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## Students lobby in Frankfort

Presidential Ambassadors study politics at state capitol

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The Northern Kentucky University Presidential Ambassadors took Frankfort by storm last week for the purpose of gaining a better understanding of how the political process works.

That wasn't the only reason they went, though. Joe Mills, a senior political science major, in his third year as a Presidential Ambassador, says that they went to help NKU.

"NKU and Northern Kentucky have a sort of identity crisis in Frankfort, and we went to put a face on the university; to personalize it," Mills said. "We're sort of representatives for the university -- we give tours, host events. We wanted to have a more external purpose, to raise awareness of the university."

In an effort to raise awareness of the funding issue at NKU, Michael Tobertga, an SGA senator, will be attending an upcoming rally in Frankfort.

"Hopefully, the budget gets passed," Tobertga said. "If they don't pass it, that will just show that the state wants to put all the burden on the students."

Becky Bleh was one of the presidential ambassadors on the trip and mentioned the proposal for an NKU arena.

"Our primary purpose was to learn about the legislative process ... We also spoke with them about the regional events center," Bleh said. "Hopefully the next time that we meet to talk about it, they'll think of us."

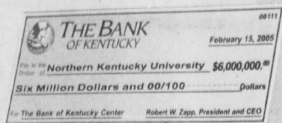
The ambassadors had breakfast with Kentucky Speaker of the House Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green. Richards is in his sixth term as the house speaker and gave Mills and the other ambassadors some positive news.

"If there are (capitol) projects, then I think that there is a very good chance that (the arena) will happen," Richards said. "However, that is my opinion. Of course, I will vote for it, but that's only one vote out of one hundred."

Funding for the arena has been up in the air since the state budget was not passed last year, though Gov. Ernie Fletcher has continued to stand behind his assertions that the plans for the arena will eventually become a reality.

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## Bank endows new arena



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NKU President James Votruba thanked The Bank of Kentucky for its \$6 million contribution toward the special events center in a naming rights agreement.



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Gov. Ernie Fletcher expressed his continued commitment to supporting NKU in his budget.

## \$6 million committed to events center

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Northern Kentucky University and The Bank of Kentucky announced Feb. 15 a naming rights agreement for NKU's regional events center. The Bank of Kentucky will pay \$6 million (10 percent of the estimated total cost) to have its name on the center for 20 years.

Although state funding is pending for The Bank of Kentucky Center, Bob Zapp, Bank of Kentucky president and CEO, said, "This contribution that the bank is making today is given in the spirit and hope that it will be the first of

many gifts that are given toward the completion of this arena."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher attended the announcement and reaffirmed his dedication to funding the center. When Fletcher visited NKU on April 6, 2004, \$42 million was proposed in the budget for the arena.

"I'm going to do everything I can, and I really feel that the General Assembly is on the right path ... to get a budget and to get some tax changes that will create opportunities to move Kentucky forward," Fletcher said. "And with that, I certainly will work with the General Assembly and continue to promote this project."

Matter of fact, it is the only project that I mentioned in my State of the Commonwealth Address, and I mentioned that our students get their diplomas in Ohio and that it is time for that to stop."

Graduation ceremonies are one of the estimated 120 events that will be held in the center each year, although the center will not be limited to university-based events. The Bank of Kentucky Center could seat between 8,000 and 10,000 people, bringing sporting events, lectures, concerts and other occasions to NKU. Such events would benefit not only the university but the surrounding

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Abby Bentley and Adam Zeigler were named Homecoming king and queen Feb. 12.

## Norse king, queen crowned

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Adam Zeigler and Abby Bentley have made many accomplishments during their four years at Northern Kentucky University.

Now they can add homecoming royalty to their lists of achievements.

Zeigler and Bentley were named homecoming king and queen, respectively, at a ceremony held Saturday, Feb. 12 during half-time of the men's basketball game.

Zeigler and Bentley have many traits that make them fit for nobility.

