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NKU Braces for Possible 2 Percent Budget Cut

By Michael Bunzel
Editor-in-Chief

Less than two weeks after more than 1,000 students converged on Frankfort to protest the possibility of future budget cuts to higher education, Governor Brereton Jones told state universities to prepare for a possible 2 percent cut.

Jones has told university presidents to draw up contingency plans for a possible cut by Nov. 6.

With this cut NKU could expect to lose an additional \$473,400 in state funding.

This cut could cause some activities and programs to be cut, university officials said.

Elzie Barker, NKU's director of budget, said at President Leon Boothe's staff meeting Oct. 22 it was unclear as to what would be listed in the university's contingency plan.

"The plan may focus on some measures to accomplish temporary expenditure reductions as in the past," Barker said. "However we would also have

to consider how to develop a plan of reductions on a recurring permanent basis."

For example a continuing freeze on hiring, delays in equipment purchases and cutting back on general operating expenses are several options which might be sustainable on a permanent basis, he said.

Although the protection of the classroom still holds the highest priority, even that promise is becoming harder to keep, Barker said.

"With continuing reductions of this type that objective is becoming more and more difficult to achieve," he added.

Budget experts within the Jones' administration predict a possible \$70 million revenue shortfall for the fiscal year that began July 1.

Frank Ashley, Jones' press secretary, said the governor is committed to preserving education.

"He said he is hopeful there will not be any further budget cuts," Ashley said.

But, Ashley added, if there

is a revenue shortfall, the governor is required by law to submit a balanced budget.

The student rally organized by student governments from the eight state institutions to show student opposition to further cuts did have some impact, according to Norman L. Snider, director for communication services for the Council on Higher Education.

Snider said the rally was valuable and Gov. Jones has looked at every possible option besides having to cut higher education, Snider said.

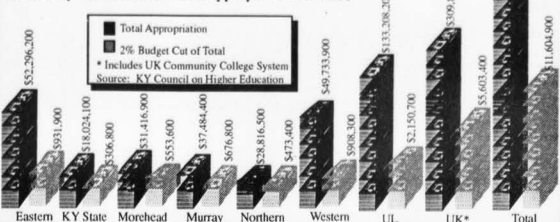
However, Rocky Saccone, vice president for student government and an organizer of the rally at NKU, said he was dismayed at the governor's announcement.

"We went down there and did what we wanted, but did anyone listen?" Saccone said.

"We're going to continue our fight to save higher education from cuts," he said. "We're not willing to see the quality of our education suffer."

"I would like to think the

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student rally sent a good message to the governor and when it comes time to make a decision on cuts the governor's office will remember the message students delivered," said Bill Lamb, acting vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

But, Lamb added, the possible 2 percent cut is one which will affect every area in the

state.

"It's like shooting off a shotgun, no funding area in Kentucky was excluded," Lamb said.

The student affairs office, which handles financial aid, intercollegiate athletics, and residential life, may have to face cuts in certain areas, Lamb said.

"The quality of some services

means we'll have to cut services in one area to maintain services in another," he said.

"But, we haven't made any of those decisions yet," he added.

The university does not want to cancel classes that would prohibit a student's potential to graduate on time, said Peter Hollister, vice president for

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Residents Getting Back on Track After Fire Destroys Dorm Home

By Stacy Durbin
Executive Editor

After losing most of their possessions in last weekend's residence hall fire, Chris Saunders and Brock Schneider said they are trying hard to get their life back to normal.

"It's not easy," Saunders said. "I lost basically everything." Everything included his books, clothes, electrical equipment, bedsheets and even some posters on the walls.

The Cold Spring Fire Department said the blaze was caused by a loose plug from the refrigerator to the outlet. The outlet was located near the bed and officials said they think the bedsheets may have sparked the fire.

The refrigerators are owned by NKU, but Saunders said the office of residential life is trying to blame it on him and Schneider.

"They're saying we plugged it in wrong," Saunders said. "They say it wasn't their refrigerator, even though it has NKU painted all over it."

Not only does Saunders say NKU officials are directing the blame to them, Saunders said they aren't being helpful.

Acting Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Bill Lamb is the only exception, Saunders said.

The university does not claim responsibility for resident's property, according to Director of Residential Life Patty Hayden, reading from a housing agreement that is signed by the resident.

Nor does the university agree to offer insurance to the residents.

"We have a company that sends us brochures . . . about services they have to offer,"

she said.

In the 1991-92 Housing Agreement, Section 13, it states the university "does not assume responsibility for the resident's or other persons' loss of money or valuables, or for damage to the personal property within the Residence Halls."

Further, the agreement advises residents to contact an

insurance carrier about that type of insurance.

"If the resident is not covered by insurance for loss of personal property through policies held by the resident or the resident's family, the university recommends that the resident contact an insurance carrier concerning the availability of protection against such losses."

"Brock is covered (by his parents' insurance policy) and I'm not," Saunders said.

The office of residential life sends out those brochures when they do mass mailings, according to Hayden.

They also give the brochures to students upon request, she added.

The students were given a \$100 emergency student loan, according to Vice President of Administrative Affairs Carla Chance.

The loan was processed immediately, said Lamb.

Lamb also said one of the students asked to charge some books to the bookstore and Saunders said he has taken advantage of that.



This is what is left of Bluegrass room 201 after a fire swept through it last weekend. The outlet that is thought to have caused the blaze can be seen in the lower right of the picture. *Northerner* photo by Kelli Milligan.

Students Priority, Says Senator Ford

By Lee McGinley
Staff Writer

Students make a difference, U.S. Senator Wendell Ford (D-Ky.) told an audience that filled University Center Theater Friday.

"When you and I fail to take responsibility for our government," Ford said, "it becomes nothing more than a machine that traps people into lives of mediocrity or lets them slip through the cracks through ob-

scurity. When this happens, we all have failed."

Ford further backed his belief in the country's youth by citing examples of how young people have worked for change.

"During World War II, they carried the fate of Europe in their hands," Ford said. "In the 1960s, they turned this country, as we knew it, upside down. In 1968, when Kentucky was firmly into the hands of the Republican party, it was the young people of this state who

worked in precincts with me to take back the state for Democrats."

Ford talked about his interest in the environment.

"I started out in public service because I had an opinion of where I wanted to see my community, my state and my nation go," Ford said.

"I wanted to preserve the traditions that make this state home to so many good people."

He said he wants this generation to be able to enjoy the same

things his generation did.

As chairman of the rules committee and chairman on the joint committee on printing, Ford said he has been able to reduce the cost the federal government spends annually on printing.

"We were able to reduce, in a two year period, the cost of government printing by \$500 million of budgeted money."

Following Ford's speech,

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NKU student Mike Michalak, right, shakes hands with Senator Wendell Ford after Ford's speech Friday. *Northerner* photo by Derks.

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NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

Nazi Loyalist Says Jew Killing a Lie

By George Boehmer
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — A World War II general known for his loyalty to Hitler has been sentenced to a year and 10 months in prison for claiming the Nazis did not persecute Jews, an official said Friday.

Otto-Ernst Remer, 80, was sentenced Thursday after being convicted the same day of inciting the public and spreading racial hatred, said Schweinfurt deputy chief prosecutor Norbert Baumann.

Remer published pamphlets

claiming that persecution of the Jews under the Nazis "was a lie spread by the victorious Allies and Jews to force Germans to pay reparations," Baumann said by telephone from his office in the Bavarian city.

Remer remains free pending appeal, Baumann said. The elderly Remer figured prominently in the suppression of the 1944 plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

After hearing of the plot at his Wolf's Lair bunker in what is now Poland, Hitler phoned Remer in Berlin and, after promoting him to colonel, ordered

him to help round up supporters of the plot in the German capital.

Remer played a major role in squelching the coup attempt, U.S. historian William L. Shirer says in his book "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich."

Col. Claus Schenk von Stauffenberg, the plot leader, and dozens of other officers were executed.

Remer, promoted to major general before the war ended, was never charged as a war criminal.

Sinead O'Connor Gives Historial Perspective on Child Abuse in Letter

NEW YORK (AP) — Sinead O'Connor's not finished talking.

The controversial Irish singer, after canceling a scheduled London news conference, released an open letter here Friday which blamed the British and the Catholic Church for the problems of her upbringing and her homeland.

"The cause of my abuse is the history of my people, whose identity and culture were taken away from them by the British with full permission from The 'Holy' Roman Empire. Which they gave for money and in the name of Jesus Christ," reads the letter, which runs 10 paragraphs.

The Catholic Church have controlled us by controlling edu-

cation. Through their teachings on sexuality, marriage, birth control and abortion. And most spectacularly through the lies they taught us with their history books."

O'Connor believes church dogma leads to unwanted children, which leads to child abuse. The statement in some ways echoed one released in London a day earlier on the whole controversy.

The effect of the letter remains to be seen. O'Connor has become a target since she tore up a picture of the pope on "Saturday Night Live" this month; she was booed offstage at a Bob Dylan tribute, among other insults.

The decision to cancel the news conference was made

shortly before the singer was scheduled to meet with reporters.

"After a lot of soul-searching she decided to cancel because it was decided a letter to newspapers would be a better way of getting her views across," said a spokeswoman from her record label, Chrysalis.

O'Connor, who says she was abused as a child by her parents, opened her letter, "The only reason I ever opened my mouth to sing was so that I could tell my story and have it heard. ... If the truth remains hidden than the brutality under which I grew up will continue for thousands of Irish children."

She closes it, "God IS Truth."

Doctor Expected to Surrender After AIDS Conviction

Overseas Doctor Gave Tainted Blood to US Servicemen

BOSTON (AP) — A French doctor currently living in Brookline faces four years in prison in his homeland for allowing hundreds of hemophiliacs to receive AIDS-tainted blood, U.S. foreign service officials said.

Dr. Michel Garretta, former director of France's blood trans-

fusion center, has been living in suburban Brookline while working in the United States.

Garretta was the key defendant among four former health officials tried last summer after more than 250 hemophiliacs died from AIDS contracted from tainted blood. Two received lighter sentences Friday, and one was acquitted.

Garretta was expected to surrender to authorities at the French embassy, his wife said Friday.

He and a co-defendant, Jean-

"We are doctors who take care of people. This

kind of thing has happened all over the world."

