt, so the Women's Center enlisted the help

of local quilter Sandra German.
According to an article in *The*Kentucky Post, Ms. German said that women used quilt making as a form of personal expression. In time when women were not allowed to own property, quilts were a way to pass something down to the next generation.

Judy Birkenhauer, secretary of the Women's Center, said the fin-ished quilt will be housed in the

Participation is free and most materials are supplied. Anyone can register by calling 572-6497.



Spring has sprung





Forrest Berkshire and Kelly Sudzma/The Northerns

ART 100 students (from left) John Muench, Brett Naegel, Tom Lang and Brandon Abrams sketch campus during a period of spring weather Thursday. Spring arrives when the Earth is tilted so the sun is directly over the equator. In the northern parts of the world, the first day of spring is on or about March 21. This is the day of the vernal equinox; ver-21. This is the day of the vernal equinox; vernal meaning spring, equinox meaning equal night. Night and day are equal length, each lasting exactly 12 hours on this day. According to Karen Bolander C. Hi, the light of the sun growing stronger provides people with more vital energy to get things done. Attention is drawn toward constructive plan

Online classes bring students into to the world of the Web with Northern Kentucky University to Community Education registration at Education website provide service. Students receive two (606) 392-2400. Education registration at Education website Nesbitt said that

The Northern Kentucky Community Education program has entered the world of cyberspace, as it began offering online computer and Internet courses on March 10. This is a first-time offering for the program which has served the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucks was 66 to the next Northern Kentucky area for the past

All that is required to take an online All that is required to take an ontine course is access to a personal computer, the Internet and e-mail. Online instruction is provided by a California-based company called "Education to Go," which is working with Northern Kentucky University to provide service. Students receive two lessons a week in a text-based format and have the ability to work at their own leisure and pace. In addition to the lessons, quizzes and tests are also given as a way for students to monitor their progress. There is also an opportunity to com-nunicate with the instructor and other

There is also an opportunity to com-nunciacia with the instructor and other students via e-mail. These non-credit courses run for a six-week period and cost 569. A new round of courses will be offered starting April 14. Students can register conline at the Northern Kentucky Community Education whostic at www.nk.cdu/contood/ or contact Northern Kentucky

According to Linda Nesbitt, coordi-nator of the program, the Internet and computer courses cater to both the novice and the experienced user. "We novice and the experienced user "We have everything from 'Intro to the Internet' and 'Intro to PC Troubleshooting' to 'Creating Web pages' and 'JavaScript Programming for the Web," 'Nesbitt said.
"It's kind of an across the board offering," she said. Although courses won't be published in the catalog until the summer semester starts, a com-

the summer semester starts, a com-plete listing and description of all the online courses can be viewed at the Northern Kentucky Community

Education website.

Nesbit said that there has been considerable interest shown in the program, but with the courses not yet published in the catalog, the demand is still somewhat unknown. "I think it's something that will grow once someone realizes how easy it is to take the courses and how convenient it is," said Nesbitt. "Once they sign on and receive their lessons, they have their assignment and can complete the work at their own convenience," she said.

Carol Skawinski, project mana Carol Skawinski, project manager for the program, has taken an online course. She and others took courses back in February as a test run for the

Shawinski. "It someone needs a very comprehensive program, online courses are excellent."

Skawinski said she was satisfied with the communication process between the students and instructor through the use of e-mail and char room areas. She also said it was easy continuous metals in the observes and continuous continuous metals.

getting around in the chapters. There is no textbook available, but supplemental material is available to help students. "Printing out the lessons first and putting together a notebook is

program. She took the "Creating Web pages" course. She said she liked the online environment compared to the traditional classroom. "It's a no-non-sense approach to learning," said "The convenience is wonderful, and Skawinski. "If someone needs a very

"The convenience is wonderful, and it's a great alternative to the traditional classroom."

More courses are to be offered for both the summer and fall semesters. Nesbitt emphasized that the current courses are not the only courses that will be offered in the future. She also said that the programs is except each expense.

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Rebirth of a sculpture

By Kelly Sudzina Managing Editor

moving downhill from its former location on the University Center Plaza. A new concrete pad was poured Thursday where the Red Grooms sculpture will be relocat-

This new pad is located at the corner of the Fine Arts Center closest to the University Center and Lake Inferior next to the new land-

Lake Inferior next to the new land-scaping that was recently finished.

The sculpture should be erected on the pad soon. Mary Paula Schuh, the director of campus planning, said, "I would think that we could install the sculpture congrigen and work." sometime next week

ometime next week."

Art Department Chair Don Kelm aid hemlock trees will be planted round the sculpture and will becure the view of the work from

canadian nemiocks. They it be far enough behind the sculpture that you'll be able to walk behind the sculpture," Schuh said. Physical Plant will also be plant-

ing seven flowering yellow trees around the bridge

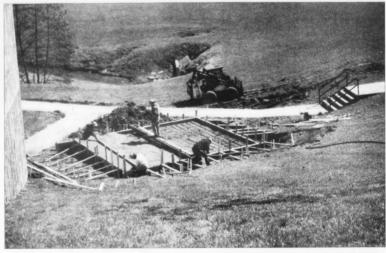
between the plaza in front of the University Center and the Business, Education and

Building.
"They will start up near the plaza
and come down near the walkway," Schuh said.