Zeigler, a senior biology major, ran 20 miles across Mason County last November and raised more than \$7,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

He is the pre-med chair of the Health Professionals Club and works

part-time at the Campus Recreation Center and Kroger pharmacy.

Zeigler volunteers for the United Way's Big Brother program for which he tutors and plays with children at Highland Heights Elementary. He also volunteers at Children's Hospital where he plays with children in intensive care and goes around to the rooms of children in critical condition to entertain and talk with them and their families.

In addition to all of his accomplishments, Zeigler is also preparing for the MCAT in April; he plans to go to medical school after he graduates in May.

Zeigler called his coronation "overwhelming."

"It's an honor," he said. "The court is full of so many outstanding guys. Any one of those 11 guys could've been picked and everybody would've been happy."

But next to every great king is a great queen.

Bentley, a senior management major, was involved with the Student Government Association for which she served as a senator for three semesters and vice president of public relations for a year. Bentley said she is very proud of her involvement in SGA. A lot of the initiatives that came up when she served, such as allocating money to renovate the campus recreation center and trying to get a campus events arena, are "starting to unfold," she said.

Bentley also serves as the president of Delta Zeta sorority and is a member of NKU Project Recruit, for which she helps recruit potential NKU students.

Bentley has also worked at Fifth Third Bank for almost two years.

Bentley said her accomplishments at NKU have changed her life. "I love NKU," she said, "and I love the way that it shaped me into the woman and into the leader I am today."

## SGA Judicial Council rules against petition

Sen. Tobertga files appeal of decision with dean of students

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The Student Government Association Judicial Council ruled it would not honor Sen. Michael Tobertga's petition to recall SGA's new constitution.

Chief Justice Nathan Hagler announced the decision to the student senate at its Feb. 14 meeting.

"The constitution that was passed by the students and was approved by the Board of Regents is the constitution that is now in effect and will continue to be so," Hagler said.

It was discovered after the fact that the version of the constitution that was posted online during the Jan. 19 student referendum was not the same version that the student senate approved Nov. 29. At its Jan. 26 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the version that the student body passed.

"We don't have the power to join the Board of Regents from considering any piece of legislation or any action, and we certainly don't have the authority to overturn any decision that they make," Hagler said. "The Board of Regents deemed what they did was appropriate. We don't have any say in whether it was or not."

Tobertga submitted an appeal of the ruling to the dean of students Feb. 15.

"The judicial council, in my opinion, did not live up to their end of the bargain when they got elected to office," Tobertga said. "They're supposed to represent the students."

Hagler said that while the petition was valid, there was nothing judicial council could recall.

"Judicial council is limited in its jurisdiction to only actions of SGA," Hagler said. "The (new) constitution was never actually approved or voted on by SGA. The only one that was voted on and approved by SGA was the constitution that was never seen by the students, and so therefore that document had no

authority.

"There was in sense nothing to recall," Tobertga, however, sees the manner of the student referendum as an SGA action.

"Why is it that there was a different document than what SGA approved, and why was it only given one day?" Tobertga asked. "Homecoming (elections) got two days."

The judicial council was scheduled to announce its ruling at SGA's Feb. 7 meeting, but Hagler said it was postponed one week because the justices could not come to an agreement at first. Hagler said he consulted with NKU Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel Sara Siebentom on the

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### Universities donate to tsunami relief effort

Northern Kentucky University, along with Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati, raised \$82,000 for the tsunami relief effort. The university presidents reported the amount last week at the UC-XU game.

Fundraising techniques were varied across the three universities, though they all shared a moment of silence on Jan. 26, one month after the tsunami occurred.

The beneficiaries of the relief effort are: the American Red Cross, Jesuit Refugee Fund, Nuran Dunia Foundation, Lanka Academic Association for India's Development, and the International Medical Health Organization.

### Northern Kentucky History Day will be held at NKU

Northern Kentucky University will be hosting the 12th annual History Day on Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the University Center.

The event will be centered around the history of the Northern Kentucky area, and will include lectures by James Ramage, Regents professor of history, John Boh, from the Kenton County Historical Society, and James Duvall of the Boone County Library. The event will include workshops and discuss historical topics including: genealogy, World War II, and the Civil War. For more information call 491-0490.