— Mrs. Garretta
Wife of Dr. Michel Garretta

Pierre Allain, were ordered to pay \$1.8 million in compensation to victims and their families. He was also fined 100,000.

He could not be reached for comment but his wife told French television that he

planned to turn himself in promptly.

"I think it's political, the judgment," said Mrs. Garretta, who declined to give her first name. "It is not a good moment."

She refused to say where her husband was but defended his actions as a doctor.

"We did the best we could at the time," she said. "We are doctors who take care of people. This kind of thing has happened all over the world."

The case against Garretta was brought on behalf of 1,200 hemophiliacs given blood transfusions by the National Center for Blood Transfusions in 1985 from stocks that officials knew were contaminated with the HIV virus, which causes

AIDS.

Garretta had been on the board of directors of Haemonetics, a company that makes blood processing equipment in Baintree. He resigned several months ago, according to a company official, who would not give his name.

It was unclear what work he was presently doing in the United States.

Officials at the French consulate in Boston said late Friday they had not been in contact with the doctor.

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NOVEMBER 20**

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Features

A New Sorority At NKU?

By Katie Heywood
Staff Writer

Growing interest in Greek life at NKU prompted a group of women to think about forming a new sorority on campus.

The desire to add another organization to NKU united other Greek organizations, according to Betty Mulkey, student organizations coordinator.

"We now have a number of energetic women who are willing to put forth the effort and make it a reality," she said.

All three sororities exceeded the number of spaces available for membership this year.

"Due to the enormous growth of our chapters, the current sororities are cramped into the small meeting rooms available in the University Center,"

Mulkey said.

In this year alone, pledging increased by 26 percent over last year.

The number of women pledging in 1991 doubled the number of women who pledged just two years before.

"The economy is not affecting our sororities at NKU, even though nationwide membership numbers have decreased," Mulkey added.

Sororities on NKU's campus are growing for a good reason, she said.

"Sororities are not just providing a social experience anymore, not only do they provide a close sisterhood but they provide a critical network with friends, alumnae, and community contacts," Mulkey said.

"What's impressive about

Sigma Gamma Tau is their desire to form a bond between women who seek to be leaders," Mulkey said.

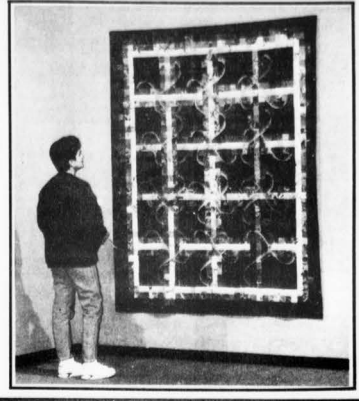
"I expect Sigma Gamma Tau to attract great numbers of outstanding leaders from NKU's campus," Stephanie Wartman, secretary of Sigma Gamma Tau, said.

"I didn't feel my personality fit into the existing sororities and I wanted to contribute something new to the university," Wartman said.

"This is a great opportunity for women who want to get in on the ground floor and make the organization what they want it to be," Mulkey said.

Students interested in Sigma Gamma Tau should, contact the Student Activities office at 572-5774.

Debbie Moellmann looks at "Sheer Rhapsody" by Libby Lehman, one of many quilts on display at the Main Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Center until Nov. 6. The exhibit is called Contemporary Quiltmakers. Photo by Laurel Derks.



"Swan Lake" Is A Splash

By Lara Kallmeyer
Features Editor

From the standing ovation and the applause that filled Music Hall it was obvious that the performance of "Swan Lake" had fulfilled every expectation of the audience.

The performers deserved every moment of praise.

The Cincinnati Ballet opened its 30th Anniversary Season with a full performance of "Swan Lake" this past weekend.

"Swan Lake" is the story of a prince, who upon his 21st birthday must choose a bride. The prince decides to go hunting before his royal celebration and he finds a swan with the face of a beautiful woman.

The swan is really Princess Odette under a spell cast by the evil Von Rothbart that can only be broken by true love. The prince swears his love to her but at his royal celebration Von Rothbart tricks him

into believing the evil Odile, who is the exact double of Odette, is the true swan he fell in love with.

The prince swears his love to Odile then realizes he has been tricked and goes to find Odette.

Odette realizes she will now forever be a swan and says she will drown herself in the lake. The prince joins her in death as the other swans kill Von Rothbart. The souls of Odette and the prince are united in everlasting love.

With Rebecca Rodriguez performing both roles of Odette and Odile and Mark Cislis performing Prince Siegfried the production was bound to be romantic and true to form.

Cislis and Rodriguez give great performances as Prince Siegfried and Odette/Odile respectively.

This performance has set a new precedent for the company to live up to in future productions.

Competition, Fitness And Fun At Health Center

By Greg Holder
Staff Reporter

Over the years, Americans have become increasingly aware of the importance of good physical health. NKU students can jog, dance, peddle, lift, and swim their way to a healthier physique by taking advantage of the services and facilities provided by the Albright Health Center.

Steve Meier, Director of Campus Recreation, oversees all aspects of the Health Center's activities and events.

"We offer a wide variety of services that will appeal to almost anyone," said Meier.

"Our weight room, indoor running track, and swimming pool are great ways for individuals to get daily exercise. We also organize intramural leagues for numerous sports like basketball, softball, flag football, soccer and others."

The intramural leagues are one of the center's most popular activities. Besides providing much needed physical exercise, the teams also provide students with a great opportunity for social interaction.

"Of all the sports we offer, basketball is definitely the most popular," said Meier. "Last year, over 650 students

participated in the men's league alone. Second place would have to go to the flag football league, which continues to grow as well."

Besides the usually scheduled activities, the Health Center periodically sponsors special events that allow students to put their athletic skills to the test. This semester's event was the second annual Reebok-NKU Decathlon.

"Our main objective at the Health Center is threefold," said Meier. "We want to give students an opportunity for recreational play, to improve their personal fitness level,

and to get to meet and know other NKU students who share their enthusiasm for individual and team athletics."

All activities and facilities of the Albright Health Center are free of charge to all currently enrolled NKU students. The center opens on weekdays at 7 a.m. and closes at 11 p.m., except on Friday, when it closes at 9 p.m. The center is also open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Students who want more information can call 572-6308 or visit the center during operating hours.

Musical Magic Saves "Pure Country"

By Scott Cook
Managing Editor

If there's one thing definite you learn in watching the movie "Pure Country" it's that George Strait should stick to country music. He can't act.

Strait makes his acting debut in the film about Dusty, a country singer whose huge success finds him straddling two worlds - the down-home place where his musical roots are set, and the glittery fast lane where his career has taken him.

It's a story that could easily be interchanged with almost any country superstar's life today.

Dusty is a huge superstar, but he feels his musical talents are lost in the smoke and lights forced into his show by his overbearing manager Lula Rogers, played by Lesley Ann Warren.

Dusty leaves the tour and returns to his home town. Along the way he loses the pony tail

and beard Lula forces him to wear.

Once home, Dusty rediscovers the simplicity of country music that made him famous and falls in love with Harley Tucker.

While Dusty is gone, Lula - in Milli Vanilli fashion - finds a stand-in to lip sync to Dusty's voice. The fans can't tell it's not Dusty on stage because of the smoke and lights.

Dusty finally returns, but not until after word gets out of Lula's shenanigans. With his career and love on the line, Dusty puts together a show to win both back.

While Strait's acting is the film's biggest liability, his musical talents are what saves the movie from being a complete disaster.

Strait recorded 10 new songs for the film and they are the only highlight of the film.

Now that Strait's tried his hand at acting, maybe he'll realize he has no future in this arena and stick to music.



Isabel Glasser (Harley), George Strait (Dusty) and Lesley Ann Warren (Lula) star in the country singer romance "Pure Country." Photo from Warner Bros.

Local Haunted Houses

• Boone County Jaycees

Where: Klencoe House behind the BP station, U.S. 42 and the I-75 exit.

When: now through Sat. Oct. 31, 7:30-11 p.m.

Cost: \$4 adults, \$3 children 12 and under

• Northern Kentucky State Vocational-Tech School

Where: 1025 Amsterdam Road, Covington

When: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, 7-11 p.m.

Cost: \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6-12

• Southgate Athletic Boosters

Where: Southgate School gymnasium at Evergreen and William Blatt Avenues

When: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, 7-10 p.m.

Cost: \$1

• Newport Recreation Department and American Legion

Where: 22 E. Sixth St., Newport

When: Saturday, Oct. 31, 7-10 p.m.

Cost: \$1 for adults and 50 cents for 12 and under

People Perspective

What is your ideal Halloween costume?



Becky Hornsby
Junior
Nursing



Scott Stewart
Junior
Communications



Leah Sharp
Junior
Business Education



Jeremy Meade
Freshman
Sports Medicine



Brandy DeLille
Sophomore
Marketing



Paul Wells
Junior
Chemistry

"A witch, I wouldn't feel as conspicuous as a bad witch."

"Mickey Mouse because I like him, and he wears cool white gloves."

"A ghost, that way nobody would know who I was."

"Vampire, because I usually don't go out until dark anyway."

Parrothead, because Jimmy Buffet is a god."

"Pirate, because I can get away with anything."

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Editorials**Where Do the Governor's Priorities Lie: With Big Business or the Future?**

Last Thursday, Governor Brereton Jones told state universities to prepare for another 2 percent cut in state funding. This announcement came just eight days after over 1,000 students from those same universities rallied on the steps of the capitol in Frankfort voicing their opposition to anymore cuts.

The irony of the situation is the day before Jones told the universities to prepare for further cuts to their budgets he pledged to help keep Covington Landing afloat because it is a vital part of Northern Kentucky.

A business in debt up to its neck can be helped, but the institutions that are the future of the state and nation are punished.

The Bernstein family that owns Covington Landing can go to Frankfort and ask for state assistance and two days later they are assured the state will do everything it can to see the entertainment complex remains in the state.

The future of the state goes to Frankfort and asks the governor for help and eight days later he says get ready for a two percent decrease in state funding. Isn't this sounding all too familiar.

It's just another case of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

It may be true that the state is experiencing a revenue shortfall, but instead of pledging to help a debt ridden business such as Covington Landing the governor and his staff should get up off their brains and start doing something for people who truly need help and stop catering to the rich.