The concrete pad where the frooms piece used to reside is cur-The concrete pad where the Grooms piece used to reside is cur-rently occupied by a student piece titled "Ishmael's Cage." This space is going to be used to show student work on a rotating basis throughout the rest of the

"At that point, it will be reviewed

again by the space committee," Kelm said. "The long-term plan is for the removal of the pad."



Kelly Sudzina The Northerne.

Workers prepare the concrete pad that will be the new home of the DW Griffith sculpture "Way Down East. Additional landscaping is planned."

Students must file tax returns on any money made Eye on

Students must file on money they make from part-time jobs, a bank account, or even student loans

Jimmy Ferguson

April 15 is not far away and there are some students who have not or do not plan to file their taxes this

You may not realize this, but if you have made any money this year, whether it is from student loans, a part-time job, or from a bank account, you must file a tax return, according to Internal Revenue Service tax regulations. If you decide not to, there are cons quences, according to Mary Ellen Koehne, a former IRS representa-

Matt Davis, a junior busine taxes off to the last minute

until the last possible second,"
Davis said. "I mean, why should I
really worry about it, I still have
around two weeks left."

"The IRS has now made it easier

than ever for people like Davis to file, according to its web site. There are many options to consider when doing tax returns.

One relatively new option is called TeleFile. TeleFile is a packet that comes in the mail to all those who qualify and is perfect for col-lege students because it is geared towards someone who makes under \$50,000 a year, according to infor-mation on the TeleFile packet. You qualify if you have received the packet in the mail, have the correct ocial security number on the top of the past year.

the past year.

After receiving W-2's, the TeleFile instructions claim to be simple. The filer must follow the instructions and call the number on the from of the brochure, according to the tax packet. This service claims that filing should only take 15 minutes and it should help stop the confusion and time wasted

oing taxes the old way.

Davis agrees with the TeleFile last attements. "I used TeleFile last statements. "I used teterine many year to do my taxes and I think it only took me around 10 minutes. It was very easy and I never felt con-fused or lost. I guess that is why I continue to put them off, knowing I have that extra time

Another way to do your taxes, according to the IRS's web site, is through the Internet. The new way, called 'E-File,' is accessed through IRS's web the IRS's web site at www.irs.ustreas.gov/. There is no extra charge for downloading the software except for the possibility of a transmission charge when

ccessing the site.

E-File claims to be ideal for hose who must claim a long, complicated return

Some students have finished their taxes early. Ashley Arbogast, a freshman English major, did her taxes in February, and received her return by the end of the month.

"I wanted to go on spring break so I wanted to get my taxes in

early," Arbogast said. "My refund check was really nice to have in Panama last week. The reason I feel I was able to do them so quick

and easy was because of TeleFile."

Justin Braxton-Brown, a senior
journalism major, said, "I got my
taxes finished back around the end of January. I downloaded some-thing called E-File off the Internet which made it a lot easier to do my taxes this year and helped to get my return back quicker."

Late penalties are something people should be aware of and are something that should not be taken lightly, says the IRS web site. The IRS now accepts credit cards and debit cards to help with those who usually turn in their taxes late. If taxes are turned in late, or not at all, you must face some of these conse quences, according to the Kentucky's state and federal tax

Kentucky state tax return at 1 do not turn your tax returns on time. interest starts to begin on the origi-nal due date. The interest is two nal due date. The interest is two percent of the tax for each 30 days the state has not received the out-standing payment. -If you file your United State

federal tax return late, the penalty is usually five percent of the amount due for each month or part of a month your return is late your return is no more than 60 days

If you have not received a TeleFile tax return or have not received any tax information from the government in the mail, the IRS has several ways to acquire them according to the state and federal tax returns 'help' sections. You can get on IRS's web site and request them by e-mail or you can go to participating post offices and libraries and pick up a copy. Also, the forms can be received through a fax machine (703-321-8020), or by a phone (1-800-TAX-FORM). Tax forms are also available at Northern Kentucky University's

library.

If help is needed filling out tax returns, NKU does not offer a program to help students, says the

gram to help students, says the accounting office.

The IRS suggests calling their help-line' if help is needed when filing a tax return. They will schedule a meeting where it is explained step by step how to fill out a tax return. Another way to get help is, according to the US Tax. return packet, is to contact the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. This group helps the underprivileged and foreign speaking people, free of charge.

"Filing taxes is something required by law and should not be blown off," says Koehne. "The IRS, this year, seems like it has made it easy for everyone to file and probably will help out anyway it can."

the world

By Forrest Berkshire

Though the bombs are falling in

Yugoslavia, their echoes can be heard around the globe.

The air strikes by NATO and the U.S. on Tuesday, March 23, haye set off protests, and conderngation from Australia to Russia, and have possibly set off the spark in the tinderbox that could lead to all out war in the

Balkans.

In Kosovo, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic responded to the NATO attacks by unleashing his forces on the ethnic Albanian majority, causing nearly 400 thomas refugees to flee into neighboring countries such as Macedonia and Turkey, Reports of women and children being rounded up and slaughtered and whole villages being pounded to smoking rubble from Serbian artillery have increased. Protests have been heard throughout Europe, such as in Stuttgart, Germany, where protesters gathered cuside the U.S. embassy shouting anti-American slogans and denouncing President Clinton as a murderer. The attacks have been strongly condermed by both the Russian gov-In Kosovo, Serbian President

Police and gunmen exchanged shots at the U.S. embassy in Moscow after protesters there attempted to fire a grenade launcher into the

fire a grenade launcher into the building. Rtssi in President Boris Yeltsin closed their offices at NATO head-quarters in Brussels, Belgium, in protest to the air strikes and recalled their military envoy, Lt. Gen. Viktor

Zovarin.