### Speaker to celebrate Black History Month

On Feb. 24, J. Herman Blake will be hosting a keynote lecture entitled "The Underground and the University: Railroads to Freedom" in celebration of Black History Month. The lecture will be held in the Otto Budig Theater from 1:40 to 2:55 p.m.

Blake's lecture will be about the living history of African Americans and their contemporary efforts for excellence in the academics.

Blake is director of African American studies, professor of sociology and professor of educational leadership and policy studies at Iowa State University.

The lecture will be free and open to the public.

The following reports were filed with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department between Feb. 8 and 14.

### Tuesday, Feb. 8

8:29 a.m. Subject reported that cash was stolen from the BEP building, under investigation.

12:27 p.m. Medical response was requested for a subject at the Old Science building. Officers and Central Campbell County Squad responded. The subject was transported to St. Luke Hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

1:30 p.m. A minor non-injury accident involving two vehicles occurred at Parking Lot A. Both vehicles remained in service.

3:40 p.m. Officer observed a subject entering a vehicle parked in a handicapped parking space, who did not appear to be handicapped. The car bore a Kentucky handicapped parking permit, and was parked in Parking Lot C. Upon investigation, the handicapped permit belonged to the subject's grandmother. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for illegally parking in a handicapped parking space.

4:26 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates on University Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky state citation for driving with an expired registration.

4:05 p.m. Officer located a vehicle displaying a forged NKU Parking Permit, in Parking Lot C. The driver of the vehicle was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument-3rd Degree and released. The decal was confiscated and secured in the DPS Property/Evidence Room.

6:45 p.m. A fire alarm was received from the University Suites, Officers and Central Campbell County Fire Department responded finding no

evidence of smoke or fire. Upon investigation, it was determined that the alarm was caused by steam from a shower. The alarm was re-set, building cleared for re-occupancy. The scene was cleared at 7:06 p.m. The Kentucky Fire Marshal was notified by e-mail.

### Wednesday, Feb. 9

10:38 a.m. Owner of a reserved parking space at Parking Lot E requested an illegally parked vehicle be towed from the space.

12:55 p.m. Subject came to the DPS Office to report an injury which occurred on Feb. 8. Subject reported a left elbow & hip injury from a fall while walking between the Old Science and the Fine Arts Building. Subject was advised to see a physician for further evaluation and treatment.

3:32 p.m. Medical assistance was requested for a subject at Steely Library. Officers and the Central Campbell County Squad responded. The university nurse was dispatched but was not available at the time. Subject was treated by the squad personnel but refused transportation to the hospital.

4:54 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a wallet from the Albright Health Center, under investigation.

### Thursday, Feb. 10

9:51 a.m. Subject reported that a juvenile had been left unattended. Kentucky Child Welfare was contacted and advised of the situation. Information obtained regarding this incident was turned over to Child Welfare personnel. No charges have been filed at this time.

11:25 a.m. Subject at the Albright Health Center reported the receipt of harassing telephone calls and e-mails, under investigation.

12:39 p.m. Subject reported that cash was stolen from the Science

Center, under investigation.

4:08 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a VCR from Landrum, under investigation.

10:31 p.m. Subject reported a burning smell from Steely Library. Officers, Power Plant and the Central Campbell County Fire Department responded and found no evidence of smoke or fire. Upon investigation, it was determined that the odor was caused by broken belts on an air handling unit. Power Plant personnel made repairs to the air handler. The scene was cleared at 11:09 p.m. The State Fire Marshals Office was notified via e-mail.

11:19 p.m. Subject reported water flowing onto the road from Parking Lot Q. Officers and Power Plant personnel responded finding water coming from, and freezing on the ground. Upon investigation, it was determined that the leak was caused by a backed-up sewer line near Commonwealth Hall. An NKU Plumber responded and repaired the problem. Physical Plant personnel also treated the seed areas with rock salt.