Letters**Reader Furious About Editorial**

To the Editor:

I read with great dismay the editorial you published in your newspaper on Oct. 14. The letter, entitled "Reader Wonders What Clinton Would Bring to America," is an attempt by Chuck McFall to form an unlikely alliance between his so-called "pro-life" forces and homophobes, against Bill Clinton.

In the article, McFall uses a common ploy of the radical right to rally the forces of hate and misunderstanding, not to promote ideas but to attack others who feel differently.

McFall's single issue against Clinton is abortion. We can all forget about the window dressing and bridge-building he attempts with other single-issue minded groups.

I agree with the premise that abortion is wrong. However, an unwanted pregnancy is something neither McFall nor I will ever have to face.

I believe strongly that the issue here is not whether or not abortions will happen, but where they will take place; in a clinic under a doctor's care or in some back room with a coat-hanger.

I am decidedly pro-life where the health of the pregnant woman is concerned.

I do have other things to say about the assertions McFall makes at other points in his letter.

I encourage him to read, or reread if he has forgotten, the Constitution of the United States.

I have done so and have found no place in the document that grants the president the power to rule by decree as McFall alludes to in his article.

A president must get the Congress to go along with his

proposals, and even if he can help a bill become law, it will have to survive a review by the now conservative Supreme Court, as it will likely be challenged.

Any president, Republican or Democrat, will naturally be at odds with Congress. It is the way the system is designed.

McFall should also be aware that the federal government provides about six cents to every dollar spent in this country on public education. State, local and county funds provide 94 percent. They make the major decisions on curriculum.

I don't see where our schools currently teach that homosexuality isn't natural and I can't foresee them teaching that it is. If parents are truly concerned, I encourage them to get involved in their child's education through active participation, both at home and in the community.

McFall also believes that the election of Gov. Clinton to the presidency would have a "devastating effect on America." There is ample evidence that the 12 years of the Bush/Reagan administration has had such an effect.

Record unemployment, record underemployment and record deficits, sapping investment dollars needed for an ailing economy are but a few of the problems they have helped create.

Do the American people need to be reminded about two presidents crying out for a balanced budget amendment on one hand, while submitting budgets with deficits ranging from \$200 to \$361 billion dollars with the other?

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Opinion/Letters**Undergrads Robbed of Education**

By Martin Anderson

Today's university students seem to be a forbearing, forgiving lot. Subject to callous exploitation and victims of one of the biggest ripoffs in America, they are remarkably silent. And perhaps for good reason, for if they speak out and protest, they are all too vulnerable to retaliation from faculty and administrators.

The victims of the rip-off are the undergraduates, especially freshmen or sophomores, the ones who are often taught and graded by other students - teaching assistants as they are euphemistically called. In a variation of the old bait-and-switch game, the universities entice potential students and their parents with tales or exceptional teaching by erudite and sometimes world-renowned professors. But when the checks are written for \$5,000, \$10,000 or sometimes over \$20,000 for a year's education, and the students are safely enrolled, the reality they find in

the classroom is not exactly what the catalog describes.

These hopeful, expectant young men and women all too often find not a professor standing in front of them, but a graduate student (sometimes an undergraduate student). While these pseudo professors rarely lecture in the large halls, they often lead the smaller class discussions where the real teaching should occur. They grade examinations and courses; they even counsel students about some of the most important choices in their lives. Is this a university education? Is this what students and parents pay tens of thousands of dollars for? Is this why students studied so hard - to be taught and counseled and graded by men and women who have not yet earned their degrees, who are not yet qualified enough to be hired by the university as a professor?

The consequences are serious. Undergraduates are cheated of the quality education they have bought and paid for.

Grades lose much of their meaning, for no one cares very much for one student's view of another, and this may be one factor in the rampant grade inflation that makes a mockery of everyone's grades. The bottom line is a cheapened degree. As long as few people catch on to the fact that university students are taught and graded to a significant extent by other students, and that high grades are commonplace, the value of the degree will hold up. But as the word spreads, and the value of many college and university degrees will become more and more suspect.

Perhaps the worst news is that it now takes the typical undergraduate close to six years to earn this quasi-bogus degree. The four-year bachelors degree has become a relic of the past, largely due to the unavailability of courses when needed and inept counseling and guidance.

Graduate students may not be cheated, but they are exploited ruthlessly. Many of them are coerced into either teaching or

performing research tasks for their professors.

Approximately 14 percent of all financial aid to graduate students comes in the form of "teaching assistantships;" an additional 38 percent is available for "research assistantships." When economic coercion fails, an increasing number of universities resort to making a certain number of semesters or quarters of teaching a requirement for a doctoral degree. The problem with all this is that teaching, even badly done, takes much preparation and time, and the time a graduate student spends teaching a professor's classes or doing a professor's research is time stolen from the pursuit of the Ph.D.

The results are predictable, tragic and little spoken of. The normal, accepted time to earn the Ph.D. is three to four years. Today, after one has received the bachelors degree, the medi-

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Hum? NKU's Mind-Boggling CampusBy Greg Vinje
Contributor and
Kimberly Vinje
Copy Editor

We were walking around campus one day when we started thinking about all the things that just don't make sense around here.

For instance, why do people put the bathroom stalls for the physically challenged at the end of a long row and not the front?

Why did I read a story in the Northern only weeks ago describing the renovations to the library that said the budget was already \$60,000 over yet there will be an outside fountain and a glass elevator?

Sticking with the library, why are there escalators that are never working?

Why can't DPS ever catch anyone stealing computers but they can catch someone parked illegally even if only for five minutes?

Why has out-of-state tuition more than doubled in four years and in-state hasn't?

Why does the registrar's office have priority registration dates for seniors, junior etc. when they don't process the forms in order?

Why is it many of the professors I give good evaluations are gone and the ones I give poor ones are still here?

Why do people complain about the quality of food at PFM yet continue to eat there? Why is it I spend over \$200 on books each semester and never use half of them and only get \$4 back?

Why does every clock on

campus show a different time?

How long will it take before people dislike country music again?

If people throw cigarettes out of car windows, what do they put in their ashtrays?

Why don't we ever have a class in ES-the early school house by President Booth's house on Nunn Drive?

Why doesn't the fountain-looking thing between Nunn Hall and the Natural Science building ever have water in it?

Was a stop light coming into campus really necessary?

Why are new dorms being built closer to campus and the parking lots further away?

Why are there no smoking signs above ashtrays in LA?

Who designed the desk chairs that swivel toward each other in LA 1107?

Whose idea was it to put

those big white things on the drives connecting parking lots and drives?

Did anyone beside us feel like correlated crows the first time they got stuck in the new fence maze in front of the library?

How long will it take before someone gets run over by someone stalking them to their parking?

Why are the room temperatures on campus never comfortable?

Why do the sprinkler systems go off at 165 degrees when flesh burns at 150-155?

Why does the budget for universities all over the country keep shrinking and the expectations for graduates rise?

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Guidelines for Writing Letters to the Editor

Readers are encouraged to submit letters and guest editorials to *The Northerner's* Opinion/Letters pages in person or by mail.

Letters should be 350 words or less, while guest editorials or columns should be 800 words or less.

Typewritten, double-

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Response from Page 4

Do they need to be reminded about the \$281 billion dollars spent last year just to service the interest on a national debt,

A debt that has quadrupled in the past 12 years from one trillion to four trillion dollars?

Do they need to be reminded about the savings and loan fiasco caused by deregulation under Reagan/ Bush?

A change is needed. Gov. Clinton provides the best hope for this change. We don't need a president who points the

finger of blame at others with one hand, and hands out pink slips with the other. We don't need a president who tells us he knows people are hurting but lacks the leadership to stop it. We don't need a president who tells us that things aren't so bad.

We don't need this Texas millionaire who is so out of touch with the people, who trusted him four years ago.

Edward Ingraham

Bet Education Suffers

Amendment One plays with charitable gaming

To the Editor:

On Nov. 3, Kentuckians will go to the polls with many decisions to make.

One in particular is to allow, by constitutional amendment, the continuation of charitable gaming in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

What is charitable gaming? Every time you have purchased a raffle ticket from a softball league, played bingo for a VFW or church, attended a Monte Carlo or Night at the Races, you have been involved in charitable gaming.

Non-profit charities in Kentucky raise between \$200 and \$400 million annually to support related citizen groups, VFW's, volunteer fire

departments and life squads, schools and all these fund-raisers will be illegal and many very fine organizations will have to cut back on services and some will cease to exist.

As an alumni, I am well aware of the spiraling cost of higher education.

If Amendment one should fail, there is a good possibility that the state will have to use some general fund money to subsidize some of these much needed organizations. That just leaves less for education.

Please get out and vote. Please vote yes on Amendment one. Help us continue to help you.

Marc Muench

Great Pumpkin Finally Found

Student worried about campus safety

To the Editor:

The crime wave that has hit our campus is growing out of control. With Halloween coming it is sure to peak at all time high. As a new student here at NKU, I am concerned about this plague of malfeasance that has disrupted the campus.

Now that I have joined the ever growing list of victims (my windshield was smashed with a pumpkin), I feel I need to speak out and give my assessment of the problem. This is not a cry for self satisfaction, this is an opportunity to educate the people around campus, and to deter this type of activity.

First off, you can not blame the police for all the crime on our campus. Take some responsibility. They cannot be every-

where at the same time. For you narrow-minded people who think all the police do is give out parking tickets, I suggest you keep that same attitude when it comes time to ask them for help.

The main issue I want to talk about is getting involved in doing your part to make this campus a safer place.

I realize the vandalism to my truck was an impulsive act, probably from a group of infantile juveniles out drinking. I know if I had witnessed an act such as the one that happened to me, I would have stepped in and made a difference. This is what I based my thoughts on. If I can look out for you, then you can look out for someone else.

See PUMPKIN Next Column

Pumpkin from

previous column

In a society where people are reluctant to get involved, there will also live a constant fear of being victimized. That very same fear could be rechanneled into a feeling of security, a feeling that you know someone is looking out for you. I am not speaking of a higher power such as God, he is always looking out for you. I am talking about the realization that you can count on you fellow man/woman.