"Russia has a number of extreme measures in store, but we have decided not to use them so far," Yeltsin said in a government statement.

"Morally, we are above America,"

he added.

he added.

In Australia 7,000 protesters attacked the U.S. consulate.
China accused the Western Alliance of "brutally trampling the U.N. Charter" and demanded an immediate halt to the strikes.
India's Prime Minister Atol Vajpayee also urged "The matter should be taken to the U.N. with out

should be taken to the U.N. with out further delay. However, President Clinton has stated that thee is a "strong unity" among the U.S. and its NATO allies, and that they are determined to press to easily the assault until Milosevic accepts a peace agreement that would allow NATO troops to occupy Yugoslavia as a peace keeping force. In response, Milosevic stated, "The cittzens of Yugoslavia are unanimous in their resolve not to allow at any cost the enemies to occupy their country."

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responded to a report of an accident March 8 in the Administrative Center on the 8th floor. woman said the left elevator did not stop even with the 8th floor, leaving it lower to the floor level. She said while stepping into the elevator, she fell, struck the right side of her

however when the officer

officers

head and injured her The woman kneecap. complained of dizziness and pain and was transported to Saint Elizabeth South A man called DPS March 8 to report a theft,

D.P.S. REPORTS

arrived, the man said his social security number was the object of thievery According to the man, he had been in an argument with a woman the week prior. She had called him and told him she had his social security number, read the number to him, and the man confirmed was the correct number. Upon questioning the woman, the DPS officer asked where she had

obtained the social security number. She said she, "had her resources," and refused to tell him who or what the resources were. The DPS officer has referred this incident to investigations.

DPS officer was dis patched to Road and Grounds March 9 in response to a possible property damage. A uni-versity worker who said he might have struck university vehicle while clearing parking lots approached the officer. The university worker had been using snow removal equipment.

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Spring break blues

Cindi Brown

As I reflect upon my spring break this year, or rather what was apposed to be my spring break, I cannot help but think, what a

The term "spring break" inherently implies a vacation in the springtime. Unfortunately, there are many professors who fail to

For them, spring break is an opportunity to cram in more home work. If they can possibly squeeze one more paper or research project out of students this semester, spring break is the time they will ject out of students this semester, spring break is the time they will do it. This is why, for many students, spring break is nothing but a mean trick. We mark the week of vacation promised to us on our calenders and look forward to it all semester. It is not until a week or two before spring break that any plans of relaxation or fun are shattered by homework assignments.

I, for one, had enough homework to keep me busy the entire week. My professors encouraged me to be productive and to use this valu-

My professors encouraged me to be productive and to use this valuable time wisely. Actually, they made me. So while other students were living it up in Panama City. Cancun or some other fun place, I was here wondering why my professors were such mean slavedrivers

I know I am not the only student at NKU who was stuck doing homework all week. There are a lot of other students just as stressed

out as I am...and just as pale.

Kristy Hunter, a junior elementary education major, said that she had more homework during spring break than a normal school

"I had to study and do papers all week long," Hunter said.

Hunter said she had two big papers to write, an exam to study for

and a portfolio to finish during spring break.

"Spring break was not a break. I was actually relieved to go back to school so I wouldn't have to work so much," she said.

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For those students who were lucky enough to relax and have fun during spring break, I admire you for your remarkable ability to choose classes taught by nice, fun-loving professors who would never think of exploiting spring break in the manner described above. To those like myself who could not escape homework this year, I extend my sincerest sympathy.

I do not believe professors are truly cold-hearted slavedrivers whose only goal in life is to make our lives miserable (at least not all of them). That is not my point at all. I think some professors are simply confused about the true meaning of spring break. Although the term seems quite self-explanatory to students, many professors

just do not seem to get it. They fail to understand that spring break was designed as a short vacation from the dreaded spring semester to maintain a healthy level of sanity among the student body. Professors can benefit from

it as well. If spring break was truly a break, both teachers and stu-dents would come back to school with a much better attitude than I saw last week. If professors are going to give homework during spring break than why even bother having it at all? Instead, end the

er a week sooner



Is NKU ashamed to display our artwork?

There is a piece of artwork on Northern Kentucky University's campus that was sculpted by a prominent artist and funded by the National Endowment of the Arts for \$40,000.

It toured nationally for two years as the showpiece of a collection of art and, for two months, it stood in front of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Since last August, it has been hidden in storage while the administrators of NKU decided

has been merely awaiting its new

It is a square pad of concrete at the corner of the Fine Arts Center, at the bottom of the hill by the University Center. The sculpture will be placed on it before the semester is over.

I'm talking, of course, about the

Red Grooms sculpture titled "Way Down East."

But it seems that someone is still ashamed of it. Fifteen planted around it to obscure the view of the artwork from the plaza. There will be ro

to walk behind the sculpture, and I assume that the front of it will face the walkway behind the Fine Arts Center.

But how many people take that walkway each day? And how many visitors to the campus who are interested in artwork will know that there is even a sculpture down there? I'm sure that is exactly the rea-

on why that location was chosen. And I understand why that choice was made. But hiding away a prominent piece of artwork is not the best way to solve the issue

If it offends people so much that ney cannot bear to look at it, then

will not make people forget about it. If they are offended by it, they will always be offended by it, and

they will always know it is there.