### Friday, Feb. 11

2:57 a.m. Subject reported having been struck during a reported fight that occurred earlier in the day at the Woodcrest apartments. Subject refused the offer of medical assistance. No charges have been filed at this time, under investigation.

1:08 p.m. Subject reported a harassment incident that occurred on Jan. 26, in Parking Lot M, under investigation.

### Saturday, Feb. 12

2:10 a.m. Residential Life personnel requested Officers response to the University Suites, referencing an alcohol related incident. Upon arrival, Officers located a subject and requested a social response for possi-

ble alcohol poisoning. Central Campbell County Squad responded. Subject was evaluated by the squad personnel but refused the offer of transportation to a hospital.

12:26 p.m. Subject reported being struck in the head outside the University Suites following a verbal exchange which occurred at about 12:45 a.m. on Feb. 11. There is no suspect at this time, under investigation.

1:13 p.m. Campbell County Consolidated Dispatch requested an officer to respond to General Cable on Tensener Drive for an alarm drop. Upon investigation, the alarm was caused by a door that did not secure properly. General Cable personnel reset the alarm reported the findings to CCDD.

### Sunday, Feb. 13

1:55 a.m. Residential Life personnel requested an illegally parked vehicle be towed from the reserved parking space at the Commonwealth Hall.

### Monday, Feb. 14

10:32 p.m. Subject reported paint on the carpet at the University Center.

3:23 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a textbook and other personal items from a book bag at the University Suites, under investigation.

7:09 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a textbook and other personal items from a book bag at Norse Commons, under investigation.

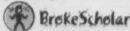
7:30 p.m. Subject in Kentucky Hall reported receiving two threatening e-mails from an unknown individual over the past few months, under investigation.

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## Center *Continued from page one*

community as well.  
"The Bank of Kentucky Center will be a major contributor to the region's economic growth and quality of life," said NKU President James Votruba. "It will also contribute to NKU's continuing efforts to build a truly 21st-century metropolitan university."

Votruba acknowledged Fletcher's commitment to the project, saying he, too, realizes the impact the center will have.

"Our governor has demonstrated both publicly and privately his commitment to northern Kentucky and to this university. He recognizes that in order for Kentucky to prosper, our region must continue to grow and prosper as well," Votruba said. "The governor has been a strong advocate for the special events center since his first day at the office because he sees the connection between the center and our continued regional progress."

Fletcher said he looks forward to breaking ground on this arena that will bring so much to the economy.

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- NKU President James Votruba

"It's more than just sports events; it is building the future for those children and grandchildren whose lives we want to improve," Fletcher said. "It's building the future of northern Kentucky – and not only northern Kentucky but all of Kentucky – because the economic growth here not only helps the people that are here, but it helps people all across the Commonwealth."

According to a press release, "three potential campus sites (for the center) have been identified: at the corner of University and Nunn drives; adjacent to Regents Hall on Johns Hill Road; and a less defined site on university-owned property overlooking I-275."

Fletcher's modernization plan has yet to be passed in Frankfort, and there are currently no dates set to begin construction on the center.

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petition.  
"I just ran by my idea for what the argument should be because it's always a good idea to get a professional legal scholar's opinion," Hagler said. "It wasn't anything official with regards to judicial council."

Tobertga argued in his appeal that Hagler's contact with Sidebottom is reason for the judicial council's decision to be null and void.

"I find that to be a conflict of interest because the administration wanted this constitution to get through, and (Sidebottom) represents the university," Tobertga said. "She does not necessarily represent the interests of the student body – that's what Student Government and judicial council were supposed to do."

According to the constitution, Dean of Students Kent Kelso will have final determination on the matter.

"If the dean decides to uphold the judicial council's ruling, I'm still going to make a stink about it because I know a lot of students are upset about this," Tobertga said.

"Everybody likes to say, 'Student Government

is a joke. What power do they have?' Well, we had a little bit of power and there was a process working up to gaining more so that way we could work for the students, but that's now been struck down and there's probably no way of us getting that to happen unless by some miracle we have a whole new Board of Regents and administration appointed."