Get involved. Don't wait until you become a victim. If you think it will not happen to you, you are sadly mistaken. We need to start looking out for

each other. To stand by and let this villainy occur, is just as bad as telling them it is OK. Take the time to look out for your fellow students.

This is a time for everyone to come together and make a difference. It all starts with the individual. Remember I'll be looking out for you.

For those of you who do not understand what the title has to do with the subject of this letter, do not fret. The title was directed toward the individual, or individuals who vandalized my truck.

Joe Seta

Clinton's Morals Questioned

Reader ponders candidate's integrity and motives

To the Editor:

Despite Democratic protests to the contrary, Bill Clinton's past actions serve as a clear reflection of his current character.

Evading military service while other members of his generation were fighting and dying in Vietnam was bad enough, but traveling to England and later to the Soviet Union in hopes of organizing protests against his own country demonstrate the amount of disdain Clinton holds for America.

Yet, to make these feelings evident in the post-Reagan era would be political suicide. So the Arkansas governor has chosen to submerge his support for the counter-culture of his youth in favor of something more in line with Norman Rockwell's America.

But make no mistake about it, underneath Clinton's respectable three-piece suit and tie, is a Nehru jacket and love beads just waiting to get out.

And, if by some disastrous course of events, he becomes president, this country will experience the force-feeding of sixties ideology from the bully pulpit of the Oval Office.

For example, under Clinton, Americans need not concern themselves with traditional family values. The former Rhodes scholar would advocate the legal recognition of any two individuals who decide to "shack up" for a Woodstock style love fest.

Never mind that both individuals are of the same sex, according to Clinton, this is just another alternative lifestyle.

Goodbye, June and Ward Cleaver, hello, Woody Allen and Mia Farrow.

And what of our nation's military?

A man who dodged military service and openly expressed contempt for the Army in his youth would hardly have the moral authority to serve as commander-in-chief.

But according to Clinton, this would not be a problem.

The role of the military would be markedly different under his administration. Instead of serving as our nation's front line of defense, the military would be used for what Clinton refers to as "more benign social purposes."

In other words, the combat ready United States Marine Corps would be transformed into an "Our Sisters of the Poor" social work brigade, complete with limp wrists and basket weave sandals.

These points, however, are only the tip of the iceberg. The choice on Nov. 3 comes down to one of two men.

George Bush, a World War II veteran of 58 combat missions and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross.

A man who has provided strong and effective leadership both at home and abroad during his four years in office, and whose long record of both public and private sector achievement is unmatched by others in high office today.

Or Bill Clinton, a draft-dodging, pot-smoking, skirt-chasing, hippie from the 1960s whose only concern during his formative years was keeping himself as safe as possible so that one day he could "slide" his way into the political limelight.

Clinton's commercials say that he wants change. You bet he does.

But comrade Clinton's idea of change is something none of us can afford.

Scott Kappas

It's Time For A Change

Boomer Must Go

By Scott Cook
Managing Editor

It's time for a change.

But I'm not talking about voting for Bill Clinton, this change has to do with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Boomer Esiason must go. After starting the season 2-0, the Bengals have lost their last five games.

A season that started out with filled with hope, has turned into a season headed for despair. Boomer is the sole reason for this.

Every team needs a leader. And in football, the quarterback is traditionally that leader.

Terry Bradshaw and Roger Staubach are the first two examples that come to my mind.

During the 1970's, football's two most powerful offenses were led by these men and annually the

Steelers and Cowboys were in the playoffs and more often than not, they were in the Super Bowl.

Boomer has teammates with talent equal to the people that played behind—and in front of—Bradshaw and Staubach, but the difference is they were leaders and Boomer is not.

He is a winner. And winners have no place in the NFL. The NFL is for men.

Boomer is no man.

A man—and leader—would step up and take responsibility for what is wrong with the Bengals offense, Boomer blames everyone on the team.

People don't respect someone who pushes the blame somewhere else. They respect a person who accepts responsibility and tries to change the situation for the better.

Do you respect Boomer?

Hum? from Page 4

Why isn't there some type of ceremony for those who graduate in December or August?

Why does it seem like every form we fill out has to be done twice because the first one gets misplaced?

Why did it take until October to get our student identification cards?

What good is a student id without a picture on it?

Why does the registrar's office spend the money to send out schedule request forms?

Why is the Administrative Center the only place that has the schedule of classes available?

Why do people getting out of class on the fourth floor of a five floor building pass up empty elevators going up when they know they'll have to wait for five down elevators before there's an empty space on one?

Why are we the only people whose food gets stuck on the

spiral of the vending machine?

Speaking of vending machines, why don't people decide what they want before they get to the front of the line?

Why do some professors feel like they have to take up the full class period when their lecture only takes fifteen minutes?

Do the people who sit by the D.W. Griffith sculpture ever go to class?

How do the people who show up to class twice (once for the mid term and once for the final) pass?

Shouldn't common sense be a required course?

If we're supposed to be the NKU Norse, why is our mascot a dragon?

Why do you always know the words to the songs you like least?

And where can we get answers to such mind-boggling questions?

Education from Page 4

all time it takes to earn a doctoral degree is 10.5 years. For women the time is 12.5 years. For African-Americans it is 14.9 years. The typical student is middle-aged before completion of the requirements for the doctoral degree.

In one sense, these statistics are the good news. Half the men and women who struggle through the Ph.D. gauntlet take longer and some of them are old when they finally receive their degree. It gets worse. We worry about the

dropout rates of 12 or 15 percent in our high schools. The dropout rate today for our doctoral degree candidates, many of the brightest young men and women in this country, is 50 percent, with most of them dropping out after spending five, six, seven or more years in pursuit of the Ph.D.

There is a way to stop the cheating of undergraduates and the exploitation of graduate students: simply prohibit the use of students as professors. "Impossible," the universities will say, "we couldn't afford it, and besides, the graduate students need teaching practice for they day when they become professors."

But the universities could afford it, by providing the same level of financial aid to graduate students, with no strings attached, if only they required their professors to teach more than a few hours a week. As for teaching "practice," less than half of all doctoral recipients ever go on to become professors. Furthermore, the time to practice should come after receiving the degree, not while pursuing it. Do medical students practice surgery? Do law students practice in court with real clients?

Some politicians have called for putting God back in the classroom. Think how much we could accomplish if we just put the professors back in the classroom.

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Sports

Penalties Surround Soccer Win

By Kevin Nichols
Sports Editor

The weather heated up as well as player's tempers when NKU's Men's soccer team battled Wilmington College last Thursday. The Norse won the game 6-1.

"It wasn't pretty," Coach John Toeppen said. "We knew we were a better team, it's just the coaches job to keep player's tempers under control."

Penalties were forming decks of yellow and red cards. Wilmington's goalie Dave Burrows and forward Dave Thibodeau were ejected from the game.

The only Norse player to be ejected was sophomore mid-fielder Jeff Gough. Gough was ejected due to an almost bench clearing brawl with the

Wilmington goalie.

The first goal in the game was scored by senior forward Todd Gruenwald. Gruenwald was assisted by a feed from senior mid-fielder Kevin Wolff.

"The game was easy today because they (Wilmington) lost so many players," he said.

"We can't take Wesleyan lightly or any other team during tournament time," He added two goals and one assist to his stat sheet.

Toeppen said he feels at this point that the team is ready for tournament action.

"We're ready," he exclaimed. "If we play to our composure, no one can beat us."

Senior mid-fielder Tom Derenthal scored a goal with an assist from Fugazzi. He scored his goal from only two attempted shots.

"It was an easy goal," he said.

"Their defense was very slow. The tempo of the game was erratic. There were lots of fouls and the game didn't have any flow."

Along with his two assists, Fugazzi also scored a goal of his own, assisted by Gruenwald.

"As a team we play 100 percent no matter what," Fugazzi said.

"A game's a game. We are playing quicker, so we are winning more. We're not quitting and we are finishing stronger."

When the game was no longer a contest tempers calmed down, but Norse goals kept on coming. Sophomore forwards Michael Tucker and Ronald Jenkins scored back to back goals.



Tim Yacks, Kirk Mason, Kevin Wolff, Paul Hillenbeite and Shawn Nease prepare for a direct kick. Photo by Laura Derks.

Rohne Runs With Norse To Successful Season

By Tom Embrey
Staff Writer

Driven. That's the first word that comes to mind when describing junior Cross Country runner Brian Rohne.

Rohne is spending his first year at NKU after transferring from Malone College in Ohio. He was one of the top runners for the Norse this year.

Rohne attended Milford High School in Milford, Ohio where he had humble beginnings as a runner.

"I've been swimming ever since I was eight," he said. "I didn't pick up running seriously until my junior year in high school."

By his senior year Rohne decided to pursue cross country

rather than swimming.

"I put two years into running and ten years into swimming, and I got all the yield in running so, I quit swimming."

Since coming to NKU, Rohne recognizes the difference between running in high school and college.

"The team (in high school) wasn't running to its expectations," he said. "I've got a team (in college) that I can depend on. They go out there and give it all they've got."

Even with all his success, Rohne still must deal with his share of disappointments. He finds strength and encouragement from his mother.

"Every time I'm doing bad

mom is there to pick me up," he said.

Rohne thinks that his improved work habits have made him a more successful runner this year.

"All I did was run (last year)," he said. "This summer I ran, of course, but I also threw in some stretches, push-ups, sit-ups and other extraneous things to make me stronger."

Rohne attributes the success he and the team experienced due to a strong belief in themselves and having lofty goals to aspire.

"There is a banner in the gym that says Cross Country National Qualifiers 1979," he said. "We looked up at that banner and said, let's put one up there for 1992."

Rohne sees himself not as a individual star, but as an integral part of a team.

"Everyone is really equal on this team," he said. "Everyone is here to run, and we have all become pretty good friends. I think we have the ideal team."

As the season drew to a close Rohne looked ahead to next season.

"I'd like to possibly win the All-Kentucky, definitely win the conference and regionals next year," he said.

"The All-American was kind of like a goal this year. Next year it's going to be more like an expectation."

Sports Briefs

Volleyball

NKU improved to 16-7 when they advanced to the semi-finals of the Mercyhurst Invitational this weekend. The Norse lost to champion Gannon in the semi-finals. Junior Peggy Ziegler was named all-tournament.