It is such a prominent enough piece of artwork that it received national recognition, yet NKU wants to hide it behind the bushes. We should either stand up for it and be proud of what it is and that we have it—whatever messages people draw from it—or give it to someone that will truly appreciate it and display it prominently. Either way, the point is to learn from it. And no one can learn any thing from something that is hid-

North Poll

How was your spring break?

Krista Rinehart Sociology Latonia, KY

"Wonderful. I went to Key West. It was the best spring break ever."

Tracy Grether

"I went home for a

working the rest of spring break."

Chris Markus

"It was fun. I went to Gatlinburg, Tenn."

weekend, but I was here

Nursing Louisville, KY





Stacie White Cincinnati. OH

out with my friends and had a good time."





David Sanders Philadelphia, PA

"I went to South Padre





Zach Hall

It was great. I went to

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Jillian's provides more than food and spirits

ping. Now there's one-stop enter-tainment. Whether you want to watch the big game while you eat, dine while the chef grills your meal right in front of you at your table or bowl at the retro bowling alley. Jillian's has something for every-

Pike streets in Covington, Jillian's occupies a building that was once a warehouse and now contains 75,000 square feet of entertainment. Inside square feet of entertainment. Inside Jillian's, you'll find remnants of its former identity. The brick walls, high ceilings, uncovered pipes and open iron stairways add character and provide a central theme to what could be a rambling establishment. The building contains two restau-rants, a 14-lane bowling alley, over 200 electronic simulation games, 12 billiant ables, buffleboard tables billiard tables, shuffleboard tables and dart boards

have different atmospheres but a central theme-entertainment. The Sports Cafe offers reasonably pr sandwiches and entrees. The wide-screen TVs lining the re allow an unobstructed view of basketball, hockey or the current "big

The Hibachi Grill sports a different type of entertainment. It contains only six tables with a grill in the center of each and a chef man-ning each grill. Full-course meals are served hot off the grill and the are served not of the grill and the chefs entertain the 12 people seated at their tables while cooking the meals. "The entertainment varies from knife tricks and fancy serving techniques to dancing and a lip synred version of the "Love The wacky hats each chef



Jillian's entertainment complex is located in Covington at the corner of 12th and Pike streets. Hours of

operation are 11:30 a.m-2:00 a.m. daily. wears and the '70s disco dance ball

the patrons are dancing in their seats to the beat of the music

If you prefer a more active form of entertainment, wander past the two restaurants into the retro bowling alley and roll a neon-colored ball down a lane illuminated with black lights. The eerie glow of the balls and the 1950s decor lend a surreal feeling to the room, making you almost believe the claims of the "Miami in 54" sign just outside the door. Whether you want to bowl or enjoy the '50s atmosphere at the bar, here, too, you'll find plenty to watch. Six movie screens occupy. the space above the ends of the

If the lanes are busy, or you prefer more of a '90s atmosphere, step int the game rooms, where you wil find virtually everything "virtual. Don't forget to bring your 'credit' card. Visa and Mastercard might be useful, but the 'credit' card you can't do without is the Jillian's player's card. The games do not take

you can play depends on how much you spend to put credits on the card Cards can be 'recharged' at any time and never expire.

and never expire.

In the game room, simulated golf courses are projected on movie screens. Tee off and hit your ball directly into the screen. Computers will track your ball and simulate where it will land, just like on the golf course. And just like at the golf course. course, you must reserve your tee time if you want to play

Perhaps you've imagined yourself racing in the Indy 500. In the game rooms, you can race in simulations against your friends to see which of you is the best driver, or you can climb into a full-size race car by yourself and get the total experi-

Whatever sport interests you,: water-skiing, hang-gliding, fishing, or white-water rafting, the game room has an electronic simulation to allow you to experience it. If your interests are in more traditional video games, pin ball or skee ball, the game room has those, too.

Just in case billiards, ping-pong, darts and electronic games are not enough to entertain you, Jillian's is added The Tower to the entertain added The Tower to the entertainment complex on March 11. There are four additional floors. One will have a jazz bar with live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. There are two new dance clubs: the Atlas club, a '90s technodance club, and the Love shack, a '70s retro-dance club. There is a floor with a show-tune piano bar

and a retro-cigar and martini lounge.

Plan to arrive early, at least by 7
p.m. on a weekend when you visit Jillian's. Anyone arriving after that time will find themselves waiting to park, waiting to eat, or, if you arrive after 9 p.m., just waiting in line to

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more players. Friday-Saturday 6 p.m.-2 a.m. \$5

per hour, per person for 1-2 players \$4.50 per hour, per person for 3

NKU students attending to the final stretch

Justin Braxton-Brown

With just under a month of school left, some Northern Kentucky University students are putting their noses to the grindstone while others are looking for

a way out.

Now that spring break is over, the focus is on the finish line.

In just under a month, spring semester at NKU will come to a close. With semester's end comes

Typically, this is the time students become extremely focused on their classes as the semester runs down idents who have not attend-

ed class regularly must either get to work or withdraw.