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- SGA Sen. Michael Tobertga

SGA President Andy Hixson created an ad hoc legislative review committee Jan. 31 to investigate how a different version of the constitution from what the student senate voted on appeared on its Web site during the student referendum. The committee was originally going to report its findings at the Feb. 14 meeting, but Hixson said he pushed back the deadline to Feb. 21 so the committee could have enough time to word its results correctly and lay out a policy for how to keep this problem from ever happening again.

"They needed another week to be thorough," Hixson said. "They wanted to make sure it didn't have any leaks."

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The Bank of Kentucky is paying \$6 million to have its name put on the arena for the next 20 years. It is yet to be determined whether the university will get the rest of the money for the arena from the state.

While in Frankfort, the ambassadors also met with the president of the Senate, the attorney general, the secretary of state and the Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus. Before they left, they had their pictures taken with Fletcher.

"That was great," Mills said. "He's so busy, and it was really nice of him to take 10 or 15 minutes out of his schedule to talk with us and to take some pictures. We were all very

excited."

Bleh also thought that meeting the governor was an interesting part of the trip. She had a little fun with him at one point.

"He was great," Bleh said. "We gave him a bobblehead, and I got to be the one to present it to him. It was Hey-U. He just looked at us like, 'What?' We had to explain to him that it was our mascot."

"I told him that whenever he's having a bad day to bobble it head and think of us."

NKU President James Votruba and Vice President of Administration and Finance Ken Ramey also joined up with the group later.

"I just happened to be down

there with Dr. Votruba on other matters, and we ran into them," Ramey said. "I sat in the session with Sen. Williams; he presented the state of the budget and gave some background information."

"The students did ask questions, but it was more of an informational thing."

Mills and Bleh both felt like the trip was successful and worthwhile.

"It was a great trip," Bleh said. "You could just tell that our presence made a difference. We were all very attentive and asked good questions."

"(The legislators) could tell that we really cared."



Photo contributed by the Presidential Ambassadors

The Presidential Ambassadors have a photo-op with Gov. Ernie Fletcher during their visit to the capitol.

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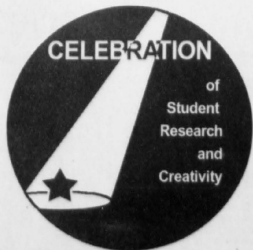
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# Comments

## appearances on campus matter

The one complaint that I hear most around campus is how unsightly it is. "The concrete prison," they say. No one ever wants to help and throw ideas out on how we can beautify our campus. I feel it is my duty as a voice of common man to express these suppressed cries of the student body.

I may watch too much "Trading Spaces." I may have a mad crush on Paige Davis. These things may be true, but I can't keep these ideas down any longer. Rise up and be heard. That is exactly what I did. I made a three-pronged attack on how we can do our school. First and foremost, we need good scenery. We have already



A comic's perspective  
with Matt Stanton

take on campus, but what about a water park? How great would it be to take a water slide from the Fine Arts building to BEP? Have you ever not smiled after riding down a slide? (I didn't think so.) A pirate ship wouldn't hurt either.

With the landscape taken care of, I move on to the structures of campus. "But Matt, how can you

make those ugly slabs of rock called "buildings," not such an eyesore?" Oh, student body, how you do our school. We need some piazzas. We can make campus look like the Vegas strip. Nunn Hall could have illuminating palm trees. Old Science topped by a warring cowboy. At the end of each day we could have a fireworks display like Disney world. Lets give some flash to our dull campus.

Okay, we have started tackling the problems of scenery and the architecture, but let's not forget about the students themselves. Don't think I was going to over look you. I know you are supposed to work with what you got, but let's face it: Not every student is a "10." There is why I propose model scholarships. We need to recruit better-looking students. Bring the hotness to Highland Heights: a

panel of judges, including Tyra Banks and Lorenzo Lamas, deciding who is hot enough to grace our school's landscape.