Cross Country

The NKU men's team placed fifth and the women's squad eighth at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Junior Brian Rohne earned

All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors with his second place finish in the men's division completing the 10,000 meter race in 33:10.

Men's Soccer

NKU's Men's soccer team defeated lost to conference Kentucky Wesleyan in double overtime 3-2 last Saturday. The Norse finished their Great Lakes Valley Conference season with a 4-2 record.

Last Sunday the Norse defeated Brescia 3-0. Junior goalie Jeb Snyder posted his fifth shutout of the season. NKU record is now 10-7-2.

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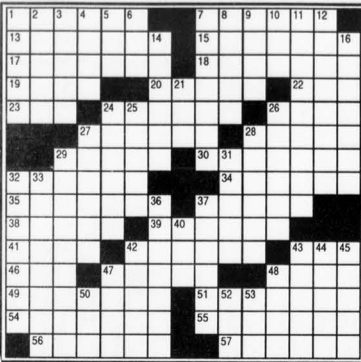
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Good Luck, Sharon, Alpha O's new historian!

Congratulations to the new local interest group: Sigma Gamma Tau! Good luck Katie, Stephanie, Casey, Heather, Ann, Hope and Kim.
Love and sisterhood,
The Sisters of Delta Zeta Sorority

F.Y.I.

Attention transfer students:
If you are a member of a Greek letter organization that does not have a chapter on our campus, please contact Student Activities at 572-5763 about our new "Orphans Club."

Any Beta interested in starting a Beta chapter at NKU contact Nate Noyd (371-4935) or Bill Swope (941-5702).

Don't let a grocery store clerk do a world leader's job. Vote Bush - Nov. 3.

Congratulations and Good Luck, Angie Elleman, Shannon Hornbeck, Dawn Dance and Dee Dee Gredig on your newly elected offices!
Love, your sisters in Delta Zeta

Good Luck, Steve, Alpha O's new Advisory Council Chair!

Thanks, Delta Zeta pledges on great socials and activities! You just have a few more pearls and a few more weeks to go!
We luv ya, your sisters in Delta Zeta

Hey, guys, we're leaving tomorrow! Can't wait to eat that great Chicago pizza, can you? Save me a spot in your room!

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The bulletin board for all students

Attention All Undeclared Students

Spring semester 1993 priority registration lasts until Nov. 20. If you are degree-seeking and have not declared your major, you must schedule an advising appointment with the Academic Advising Resource Center, AC 405A, 572-6900, before you can register for spring 1993.

Attention Evening Students

There is a nurse in University Center 300 until 6:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday for medical problems or questions.

Black Faculty and Staff Association Lecture Session

The Black Faculty and Staff Association programming committee presents its fall lecture and reception featuring Kevin Harris, an artist and a local graduate. The lecture is Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in the UC Theater.

General Speech Competency Testing

If you are interested in taking a test to complete a general studies requirement, sign up in Landrum 134 through Nov. 6.

St. Rita Haunted House

The doors to the St. Rita Haunted House creek open at 7 p.m. every Thursday through Sunday the entire month of October. Admission is \$3. A children's matinee, for those 10 and under is Oct. 31 from 3-5 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.

Summer Jobs Available

College students, ages 19-25, are encouraged to apply to be counselors at the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch in Gilbertsville, Ky. The camp is located near the Kentucky Dam Village State Park, about 20 miles east of Paducah.
Call (502) 362-8660 for more information or send your resume to the Ky. Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch, P.O. Box 57, Gilbertsville, Ky. 42044.

Les causeries du lundi

Informal conversation in French open to all interested students, faculty, staff and Francophiles at heart. Every Monday, 2-3 p.m., Landrum 501.
For information contact Barbara Klaw of Gisele Lorient-Raymer at 572-5515 or 572-5531.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 28

- Pumpkin carving UC lobby, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Caramel apple and hot cider sale, UC lobby, noon.
- Career Development Center Co-op in-take sessions in UC 303 on 3-4 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

- World of Asia film series part three, "The Japanese Version," LA room 110 at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Women's volleyball v. Kentucky State, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 30

- Halloween candy giveaway, UC lobby, noon.
- Halloween party given by the Psychology Club, at Oakbrook Clubhouse in Florence, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sunday, November 1

- Women's volleyball v. Bellarmine, noon.



Budget from Page 1

university relations and development.

The university has already cut things like travel expenses to the bone, Hollister said.

"We're at a point where we have to look at specific activities and programs and look at do we really need those activities and programs," Hollister said.

A further increase in tuition and student fees cannot be ruled out as a possible source of additional revenue, Hollister said.

The continuing decrease in state support is not good news for the student who is being asked to keep the university

afloat through increases in tuition and student fees, Barker added.

"There is a concern in higher education that a continuing reduction in state support will continue to drive tuition costs up for students," Barker said.

"I think it's safe to say that the university will not look at a student fee increase as a first source to address the revenue shortfall."

But, that's not to say it won't happen, he added.

In the past, the Council on Higher Education, which sets tuition for the eight state funded universities, has raised tu-

ition when financial hardships have arisen, Snider said.

Last year, the council increased tuition by 3.1 percent for the current 1992-93 academic year and with additional increase of 4.5 percent for the following 1993-94 year.

The revenue shortfall the state has absorbed in past years has been due to the inflexibility of the state budget, Snider said.

"When things go sour in the state or across the nation there's not a lot of flexibility in the budget," Snider said.

Even if a cut does not materialize, Hollister said, students

still can expect tuition to be increased in the future simply due to inflation.

"One cannot just assume there will not be a tuition and fee increase, costs go up," Hollister added.

If this cut does pan out, it will be the third state institutions have had to face since November 1991.

The first cut NKU absorbed was a \$1.1 million cut from then Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, to help makeup for a \$155 million budget shortfall.

Several months later as Gov. Jones took office facing another state revenue shortfall, NKU's was cut an additional \$1.5 million.

Ford from Page 1

Robin Wood of WEBN conducted a question and answer session with Ford. Wood asked Ford if he supported presidential nominee Bill Clinton's proposed higher education plan.

The program would loan students money for college. Once the students graduate from college, they would pay the loan back from the money they earn with the job they acquired through the degree and through community service.

"As for education, I think that he (Ford) is acting in the best interests of young people and he has done a lot to get young people involved in politics," Environmental Justice President Mike Michalack said.

Ford said he believes higher education is the great equalizer, and he would do everything he could to support education.

"I don't think in the long run that this will be costly to the government," Ford said of the plan.

The paycheck through service will improve the community and those people will get good jobs, he said.

Although Ford would not comment on the specifics in an interview after the forum, he said he plans to help higher education.

Ford said he wants to raise the family income for those who are entitled to loans and grants. He said he would also like to see cuts in federal programs, such as Star Wars, and then have the money used for education.

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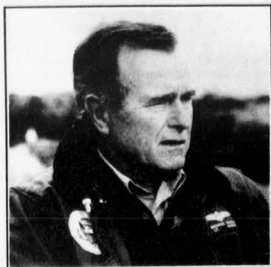
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CAMPAIGN '92

Candidates Address Issues Facing America



GEORGE BUSH

Economy

■ **THE DEFICIT:** Says he can reduce deficit by \$130 billion by 1996.

■ **INCREASED REVENUE:** Says 1990 budget pact with Congress raised taxes \$137 billion over five years.

■ **SPENDING CUTS:** Proposes a cap on mandatory spending and entitlements which would produce \$293 billion in cuts over five years.

■ **TAXES:** Told attendees of GOP convention he would cut taxes across the board over the next four years. He says he will pay for it by offsetting spending cuts. Proposes a plan which will cut the capital gains tax, offer tax credits for first-time home buyers and increases in personal income tax exception for children.

Education

■ **COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID:** Signed a \$115 billion bill in July which removed college saving accounts and equity in a family home or farm from financial aid forms.

Environment

■ Supports maintaining current level of automobile standard of 27.5 miles per gallon and says any increase might cause the loss of thousands of U.S. auto industry jobs. Called for 600 oil, coal and nuclear power plants to be built in America over the next 40 years.

Health Care

■ **PLANS TO:** Establish tax credits for the poor and tax deduction for low and middle class workers.
 ■ Allow states to design their own programs to insure the poor.
 ■ Eliminate pre-existing clauses which might prevent people from obtaining insurance.
 ■ Keep government as far out of the process as possible.
 ■ Expect competition among insurers to keep costs down.



BILL CLINTON

Economy

■ **THE DEFICIT:** Says he can reduce deficit by \$190 billion by 1996.

■ **INCREASED REVENUE:** Says \$154 billion would be raised by creating a 36% tax bracket for those making more than \$200,000 and getting tough on tax fraud and avoidance.

■ **SPENDING CUTS:** Proposes slashing \$140 billion in federal spending and cutting 100,000 government jobs.

■ **TAXES:** Proposes cutting taxes for the middle class by \$60 billion over four years through a child tax credit or lower rates. Plan also calls for increasing taxes for those making more than \$200,000. Reduce capital gains tax by 50% for start up businesses only. Eliminate tax breaks taken by companies that close plants and move overseas.

Education

■ **COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID:** Proposes to establish a "National Service Trust Fund" in which borrowers would regularly repay or perform two years of community service.

Environment

■ Promises to boost energy efficiency by 20% within 10 years. Supports the use of natural gas to power federal automobiles. Says he will put increased emphasis on preventing pollution rather than cleaning it up.

Health Care

■ **PLANS TO:** Appoint a national health board to set a strict budget for health care spending.
 ■ Require employers to either insure all employees privately or pay higher taxes.
 ■ Require insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions.
 ■ Would decrease number of malpractice suits by installing a dispute resolution system.
 ■ Allow Medicare to include long-term benefits.
 ■ Expand the number of clinics in rural and inner-city areas.
 ■ Increase AIDS education.



ROSS PEROT

Economy

■ **THE DEFICIT:** Believes economy most effected by deficit. Would employ comprehensive plan to balance budget and eliminate deficit by 1998.

■ **INCREASED REVENUE:** Wants industry to pay for use of public lands.
 ■ Eliminate protective tariffs and some subsidies.

■ **SPENDING CUTS:** Cut defense spending \$30 billion over next five years.
 ■ Would cut federal departmental spending 15 percent across the board.

■ **TAXES:** 10¢ gasoline tax over five years beginning in 1994.