International studies major

He just showed up again vester-

According , to Koenig, the classes in dents dance did not fluctuate before and spring break were those classes with atten-

poli-

"A lot of my teachers have olicies," Koenig said. "I never

A survey completed by 44

attend class sporadically and 70 percent said that they attended class most of

"There is a guy in one of my classes who had missed about two weeks of class. He just showed up yesterday.'

-Margo Koenig change from "most of the time" and "all

With

dents

Freshman elementary educa-tion major Nicole Whetzel said. "I noticed people are showing up to class more frequently now that

According to Whetzel, the classes that she noticed the largest change were those without attendance policies.

"In one class, we have an lose points for absences,' Whetzel said. "I don't like attendance policies because I feel like they are removing my choice because others exploited theirs But I see the reason they exist."
Twenty-two percent of the par

ticipants surveyed said that they

ticipants surveyed said that they have dropped or plan to drop credit hours this semester.

Only one person who had dropped a class reported they attend class all the time.

Literature professor Kristine Yohe said, "I know a strict attendance policy makes a differ-

ence;I have found that out through my teaching."
"It is based on my own experi-ence as a student if the teacher

cares, students attend the class-"Yohe said.
Of the 44 students surveyed,

students' top reason for not attending class include, "didn't feel like it, lack of desire and did not have the homework done." Those who did not attend regu-

larly were the students who more frequently dropped credit hours from their schedule

The most commonly occurring answer for reasons that the par-ticipants did not attend class was, "I was tired."

The most common reason that participants stated for dropping a class was overwhelmingly, "Too hard."

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NKU student heads to Cancun compliments of KISS

Spring break started a little early for Sarah Ulm, a sophomore elemen-tary education major. The winner of the KISS 107FM spring break contest jetted with a friend to Cancun on March 10 for fun and sun with the MTV crew and many of music's top

sponsored by KISS107FM in con-junction with MTV, on March 4. The prize package included airfare, hotel accommodations and backstage pass-es to MTV events for two people in Cancun, Mexico.

Melissa McElroy, promotions director for KISS 107FM, estimated that the prize package is valued at around \$2,000.UIm admitted that she

is not a devout KISS listener.
"I was just flipping through stations and they were talking about the trip. I had a couple of weeks, so I thought I would try," she said.

By being caller number 10, Ulm

won several prizes and qualified for the grand prize. "I won two beach chairs, a beach umbrella, a cooler and a grill," Ulm said.

She listened the following Thursday morning for the winner of

By Jeff C. Gardiner

Ravenous is a sick and twis movie for sick and twisted people.

Unless you're the kind of person who enjoys movies, with no plot and no literary value whatsoever, Ravenous is not a movie you want

Set in the mid-1800s during the

Nevada Mountains of

around the time of

The regime soon finds itself

under siege by one man who has developed a serious jones for his fellow man's flesh.

The story is formed out of the ancient ritual of cannibalism, com-

Meanderthal man.

The theory is that by eating the meat of another human, you gain that person's strength and knowl-

hunger for more knowledge and

Mexican-American War, Ravenous is a story about cannibalism. For some reason, a group of out-cast American soldiers has found itself stationed in a fort in the

Ravenous flickers at the box



Sarah Ulm, a sophomore education major and Dave Caddell, a junior political science major, enjoy a day at the beach during their free trip to Cancun, Mexico

According to McElroy, only five people qualified for the grand prize.
Ulm said her phone rang around 8:30
a.m. with the announcement from the

"I was so excited." Utm said. She ited Dave Caddell, a junior politi

cal science major, on her prize vaca-tion. Caddell said, "I had never **Horrible Raves**

There is just as much blood and guts as the typical "slasher" movie without the presence of a killer who

rises from the dead 13 or 14 times. The only difference is that this scenario is a bit more believable than the average blood and guts

It is tough to overcome the lack

of a decent plot in this movie, espe-cially with the absence of any big-

The only recognizable face in the film is that of David Arquette, more commonly known as the 1-800-CALL-ATT guy. Even Arquette,

ot have enough star power

save this movie.

Ravenous is doomed to a life in the \$2.50 theater and in the clear-ance bins at local video outlets. So if you're looking for a way to

waste an hour-and-a-half of your

life, as well as at least \$7.50, Ravenous could be the best way to spend your Friday night.

However, if you're sickened by poor acting and poor directing, it may be in your best interest to take

in a more interesting movie, as It's a Wonderful Life or Fried

known anyone who had won something like this before Both Caddell and Ulm had no

plans for spring break We wanted to go to Florida but

didn't have any money," Ulm said.
Their vacation started on March 10
and they returned on March 14.

Several events were staged by

a rock-n-roll fashion show that mixed live music performances, cool clothes and top models on the runway. 'N SYNC, Busta Rhymes, 98 Degrees

and Eminem provided performances Jerry Springer hosted two episodes "MTV Spring Break '99" guaranteed to bring out the best and worst of from WCW also took to the sand for an all-out brawl to decide who was King of the Beach. Wrestlers from WCW also took to the sand for an allout brawl to decide who was King of the Beach. Two episodes of MTV's newest game show, "Blame Game," were hosted. This game decides who to blame when a relationship

Ulm admits that they did not par-

ticipate in many of the events.

"All the events were very early in the morning, around 8:30 a.m. We weren't going to get up that early,'

ssing the events did not detract from their appreciation of Cancun

"It was gorgeous. It was like par-adise. The water was clear and the temperature was 85 and not humid,"

Caddell said, "I definitely plan to

back someday."
MTV televised the Cancun activi-Jamaica and aboard an MTV cruise, during their spring break program-ming March 19-21.

ming March 19-21.