Hot kids can't be taught by average looking instructors. Start hiring Chippendale dancers and Playboy Bunnies to educate our young minds. They might not be as smart in history or math, but they will teach you one of life's key lessons: Looking good is all that matters.

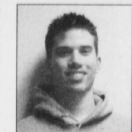
Gorgeous scenery, buildings with bling bling and sexy people – campus is looking better already, isn't it? No longer will outsiders scoff at Northern. We will become the sexiest campus known to man. Move over, California!

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## norse poll responses

Compiled by Nicole Jones

How will the Bank of Kentucky Center most benefit NKU?



Adam Staff  
Senior, music education

"Instead we should spend the money on education and better teachers."



Li Osborne  
Sophomore, Spanish

"More sports teams would be beneficial for NKU. Also, it could benefit Greek life because it could be a place we could rent out and have for our events."



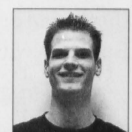
Alice Frickman  
Freshman, radio/television

"I think it would benefit the athletes to have a place for practice and their events."



Nick McMillen  
Senior, video production

"I think it will help the Northern become more well-known around the country."



Jason Feryanyi  
Sophomore, pre-pharmacy

"In time it will help Northern become a Div. I school. It will help Northern prosper by bringing in money."



Lonnie Neal  
Junior, public relations

"Hopefully it will bring more excitement to the campus."

## Balance of power needed

### Administration gaining too much influence, control in SGA affairs

By PAUL MYERS  
Contributor

Allow me to lay out the case for autonomy in Student Government. This issue supersedes any notion of financial power, which some people may see as the driving force behind advocates of student empowerment. It is an issue of respect coupled with responsibility and the delicate balance that must occur in order for both to happen on this campus.

Many of us still have strong ties and depend on our parents, but that doesn't mean that they have the power to control our destinies. Imagine how upset you would be if your parents wanted to look over your shoulder on every trivial task you took even though the rest of society has declared you to be a responsible adult. That's exactly how many students feel about administrative oversight in Student Government.

Even if the Northern Kentucky Administration possessed the famed

Wisdom of Solomon most of us wouldn't want them telling Student Government, the representatives of the student body, how to run itself. Approximately 200 students signed a petition in protest of administrative tyranny, but there is word that the administration will not honor this and they are positioning their pawns to check the voice of those students who oppose the new SGA constitution.

It is Student Government's responsibility and obligation to represent the students, which means that there will be an occasional disagreement with the administration. SGA is the sole organization that actively lobbies for the students, and it should not be under the yoke of those that it may oppose. There is always the possibility that a future administrator may see SGA as a threat and use the power, provided conveniently in the new SGA constitution, to silence the voice of the students.

The advisers for SGA should do only that: advise SGA. I have great respect for how

much assistance the administration has given SGA over the years, but there shouldn't be anything allowing for the administration or the Board of Regents to be the final authority over SGA. If you look at the Student Government constitutions throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky, you will find no clause granting such a power.

When I was elected to the SGA Senate in the fall of 2003, I thought I was joining a genuine governing body of responsible adults who make real, meaningful decisions. Recently, I am seeing just a bunch of administrative puppets that simply follow the commands of a walking sound byte. I know that there are some people who won't agree with my opinion, and I respect that, but I think that many people in SGA are not showing enough faith in the students.

The image that the administration and some SGA members are painting is a family portrait with the administration as the parents and the remainder of the

university community as children. If that is the case, then there are some students who are manipulating "mommy and daddy" so they will get the flashy toy they wanted. The administration rejected the SGA constitution that would give the student body passed and coerced SGA, with the help of some wayward youth, into passing a new constitution that eliminates autonomy. What is next, an attempt to control the Faculty Senate or Staff Congress?

Those who oppose the new constitution are now being accused of personal vendettas and even hatred. Nothing could be further from the truth. Those of us who favor autonomy have an ongoing disagreement with proponents of administrative oversight. We have nothing against these individuals or the administration personally. We are just doing the work of the students and trying to serve them in the best way possible.