Education

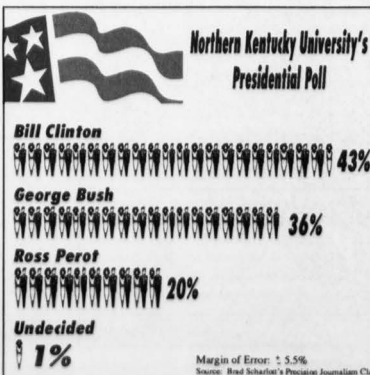
■ **COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID:** Although Perot has no formal plan aimed at education, believes college must be more accessible.

Environment

■ Would raise gasoline tax 10¢ per gallon every year for five years. Proposes using incentives rather than regulation to encourage businesses not to pollute. Also says he would ease regulation of the natural gas industry and support research into coal mining.

Health Care

■ **PLANS TO:** Establish a national health board to oversee cost control and reform. The board would act as a independent federal agency.
 ■ Ask states to submit health care reform proposals.
 ■ Improve quality of Medicare and Medicaid services.



Students Polled on Choice, Conduct of Campaign

By Stacey Durbine
 Executive Editor

Although most students said they trust President George Bush more with the fate of the country, 43 percent of those polled said they would vote for Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton for president if the election were held today.

Thirty-six percent of NKU students said they would vote for Bush and 20 percent said they would vote for independent candidate Ross Perot.

These results are from a scientific survey conducted by students in NKU professor Brad Schaffert's precision journalism class from Oct. 13-23.

The survey included calling 304 full-time NKU students and

asking them 35 questions on various issues and views on the media and vice presidents.

The survey indicated 47 percent trust Bush more with "the fate of our country."

The economy proved to be the most important factor in the student's voting habits as 60 percent said it was the most important issue in this year's election.

However, students preferred Clinton's stances on employment, abortion, environment and health care over Bush and Perot.

Fifty percent of the students said they liked Perot's stance on controlling the national deficit.

Further, students said President Bush would be the

best president if the United States were involved in a foreign conflict.

Fifty percent of the students polled said they identified more with the Republican party than the Democratic or Independent parties.

Students said they get most of their information on the candidates from television and they seem to trust that medium more than newspapers or radio.

Students said they thought both Clinton and Perot used the media well in their campaigns.

Students said they felt the media favored Clinton over the other two candidates.

Eighty-four percent of those surveyed said they watched at least one of the three presidential debates.

The debates didn't seem to have much impact on their choice, because 54 percent said they already made up their minds before the debate.

Of those who were undecided in their choice for president, 57 percent said the debates still did not affect their decision.

Clinton was the students' choice for the overall winner of the debates with 40 percent. Perot grabbed 30 percent of the response.

Only 9 percent of the students polled thought Bush won the debate, while 17 percent said there was no clear winner.

Diverse Arenas Providing In-Depth Look at Presidential Race



By Pat Moynahan

President George Bush makes an appearance on a country music show on cable TV.

Democratic challenger Bill Clinton answers questions from rock 'n' rollers on a music video channel.

Upstart Ross Perot announces his candidacy on a call-in talk show.

The candidates for the presidency showed up in a lot of strange and unusual places this year. They popped up on MTV, The Nashville Network, Black Entertainment Television, C-Span, call-in programs, network news magazines and morning interview shows.

They acted in downright unconventional and seemingly - some would say unseemly - ways, too.

Clinton huffed and puffed on a saxophone on *Arsenio Hall* on the same stage frequented by Madonna and Ice T. Dan Quayle chastised Murphy Brown - a fictional character in a situation comedy - and turned the season premiere into a campaign event. Perot took his podium on *Donahue* - the same platform occupied regularly by people with everything from sex fetishes to psychic phobias.

So what's going on here? Has presidential campaigning sunk to such depths that candidates have to sully themselves to win the nation's highest office? Do they have to pander to the public?

Quite the contrary. The diverse arenas - from the debates to the talk show forums to the entertainment spots - have provided the most well-rounded look at the candidates since TV came to the fore in presidential politics in the early 1960s.

In fact, television finally may have taken a step out of the "vast wasteland" decreed by former FCC chairman Newton Minow in 1961... even

if circumstance had as much to do with it as conscious effort.

In his first address as FCC chairman, Minow urged the National Association of Broadcasters "to make our people aware of the world." The networks tried mightily - with extensive coverage of the nominating conventions and unending analysis of issues they deemed important to us.

But Johnny, they hardly knew us. And they knew us less and less as the years passed. This year, the media devoted considerable time and hot air to trivial issues: whether Bill Clinton inhaled marijuana or

20 percentage points eight days before the Democratic primary in Kentucky in 1987 in one supposedly reputable poll. Wilkinson beat Brown by 10 percentage points on election day.

Besides, only a few bandwagon personality types really care what anyone else thinks. In a Scripps Howard readership survey in the late 1980s, political opinion columns and public opinion polls ranked among the top three subjects both men and women don't read.

Simply put, the media increasingly lost contact with public concerns, defining issues

bate in 1960.

Kennedy recognized that image is everything years before Andre Agassi toddled onto a tennis court. The majority of people who listened to the Kennedy/Nixon debate on radio, scored Nixon the winner because he talked knowledgeably about the issues. Most TV viewers gave a big edge to the handsome, articulate senator from Massachusetts - based on stage presence.

The campaigns since have elevated image-making to art form. They carefully manage campaign stops to ensure swarming crowds, fluttering

TV viewing audience watched either convention in 1992, according to Nielsen Media Research.

That's also why the GOP shouldn't waste any more perfectly good political venom on media bias. The masses filter everything the media offer through personal biases - i.e., selective perception. Voters see and hear what they want to see and hear.

Author Shirley Biaggi, chairman of the Department of Journalism at California State University-Sacramento, notes in *Media/Impact* (Wadsworth, Inc., 1992) that research overwhelmingly indicates the media primarily reinforce views people form from a complex variety of stimuli.

"So far no convincing, systematic evidence has been presented to show that the media change the voting behavior of large groups of people," she says.

In an attempt to influence large groups of voters, the candidates had to turn to non-traditional platforms in 1992. The proliferation of cable TV channels has fragmented the viewing audience, trimming the networks' share from 90 percent to about 50 percent, according to the most recent estimates. A candidate has to go channel hopping to reach a substantial audience today.

He can avoid sticky questions from the traditional press that don't fit his script, too. It's much easier to dictate the agenda on *Nashville Now* or *The Nightly News* with Dan Rather asking the questions.

Much more difficult, though, to control the spin - to put a pretty face on it. No consultant can smooth over the sound of a sour bite on a saxophone. No media expert can anticipate the off-the-wall questions that come into talk shows. And pity the candidate who sticks to the planned script when the questioner interrupts to say he really doesn't want to hear about "the character issue."

What the Nashville Network, MTV, Donahue and Larry King did was to give the candidates back to the American public. It also put the campaigns in front of audiences that are culturally aware and culturally diverse, if not culturally elite.

We watched the candidates act and react in a variety of forums, many without a script. We got a look at their personalities as well as their politics. We studied their guile and their grit as they worked their way through three different debate formats, one built on questions from undecided voters. By the end of the debates, the spin doctors sounded absolutely comical. A home run in every at bat, wasn't it?

By the final debate, 90 million people and 74 percent of the viewing audience were watching. Why? Most certainly because the candidates were talking to us on issues framed by us. They were answering - or attempting to answer - our questions.

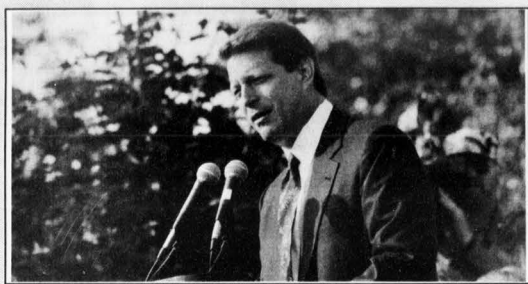
The media and the public both have folded, spindled and mutilated the candidates in this election. They've engaged in a little blood-letting, and some have relished it. In this democracy, we wave our dirty laundry in public and marvel at the grime.

Not very pretty. But most effective in testing the mettle of those who would lead us.

We are in position to make the most well-informed choice in years, thanks in part to Ralph Emery, Arsenio Hall, Donahue, all those rock 'n' rollers and a host of real people demanding answers to personal questions. Far from sully-ing one campaign, the diverse media forums in 1992 salvaged it from "spin" control.

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Candidate Visits Tristate



Democratic Vice-Presidential Candidate Al Gore recently made a campaign stop in Covington, Ky. The tristate area has been a pivotal campaign stop because many voters are still undecided about who they are going to cast their ballot for Nov. 3. Photo by Laurel Derks.

Dan Quayle learned to spell. They offered shallow examinations of important issues: how the huge federal deficit happened and what it portends. Ross "Just Do It" Perot couldn't cover that one in a 30-minute infomercial, much less a 60-second news bite.

Public opinion polls somehow rose to sacred oracle status, despite their dubious credibility. Remember, John Y. Brown led Wallace Wilkinson by almost

in the double talk of politics instead of the language of plain folks. We came to suspect their motives and their methods.

Crafty "campaign consultants" have tried to define the candidates themselves with an array of sophisticated communication techniques - talking points, sound bites, spin doctors, attack ads and counter-attack ads - since John F. Kennedy

snookered Richard Nixon in the first televised presidential debate in 1960.

American flags and clever one-liners that project the desired image on the nightly news.

Same for the party nominating conventions. Carefully orchestrated campaign commercials, one and all. Create an image. Take that controversy and contention over platform issues outside, please.

They don't fool too many of us, of course. That's why no one watches the conventions any more. Less than 7 percent of the

By A.J. Pinelo

Bush Facing Greater Odds Than in '88

As we come to the close of the electoral campaign both major political parties and ordinary citizens should ponder on the meaning of the last year and a half. Here are some pertinent facts. President George Bush had a remarkable 88 percent approval rate back in March of 1991, at the end of the Persian Gulf war. Since, that edge has turned negative, and a relatively unknown Democrat, Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, seems to have captured the voters attention and support. How could an incumbent President slide so badly?