McElroy said, "We are the only station on the market [in Cincinnati] to do anything like this. We are the official spring break station in Cincinnati," McElroy said.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, April 1:
NKU Jazz James Ensemble. Jam Bunte, conductor.

p.m. Greaves
Concert Hall.
Phi Beta Lambda
meeting. 3:15 p.m.
UC 303.
Students Together

Against 7:30 p. Norse Room Commons

Women Transition support group meeting. 12:15-1:30 p.m. UC 232.

Monday, April 5: • NKU Facul Faculty Brass Quintet. 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall.

• Les causeries du lundi, French conversation hour. p.m. Landrum 531.

Tuesday, April 6:
NKU Preparatory Department Honors Recital 7 p.m. Concert Greaves Hall

Common Ground meeting. UC 303. 4-5 p.m.

Deutsche Kaffestunde, German conversa-tion hour. 1:30 p.m. Landrum 531.

Wednesday, Apr. 7: cion, Spanish conversation hour. 2 p.m. Landrum 531. Hora de conversa-• AA meeting. 11 a.m.-12p.m. UC 232.

I am woman...



Senior Laurel Hagner's 3-D sculpture entitled, "20th Century American Goddess," is currently on display in the third floor gallery of the Fine Arts building.

Features Quote of the Week:

"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort."

-- Herm Albright

Collegeclub merges with MCI 'benefits' students

By Rick Amburgey

in San Diego, Calif., joined forces with MC1 Communications to bring stu-dents an advanced and unique communication device - completely free at www.collegeclub.com.

Among the many things that this merger offers is email, voice mail and the ability to actually hear your email through the telephone, a service no other email provider can claim. In addition to offering these services absolutely free. Collegeclub also offers students many opportunities to make money and win various prizes through contests which regularly run on the website.

Collegeclub originally started in 1993 by a group of students in San Diego who were interested in improving their school's communication sys tem. It has grown to having almost a million members and averages over 2 million page views every day, according to Jo Jo Platt, Collegeclub's mar-

eting manager. Platt said that Collegeclub is son

thing that would benefit every student at Northern Kentucky University "Collegeclub is excited to be a of Northern Kentucky University. cited to be a part

our goal to provide cutting-edge com munications solutions to college students everywhere. With the rigorous demands of a college schedule, work and friends, Collegeclub provides so many different ways for students to keep in touch," Platt said.

keep in touch." Platt said.
Kentucky is currently responsible
for 2,163 Collegeclub members, with
177 of those attending NKU. The
numbers grow daily. Collegeclub
averages 2,000 new members every
day and according to Collegeclub statistics, NKU has logged 62 new mem-bers since the beginning of this semes

al coordinator for this area, is also pleased that NKU is part of the Collegeclub family and he has high hopes for the future.

hopes for the future.

"A personalized web page for Northern Kentucky University has been created. Learn about upcoming events, cool links, controversial questions, plus a whole lot more. The web page is maintained by a Collegeclub campus rep who is also a student at NKU," Meadows said.

students are the real driving force behind Collegeclub's success nation

dents for the students to have the students' voices heard. Most of the ideas [for Collegeclub] come from the stu-dents themselves. Of course, ideas are also coming from the internal workforce as well. Where we differ is that the students are the best ones for ideas because they are a part of the 'college life.' They know what works and what doesn't a lot better than people who are stuck behind a desk making all the toesn't a for better than people who are stuck behind a desk making all the decisions," Meadows said. However, Meadows firmly believes

that groups are the most important part of Collegeclub. According to Collegeclub records, there are current-ly more than 13,000 groups.

by more than 13,000 groups.

"Groups are probably the most important part of the site. How a group works is that any CC member can create a group about anything that interests them. If there is an interest that a college student would be interested that, there is probably a group you can join. If there isn't, you can create one your-self." Meadows said.

Meadows said that although groups allow students across the country with

The possibilities are limitless. Many student organizations, both local or national use groups to run meetings, send out info, memos, reminders or anything. Some of the organizations that are doing this are student government, fraternities and sororities. What ment, traterinues and sororiues. What is great is they can communicate with another student organization at another school or in another state," Meadows

Meadows said that one of the many benefits of Collegeclub is that mem-bers can not only find others that have similar interests, but also have the ability to find students who live in same area, or even go to the s school. However, many members find themselves making friends nation-wide, like San Francisco student Elina

dream—to unite college students from all over the country— and inviting all of us to be a part of it. I've made some wonderful friends, and have more than wonserru menos, and nave more may once that someone could invent a way to reach through the monitor and give hugs, "Patter said. Justin Coriddi, a student in Tallahassee. Florida, feels the same about his Collegeclub friends. "I think what makes CC home for me

people on here. Even though I've never met them, I feel like they are some of my closest friends. All of the other things that CC has to offer can be found other places, but the sense of the community that we have here is something no other place can duplicate, Coriddi said. Often, those friendships gradually

evolve into something more romantic. After all, the ability to talk to local people make matchmaking simple. However, Jennifer Ziffer, who attends Hofstra University in New York, took it even one step farther. One of her Collegeclub friends, Stu, came to visit her one year for her birthday.