Paul Myers is a sophomore radio/television major and a SGA senator.

## Speech not free from criticism

By JOHN FOLEY  
Staff Writer

Ward L. Churchill, a professor at the University of Colorado, has recently come under attack for a disparaging essay written after the Sept. 11 attacks on America. He is shocked that the public is outraged and demanding his termination from the university.

The professor called the terrorists from that deplorable morning "heroes." They were cowards – nothing more, nothing less. The innocent people of that horrific morning are heroes. I remember pictures of a policeman bringing people out of the building and running back to save more. He made it out four times; the fifth time the building collapsed. He was a hero. If he were alive he would probably say, "I was just doing my job." Modesty is the comer-

stone of heroes. Although I have a different opinion than the professor, I respect his right to express his opinion. But there are consequences attached, and he cannot be immune from them, just as I am not immune from the consequences of my opinion.

I agree he has every right to say, publish or disseminate his opinion and can do this in any way he deems necessary; even if it means he has every right to say, publish or disseminate his opinion and can do this in any way he deems necessary; even if it means he has every right to say, publish or disseminate his opinion and can do this in any way he deems necessary.

I would be foolish to allow him to make such offensive statements and not hold him

accountable. If a person were to stand in the middle of an ethnic neighborhood and shout an ethnic epithet, they have to expect somebody to stand up to them, assault them or arrest them for inciting a riot. I do not condone violence, but if their words are offensive, they have to expect the consequences. However, they do have the right to free speech, even if it goes against common sense.

Do I agree that a professor deserves to keep teaching? No. How can an ethics professor be allowed to pass on such hate speech or teach such a narrow-minded view? Students attend college to get an education – to broaden their thought process, not narrow it. Imagine upon the completion of his class realizing that you've taken a step back in the evolution of understanding our differences.

It would be no different than a Klansman teaching race rela-

tions. You would learn to hate, not embrace other cultures.

An ethnic studies professor should know that prejudice is a poison, not an antidote. We cannot excuse his words as an act of speech. He has the right to freedom of speech; he does not have the right to be free of the effects of that speech.

We all have the freedom to write or say anything we like. However, we do not have the right to demand people listen or read or hear and expect offensive language to be dismissed as free speech. An artist that draws an offensive painting cannot expect it to be bought merely because he is exercising his right to free speech. We all have to suffer the consequences for what we say. We may gain friends or enemies depending on how it's received.

The professor has the right to freedom of speech, but the right to be free of consequences.

## Exclusion of voters hurts diversity

By MELISSA ROMAN  
Contributor

I'm concerned with what happened in the African-American Pluralism meeting a while ago. Victor Hernandez, the president of the Latino Student Union, and Desera Favors, the president of STAR, were denied the right to vote in a subject that concerns all students.

The American Pluralism committee is trying to add or

replace Psychology of Race and Gender with American Pluralism.

Hernandez and Favors weren't even invited to the committee meeting, and then they were denied the right to vote. I think this needs to be known by all students, specially the Hispanic students on campus. I will like the African-American students to support Favors as we are supporting Hernandez. If today this happens to them, tomorrow it could happen to any of us.

Because the purpose of this committee is to bring American Pluralism to the university, we would expect the university the pluralistic ideas of "equal coexistence" and "equal opportunity for all people." The committee demonstrates total hypocrisy instead by devaluing the student voice and defending it by discriminating against students, criticizing them for lack of experience and wisdom. We can argue that we make up a large percentage of the American

Pluralism community being Hispanic and that we feel our voices should be taken seriously. I think I am speaking for all Hispanic students when I say that we demand the right to vote and we hope that all students will support our demands.

Melissa Roman is a sophomore education and Spanish major, a member of the Latino Student Union, the International Student Union and an associate member of STAR.

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## campuscalendar

### wednesday

- Free group demonstration of weights at 3:30 p.m. in the CRC multipurpose room.
- Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues" to be performed at 5:30 p.m. in Budig Theatre.