Some people blame George Bush, and say he is not articulate, he is not a good campaigner and he has failed to develop a plan - the "vision thing". But Bush is basically the same campaigner he was in 1988 when he led his party to a substantial victory. Obviously in 1992 the President is facing a far better organized Democratic Party, and in addition to that, a troubled economy. The number of Americans living in poverty rose by 2.1 million in 1991 to a total of 35.7 million; the poverty rate rose from 12.8 percent in 1989 to 14.2 percent in 1991; the median household income, adjusted for inflation, fell by \$1,077 to \$30,126. If we go back to the 1980s, the Reagan/Bush era, we find that between 1977 and 1988, the average family income in constant 1987 dollars for the poorest 10 percent of the American people went from \$4,113 to \$3,504; a loss of \$609 or 14.8 percent. The income of

the middle class declined, and only the income of the richest 10 percent went up substantially, from \$102,722 to \$119,016; a gain of \$16,913 or 16.5 percent. The average income of the top 1 percent of our families went from \$270,053 to \$404,566; a gain of \$134,513 or 49.8 percent. The U.S. went from a creditor nation to the biggest debtor nation in the world, and our national debt went through the roof.

Through the 1980s, the Republican Party was able to persuade middle class Americans that they needed to fear the poor and minorities. The right wing's Willie Horton ad became the symbol of that approach, which in subtle and not so subtle ways, told Americans what they needed to watch out for. The assumption was that those crime/abortion/drug prone minorities - African Americans, Latinos and gays were out to get the middle class through Democratic sponsored affirmative action plans, as well as welfare and other "tax and spend" programs. This approach worked well, under the guidance of clever right wing strategist. But by 1991 and 1992, that approach seems no longer workable. Bill Clinton and the Democrats inoculated themselves against all the code terms in which the Republicans have invested so much political capital. Like the stealth plane, Bill Clinton does not show up on the Willie Horton radar scan. As of this late date, all Republicans, having failed with the old and

true "family values" issue are now left another losing proposition - the "character/trust" issue. Thus far, the sure strategies of 1988 does not seem to be working.

Right wing Republicans could still pull one out of the hat, but with each passing day of double digit Clinton margins in the polls that probability recedes. A loss on Nov. 3 might provide moderate Republicans with a chance to rescue their party from the Pat Robertsons and the Jerry Falwells who were so dominant during the Republican convention and the drafting of the Republican Platform. Moderate Republicans can help to move from their party from a 1980s divisive role to a truly constructive one.

The campaign of 1992 can give the Democrats an opportunity to provide new leadership for our nation, particularly in the formulation of an industrial policy needed to even out the playing field as we compete with those masters of state-guided capitalism in Europe and Japan. Regardless of the election outcome, both parties and all of us need to reflect on the meaning of the 1992 campaign as we approach the turn of the century. We need a sound two party system and we need to confine extremists to their natural habitat - the fringe.

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By Fred Rhynhart

Sunbelt Strategy Collapsing

In 1968 Richard Nixon put together a notable election team including such present notables as Kevin Phillips and Roger Ailes. Based largely on Phillips' demographic analysis the Republican campaign came up with the Sunbelt strategy. This concept expanded the 1964 Goldwater base of the Deep South to include California, the Southwest and all of the Confederacy. This reordering of the GOP's essential focus was based largely upon the defection of white southerners from the Democratic Presidential coalition, due to the civil rights revolution.

Nixon's strategists would add to the Sunbelt states the Rocky Mountain and Great Plain states, as well as traditional Republican states such as: Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio and Indiana. This new Republican coalition would provide for an electoral college lock without the old New Deal bastions of Massachusetts, New York, Illinois and Michigan. In essence this strategy realigned American Presidential politics in terms of identification, congressional elections, or state politics as there was in the New Deal realignment of 1928-1936.

Yet 1992 has seen the collapse of the Sunbelt strategy for the GOP. First, as most political observers have suggested for years, the Democrats nominated a moderate southerner. To compound the GOP difficulties Bill Clinton chose another moderate southerner as his running mate. These moderates have carefully cultivated the image of a new Democratic party that is: 1) tough on crime, 2) in favor of the death penalty, and 3) supportive of workers' non-union welfare.

Bill Clinton has separated himself from Jesse Jackson in regard to Sister Souljah and warfare. These positions all resonate well in the sunbelt and

separate and the new Democratic Presidential party from the image of Acid, Amnesty and Abortion that Roger Ailes laid out in 1972. The new Democratic party does support abortion, but in the aftermath of the Thomas-Hill confrontation, in the year of the women - it does not seem to have hurt the Clinton-Gore ticket in the Sunbelt.

The most difficult problem that the Bush-Quayle ticket must overcome in the Sunbelt is the dismantling of the military-industrial complex and its impact on the economy. In California, unemployment rose from 5 percent in January, 1989 to 9.5 percent in June, 1992. The Golden State that was once the base of the Sunbelt concept with favorite sons Nixon and Reagan is now a lost cause for Bush and Quayle. Even Orange County, the heart of Reagan coalition, is split evenly between Bush and Clinton.

The problem is not limited to California as unemployment has risen across the Confederacy from Texas to North Carolina throughout the Bush Presidency. As a result the southern ticket of Clinton-Gore can count over one half of the Sunbelt electoral votes on November 3. Bush on the other hand has been reduced to campaigning in key Sunbelt states such as Texas and Florida which remain too close to call.

The results are clear. The Sunbelt strategy cast in the crisis off a generation past has been shattered by two southern candidates campaigning on a moderate platform amidst hard times. Whether the new Administration will be able to formulate and implement a moderate agenda, both work and please left-liberals remains to be seen.

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Democratic Ticket Offers A Change For The Better



By Diane Goetz

If you are like many college students, you've spent the last few years struggling financially. Most of us began college with the premise that a job would be there for us after graduation. Most of us did not imagine that the economy would be this bad four years ago, but I don't believe that the current administration can help the situation. They are, after all, the culprit of the problem with their trickle down economics.

Contrary to what Republicans would like for you to believe, this is the key issue of this presidential campaign. If you believe that over-taxing the middle class and giving tax breaks to the wealthy is honestly the way to improve the economy, then vote for George Bush.

Bill Clinton and Al Gore signify something new - something better. This country did not become a world power by playing it safe and fearing change. Yes, change may be scary, but the economic situation in this country will worsen if President Bush is re-elected. Bush has no real plan for strengthening and growing the economy.

Clinton has a plan for helping the economy. He intends to cut taxes on the middle class and make the wealthy pay their fair share.

Clinton believes that education is an essential key to improving the economy, and he intends to improve education on every level. But, of most interest to you, he wants a college education to be available to

everyone. Not just those who are lucky enough to be able to pay the rising costs of a college education. We are getting ready to face yet another state budget cut for higher education. As the act continues to fall on higher education, you must ask yourself "can I afford my education and can I afford to keep a President in the White House that has made this mess?"

Clinton will make sure American workers get training and retraining throughout their careers so that American can achieve a high-skill, high-wage economy.

Clinton wants health care to be available for everyone. He wants to control costs, improve quality, expand preventative and long-term care. He also wants to take on insurance companies and medical bureaucrats and demand change. If affordable health care is important to you, then vote for Clinton and Gore. They have a real plan for improving the health care system.

My advice to you is simple - vote for change. If you tired of getting paid less and working more, if you are afraid of graduating and not finding a job, if you are afraid to get sick because you can't afford the health care costs and if you believe that education is a right and not a privilege - then vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore. Vote for yourself on November 3. Vote for Clinton and Gore.

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George Bush - A President the Country Can Trust

By Paul Wingate

It is difficult to know where to begin with George Bush. President Bush is a man committed to love of country, family and sustaining America's international dominance. He demonstrated his love for America by enlisting in the United States Navy the day of his high school graduation, becoming the youngest naval pilot in Navy history. But enough of the rah-rah hype, let's get to the issues.

Many people feel that President Bush should assume sole responsibility for the current crisis our great nation is facing. I would disagree. We, as Americans, live in a capitalist society in which no one person, including George Bush, can control the economy. It is true that he can influence various aspects, yet he has attempted introducing bills to stimulate the economy, all of which Congress quickly vetoed.

In last week's *Northerner* editorial, a writer proudly boasted that Clinton has brought "specific" ideas to cure America's ills. Really? I didn't know Slick Willie was specific on any issue. Clinton is what we in the political arena call a political chameleon. Clinton states his campaign promises according to the group he is addressing.

To those that fear and cannot afford higher taxes Clinton states, "We need to give the people a sense that there's some discipline and some restraint in spending." (NBC Nightly News 3/18/92) Clinton preaches restraint but

is proposing a \$219.52 billion spending increase.

To those brave men and women who fought and died for their country, Clinton says, "As it happened, I told the draft board I expected to be called while I was over there in England the first year, but they never did." (Washington Post 4/5/92) He later contradicts himself, "like he does on almost everything," by saying, "In 1969 while studying at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, I received a draft notice which arrived late." (Speech to American Legion 8/25/92)

Well Bill, which one is it? We can ask this on a wide variety of Clinton's stances.

The *Northerner* editorial went on to say that President Bush is preaching distrust. You better believe he is, President Bush is slinging facts not mud. Bill Clinton is not to be trusted. He has not demonstrated the leadership like President Bush has for 12 years. Bill Clinton is committed to taxing (if you people below \$200,000 think your safe - guess again) and spending. When you walk into the booth November 3, ask yourself three crucial questions: 1) Do I want four more years of Jimmy Carter? 2) Do I want a proven leader like President Bush, who does not quake in the time of international crisis and 3) Do I really trust Slick Willie?

VOTE BUSH

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College Students Can't Afford Another Four Years of Bush

By Jamie Harmon

For the past 12 years, we students have allowed the Republican administrations to mortgage our futures, running the economy into the ground, burdening us with student loan debt and threatening our individual liberties.

Another four years of George Bush would make our future bleak indeed. But there is something we can do: vote for change. And our generation needs to vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore in order to take control of our lives and make progress on things we really care about.

Let's look at the issues. The economy: In 1988, Bush promised to create 30 million new jobs. But what he gave us was the slowest economic growth and the slowest job growth since the Great Depression.

The tough job market hits students hardest. Everyone has friends who have graduated recently and have not been able to find decent jobs; many have not found jobs at all.