"[We] discovered that the online feel-

ings were the same in real life as online," Ziffer said. In a twist of fate, Stu's car broke down after he made it to New York.

down after he made it to New York. The feelings grew between the two during that week and Stu, who lived in New Mexico, decided to stay in New York and make a life with Jennifer. The two moved into an apartment together and later were married. Collegeclub.com, or anyone with ques-tions can contact regional coordinator John Meadows at jdmeadows@col-legeclub.com.

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Move over men: Women taking center stage in sports



Bruce Reller

Sports have always been fun and exciting to watch, but since

and exciting to watch, but since women's sports have gained pop-ularity, the development of sports is looking better. Over the past few years, women's sports have started to gain popularity in the media, on television and on the radio. Women's sports are finally get-ting recognized because of the

ting recognized because of

popularity of such sports as bas-ketball, tennis and golf.

During the NCAA Division I basketball tournament, ESPN has been covering the women's

ESPN2 televised the NCAA ivision II Women's Championship two weeks ago.

Also, women's tennis and the Women's National Basketball Association are getting national media coverage and I notice when I'm watching a women's basket-ball game there are respectable crowds at the games. People from all over are coming

Women's sports are in the spot-light, and they are finally getting the respect they deserve from the media.

When the Tennessee Lady Volunteers won their third straight college basketball championship, the media was all over it most and

It covered the trophy presenta-

tion, the team celebration and other events.

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team won the Great Lakes Regional Championship a deew weeks ago.When NKU got to the championship, our local television stations— channels 5, 9, 12 and 19- each covered the game in

and 19- each covered the game in their news casts. Also, the Arkansas *Democrat-Gazette* had full coverage of the Division II Elite Eight basketball

Division II Elite Eight basketball tournament in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Men's sports are not the only popular sports out there; women's sports are becoming more and more popular.

NKU women's sports are definitely getting popular. The women's volleyball, soccer, then have and basketball teams have won their conference champi-onships over the course of this

The volleyball and basketball teams advanced to their respec

tive NCAA tournaments.

I enjoy watching sports on TV, reading about it in the newspaper and especially covering the teams

and especially evering the teams at the games. Since I started watching and reading about women's sports, I have a new outlook on them.

It is very exciting to see two teams play, especially the physi-cal and hard-working play of the

teams.

The media is getting involved to cover women's games, and in doing that, people are coming to watch them play. If this keeps happening, women's sports might just become as popular as men's

As singer Aretha Franklin would put it, shey are definitely getting a lot of R-E-S-P-E-C-T.



Jeff McCurry The Northerne

PICK 'EM OFF: A Union College baserunner slides back safely ahead of the tag by NKU first baseman Scott Berryman. NKU won the first game, but then lost the second game of the doubleheader.

Baseball team stumbles in GLVC play at Lewis

The Northern Kentucky University

The Northern Kentucky University baseball team completed a busy week which saw the team win five in a row, then drop three straight.

NKU opened the week last Sunday by dropping a doubleheader to the Cougars. SIUE hammered NKU pitching in the first game in an 18-2 rout. In the second game, the Cougars went 11 innings to put away the Norse 4.3. the Norse, 4-3

nkU returned home on Monday and swept a doubleheader from the Bearcats of Brescia College by the scores of 4-3 and 5-0. Josh Whaley and Michael Sanders picked up wins for NKII

On Tuesday, NKU played host to Kentucky State at Friendship Field. Behind the pitching of Jason

In the second game. Shaun Fausz

In the second game, Shaun Fausz shut down the Thoroughbred attack as NKU comped, 8-3.

On Wednesday, NKU hosted Union College. The Norse came back from a three-run deficit to defeat Union, 5-4. Mark Cain picked up the win for NKU.

In the second game, despite two home runs from Beau Brake, Union hung on to defeat NKU, 9-6.

On Saturday, NKU went to Romeoville, Illinois and dropped two games to Lewis University.

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The Norse were shut out in the first game, 6-0. The Flyers went into overtime to beat NKU in the night-cap, 7-6 in 10 innings.

With the losses, NKU stands at 12-

11 for the season (0.6 GLVC)

Norse sign new recruits for volleyball, soccer Sheehan signs three All-Staters, adds a transfer

By Elden May

The spring signing period has brought new faces to the NKU vol-leyball and men's and women's soc-

er teams.
The volleyball Norse must replace departed seniors Kim Jones and Molly Donovan. Donovan left as the all-time leader in assists at NKU. The newest candidate to replace

Donovan is Tracey White. White, a setter from Pinceton High School, signed a letter of intent to play for NKU this fall.

White was named to the first team All-Greater Miami Conference last season and was the team's most valuable player in both her junior and senior seasons. She also led the Vikings to three district champi-onships in her career. The Norse have also signed Tara Bach from Simon Kenton High

Bach from Simon Kenton High School. Bach is a defensive player. Bob Sheehan's women's soccer team signed five players last week and could add a transfer later. The Norse, coming off a 16-3-3 season that saw them win the GLVC title, lost seniors Lisa Schmidt and All-Central region performer Kelly

Magee.
The newest class includes Hope
Bushelman, Carey Hebbeler, Karma

Gastright, Jill Johannigman and Kristen Noakes. Bushelman is from Cincinnati McNicholas High School. She was

the team's most valuable player last season and earned Girls' Greater Catholic League honors. Hebbeler was a first-team All-State

selection this season at Notre Dame Academy. She also led the Pandas to regional titles in both 1997 and Gastright was also a first team All-

Gastright was also a first team All-state selection this season. Gastright was also Oldham County's most valuable player day. In the construction of the construction of the ing her junior and senior years. Johannigman is from Seton High School in Cincinnati. She was named to the All-GCCL team.