Clinton doesn't claim to have any magic solutions, but he has a detailed plan on how to turn the economy around. His economic strategy puts people first and invests more than \$50 billion each year while cutting the deficit in half.

Choice: No one issue demonstrates the hypocrisy of the Bush/Quayle ticket more than choice. At the Republican Convention, the self-proclaimed defenders of individual liberties ratified a platform that calls for a constitutional ban on abortions.

Bill Clinton and Al Gore, on the other hand, are strongly pro-choice. They believe that individuals - not government - should be trusted to make this very difficult and personal decision themselves.

Student Loans: Cuts in education funding almost every year since 1980, combined with the tough job market, have given a one-two punch to the American Dream. Clinton offers hope. With a detailed plan for National Service Trust Fund plan, we could make a difference in a country's future.

But beyond all the issues, the most important thing is that we get involved, educate ourselves about the issues and vote for a change. Only by showing that we care can we turn America around and lead it on the right course for the 21st century.

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Bush Brings Economic, Moral and Character Strengths to Oval Office

By Tony Zagotta

We young Americans face an exciting future.

The former Soviet Union and its satellites are embracing the American idea that free markets produce a prosperous nation. This is opening new markets all over the world and offering young Americans more career opportunities.

George Bush has opened new markets from Warsaw to Buenos Aires. The president recently negotiated the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which will create a free trade zone across all of North America.

Bill Clinton, on the other hand, has been critical of NAFTA because he is in bed with the big labor unions.

The problem with Bill Clinton and the liberal Democrats is they would rather use the federal government to prop up old, failing industries than unleash the free market forces to create new technologies and new jobs.

Bill Clinton and his Democratic cohorts in the Congress always paint a doom-and-gloom picture. Had they been alive 100 years ago when the light bulb was invented, they would have been running around screaming that the federal government should protect the candle industry.

The Democratic Congress has

been a constant obstacle to President Bush's economic agenda. Nearly every economic proposal the President has made has been killed by the Democrats in Congress.

And finally, on the issue of character and moral leadership, the presidency is too important to entrust to someone who lacks these qualities.

Two issues help illustrate this point: George Bush served this nation in World War II. Bill Clinton sat in his ivory tower at Oxford planning ways to avoid the draft. Who do you think possesses the moral authority to act as commander in chief?

President Bush has been on no illegal drug use. But Bill Clinton recently was asked on MTV, if he had to do it again, would he inhale? He responded, "Sure, if I could." I find it abhorrent that a presidential candidate would trivialize illegal drug use. Who do you think possesses the character to lead the war on drugs?

From one young American to another, I ask for your support for President Bush this November.

Tony Zagotta is the National Chairperson for the College Republicans.

KENTUCKY AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1

Are you in favor of allowing the General Assembly to permit the offering of charitable lotteries and charitable gift enterprises by charitable organizations provided the General Assembly passes statutes to assure the proper functioning, honesty and integrity of charitable lotteries and the organizations which conduct them?

Amendment #2

Are you in favor of (1) permitting the Governor and other state officers elected in 1995 and after to be eligible to serve two consecutive terms; (2) electing the Governor and Lieutenant Governor by casting one vote for both offices; (3) giving the Lieutenant Governor duties as assigned by the Governor and the General Assembly, with the Senate selecting a senator to act as President of the Senate; (4) allowing the Governor to retain power while absent from the state, and transferring power to the Lieutenant Governor only if the Governor cannot discharge the duties of the office; (5) removing the provision requiring an election to fill a vacancy in the Governor's office that occurs in the first two years of the term; (6) if the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor cannot act, transferring power to the Attorney General and then to the Auditor; (7) eliminating the offices of Register of Land Office and Superintendent of Public Instruction as elective offices; (8) permitting the General Assembly to require the Senate's consent to the selection of inferior state officers and members of boards of commissions; and (9) moving all elections (except elections for state constitutional officers) to even-numbered years by adding one year to the terms of all officials regularly elected in 1995, adding one year to the terms of local officials elected in 1995, and subtracting one year from the terms of circuit judges and judges of the court of appeals elected in 1997?

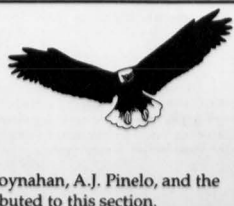
Amendment #3

Are you in favor of (1) beginning in 1995, having the Commissioner of Agriculture, State Treasurer, and Secretary of State appointed by the Governor instead of elected, and allowing them to be appointed for successive terms; (2) permitting the General Assembly to require the Senate's consent to the selection of inferior state officers and members of boards of commissions; and (3) beginning in 1995, eliminating the Railroad commission and the offices of Register of Land Office and Superintendent of Public Instruction as elective offices?

This special election issue has been compiled as an aid in exercising your American right. No one candidate or issue has been intentionally omitted. Information has been gathered from many sources, all of which are available for public inspection in the Steely Library. As always, comments and questions are welcome and should be addressed to:

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY RACES AT A GLANCE



U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOURTH DISTRICT

District lines stretch along Ohio River from Northern Kentucky to Ashland. Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties are included.

Floyd G. Poore

Party Affiliation: Democrat
Resides: Florence
Occupation: Physician
Previous offices held: Former Kentucky Secretary of Transportation.

Jim Bunning

Party Affiliation: Republican
Resides: Southgate
Occupation: former Major League baseball player.
Previous offices held: Ft. Thomas City Council member and state senator. U.S. Representative since 1986.

Bunning is one of four House members who blocked efforts to cover up the infamous check bouncing scandal. He said he is against the over-regulation of business. Poore proposes investing money in preschool education on the national level.

UNITED STATES SENATE

The U.S. Senator represents all citizens of the Commonwealth.

Wendell Ford

Party Affiliation: Democrat
Resides: Owensboro
Occupation: Politician
Previous offices held: State senator 1965-67, Lieutenant Governor 1967-71, Governor 1971-74, U.S. Senate 1974-present.

David L. Williams

Party Affiliation: Republican
Resides: Burkesville
Occupation: Lawyer
Previous offices held: Former state representative, state senator from 1987-present.

Ford says quality health care is a top priority and boasts that he helped pass legislation which gave needed tax breaks to the self-employed and first-time home buyers. Williams says he wants to cut government waste and supports a balanced budget amendment.

KENTUCKY STATE SENATE DISTRICT 11

Cities contained (partially or entirely) are: Crestview, Crestview Hills, Cold Spring, Edgewood, Elsmere, Erlanger, Florence, Ft. Thomas, Highland Heights, Lakeside Park, Taylor Mill.

Robert Blau

Party Affiliation: Democrat
Resides: Ft. Thomas
Occupation: Attorney
Previous offices held: None.

Richard Roeding

Party Affiliation: Republican
Resides: Ft. Mitchell
Occupation: Pharmacist
Previous offices held: Senator since 1991.

First-time candidate Blau is using the slogan "New and Worth Voting For" and proposes that Kentucky adopt a health care plan similar to Hawaii's. He also supports legislation to regulate day care facilities. Roeding was elected in 1990 to fill the seat left vacant by Art Schmidt's retirement. He says he has been involved in writing model health care legislation on the national level.

KENTUCKY STATE SENATE DISTRICT 23

Cities contained (partially or entirely) are: Bellevue, Bromley, Crescent Springs, Covington, Dayton, Ft. Wright, Latonia, Ludlow, Newport, Park Hills, Villa Hills.

Joseph U. Meyer

Party Affiliation: Democrat
Resides: Covington
Occupation: Lawyer
Previous offices held: State representative 1982-88, senator since 1988.

Dick Murgatroyd

Party Affiliation: Republican
Resides: Villa Hills
Occupation: general manager of travel agency
Previous offices held: None

Murgatroyd is a newcomer to politics but says he has learned the challenges facing students by teaching at NKU and Thomas More College. Meyer says he has helped his district by working to convince the state to build a convention center in Northern Kentucky. In 1992 he sponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act which created jobs for the disabled.

KENTUCKY HOUSE DISTRICT 66

Cities contained (partially or entirely) are: Crescent Springs, Elsmere, Erlanger, Florence, Oakbrook subdivision and areas near the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

Patricia "Pat" Turner

Party Affiliation: Democrat
Resides: Florence
Occupation: Registered nurse
Previous offices held: None.

Charlie Walton

Party Affiliation: Republican
Resides: Florence
Occupation: Science teacher
Previous offices held: None.

Both newcomers to politics, the candidates agree government spending needs looking into. Tanner said there needs to be re-evaluation across the board. Walton said the way to avoid cutbacks is to eliminate government waste and spending.

KENTUCKY HOUSE DISTRICT 68

Cities contained (partially or entirely) in the district are: Bellevue, California, Camp Springs, Dayton, Ft. Thomas, Melbourne, Ross, Silver Grove, parts of Pendleton and Bracken counties.

William "Bill" Donnermeyer

Party Affiliation: Democrat
Resides: Bellevue
Occupation: Retired pipefitter
Previous offices held: Bellevue City Council member from 1964 to 1969. State representative since 1970.

Joseph M. Fischer

Party Affiliation: Republican
Resides: Ft. Thomas
Occupation: Lawyer
Previous offices held: Ft. Thomas City Council member since 1988.

Fischer says government waste is the state's biggest problem and proposes the elimination of unnecessary state jobs (he has not cited which those are). He says he will begin by cutting state legislators salaries and benefits by 10%. Donnermeyer contends that in these times of budget shortfalls, legislators should be included in the state budget review process.

KENTUCKY HOUSE DISTRICT 69

Cities contained (partially or entirely) are: Alexandria, Brock, Claryville, Cold Spring, Crestview, Dry Ridge, Ft. Thomas, Grants Lick, Morning View, Nicholson, Piner, Verona, Walton.

Robert "Bob" Simon

Party Affiliation: Democrat
Resides: Ft. Thomas
Occupation: Sales representative
Previous offices held: None.

Jon David Reinhardt

Party Affiliation: Republican
Resides: Alexandria
Occupation: manager, also owns landscaping business and gift shop.
Previous offices held: State representative since 1984.

Reinhardt says his strength is in knowing his district inside and out. He cites the development of the AA Highway and other roads as credits to his term in office. Simon says his contacts in Frankfort (he was co-chairman in Campbell County for Brereton Jones bid for governor) will enable him to get things done.