Noakes hails from Dixie Heights High School. At Dixie, She was named to the Kentucky All-State team.

The team also expects to pick up the services of Jennifer Wilhelm. Wilhelm, from McNicholas High School, played the previous two seasons at Wright State University. She is a defenseman.

The men's soccer team announced the signing of one player. The Norse must replace departed seniors Pat Tully, Randy Laws and Steve

Jeff Anderson, from LaSalle High School, signed a letter of intent. Anderson was a first team All-City selection last season. He was also named first team All-

Greater Cincinnati League and was a second-team All-State selection in Ohio. He is also LaSalle's all-time



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The Northerner Players of the Week



Jeff McCurry Left: Kim Bina Bina is a major reason for the softball team's fast start this season. Bina, primarily a pitcher, carried a record of 3-2 into the weekend for NKU.

Right: Beau Brake Union College last Wednesday



Upcoming Games NKU Baseball

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Friday, April 2

Saturday, April 6

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NKU Softball Friday, April 2 Saturday, April 3 Tuesday, April 6 at Kentucky Wesleyan Bellarmine Indianapolis

NKU Tennis

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Sports Wrap-up

Softball
The NKU women's softball team
extended its winning streak this
week when it took on IndianaPurdue at Ft. Wayne, College of Mt. St. Joseph and Lewis. The Norse swept both ends of a double header last Sunday against the Mastodons at Riverstar Park.

Tennis The NKU tennis team stretched its winning streak, as the team defeat-ed Sinclair and Hanover this week. The team now stands at 5-3 on the season.

GOLF

The Norse golf team finished 11th out of 17 teams in the Division II District IV tournament at Lafavette. Indiana. Ryan Perry was the lo scorer for NKU with a 159.

Softball field scheduled for 2000 opening

Project behind schedule but should be complete on time

By Max Dawson

The new softball field, under construction since December 1998, will help the women's soft-ball team from a recruiting standpoint, according to Northern Kentucky University Athletic Director Jane Meier.

Meier pointed out that Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati don't have women's fast pitch softball in their respective athletic programs. Having a sottball facility at NKU will help attract some of the better players from the Tri-state area, Meier said.

said.
"When you don't have a real facility, it doesn't feel like a real program," Meier said. The new field will help players feel important and valued by the university. "It will make them feel like they belong in the athletic program," Meier added.

Although construction of the new field has fallen slightly behind schedule, the field will be finished in the fall of 1999 and be ready for play for the spring 2000

In the meantime, the Norse softball team has been dividing its ball team has been dividing its home games between River Star park, near Coney Island, and the intramural field on campus. More recently, the softball team has had problems finding time to schedule practices and games on their home field on campus because of conflicts with Campus Recreation Planning

Besides, the intramural field is not up to standards for an intercollegiate contest, according to

Meier.

The new field, like the baseball field, will meet intercollegiate field standards. In addition, the new field will have an underground irrigation and drainage

According to Meier, the new and progress of the program. 1993 Gender Equity Study conducted by the Athletic Council. This recommendation is in com-

pliance with Title IX.

Meier said the new field is a sign that gender equity is improving in the athletic department.

The construction of the field is being funded by the student fees NKU students pay along with their tuition, Meier said. The field shows student money work-

ing for the students.

The five-year delay in response to the recommendation of the Athletic Council is a result of the fact, rather than the excuse, of the the lack of funds. "Things eventually work themselves out," Meier said.

Meier said.

Meier holds hopes for the new softball field. She said she hopes for NKU to host the touring U.S.

game. Since the new field will be

game. Since the new field will be up to intercollegiate standards, NKU could host the regional tournament in the future. In addition, Meier said she thinks that NKU will be more competitive at the conference and regional level, and hopefully even nationally someday as a result of the attractiveness of the new soft the attractiveness of the new soft-ball facility. At any rate, Meier said she thinks the new field and its ability to attract top-notch, quality players could elevate the softball team to the top third of

their conference.

Meier also said she envisions the new field as a money maker. the new field as a money maker. Renting the field during the sum-mer for camps and leagues will not only bring money, but it will also attract people to NKU. Meier said. This will help generate addi-tional funds for the softball and athletic programs that aren't being produced by the intramural field. Game, Set, Match...

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IMAGE IS EVERYTHING: An NKU tennis player returns a serve

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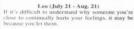
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Aries (March 21 - April 20)
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Taurus (April 21 - May 20) pressure you are feeling at work or home may f your own making. Stop worrying what one else thinks and do what needs to be done.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) minis are known for their quick minds and aptability, but they also need security. Look to past for the answer to a current problem.





Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22) new plants to spruce up your home. If ling really industrious, check out the lo-and make plans for a garden.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

ife is a journey, and every once in a while ind yourself on a strange path. There is no har aploring new interests.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
positive attitude works wonders when you are
ing to accomplish difficult tasks. Artistic
ams may soon become a reality.

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

L've been on a downward spiral emotionally. It
me to step back from your troubles and help
worn else.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) of what is going on around you. It isn't to be sensible, but it will keep you out

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) of art times in life when you should treat your of a little fun and stop worrying about things annot change.

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