### thursday

- "Bat boy: The Musical" at 8 p.m. opens in the Corbett Theatre. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$9 NKU Faculty/Staff, \$8 senior citizens and \$6 for students.
- NKU Bookstore closed for inventory.
- African American Student Affair's annual Soul Food Fest from 5 to 7 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.
- Poetry Against the War reading from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Budig Theatre.

### friday

- NKU Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall. Admission is \$3 for students.

### saturday

- Miss Black and Gold Pageant in the UC Budig Theatre from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

### sunday

- Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers meet in AS&T room 254 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

### monday

- President's Day  
 University Open/Classes held

### tuesday

- Wellness Event: "Bones and Joins" in UC 108 from 12 to 1 p.m.
- "Romeo and Juliet" performed by The Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival Young Company at 7 p.m. in Budig Theatre.

To place an event contact Regan Coomer at 859-572-5859

# Student-curated show brings in variety of art

By KRISTIN KOESTER  
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A student has taken over the Fine Arts Gallery. Rather than a term paper, Casey Bussard, art history student, chose a unique senior project: to curate an exhibition.

This may sound like an easy task, but receiving over 500 images of artwork to sort through is sure to change anyone's mind.

Bussard, along with David Knight, the gallery's curator, posted advertisements in magazines "Art in America" and "City Beat," each stating the requirements of the art: the size could be no larger than 6 inches by 6 inches, and the theme of the work was left to the artist. "A theme based on size had never been tried before," Bussard said. Only one other student at NKU has attempted to curate a show as Bussard has done in the last 10 years.

Bussard was pleased with the overwhelming response, although it meant a lot of work. She said she was "looking for craft" when selecting the pieces.

"I did not want a lot of photographs because the medium lends itself to a small format," she said.

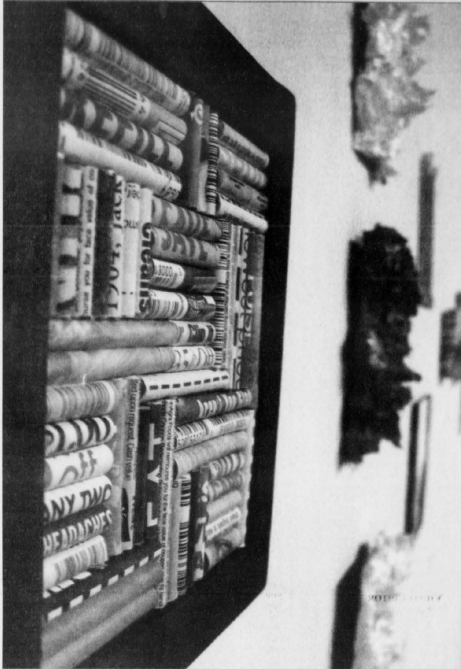
Due to the closing of the small gallery, the large gallery was divided into two sections and a new exhibition was booked to run in one half while Bussard's show is in the other. She has invested a lot of time in the show; she has been working on the exhibit since last May.

The artists featured in the exhibit also have a lot of time invested for this show. Oliver Meinerding, an art student at NKU, had three pieces selected to be part of the show: "Total Awesome Take-Off Rocket Explosion," "To Play or Dance to Rock and Roll" and "Emni." These three pieces, full of color and life, look like they belong in a series of a cartoon in the works.

His work is on six-by-six cardboard pieces, with each performing a different action.

"(I) made the pieces to have fun and to break away from my usual work," he said. His major influences are music and movies such as "Big Fish."

Alex Jarman, a studio mate to Meinerding, also has artwork in the show that utilizes cardboard, however, Jarman has added many 3-D elements. In his piece, "Voices Unheard," stars hang from the made-up sky and graphite arrows loom all around a particular theme.



Amy Ehrenreiter / Photographer

Charlotte Reed's "Like I have time to clip coupons" is one of the many mixed media artworks on display.

Viewing his work is like stepping into a Cincinnati alley covered with graffiti.

Another artist, Jennifer Lewis, from Boston, presents the viewer with an image that looks torn from the pages of a kid's book, as one patron said. "Pond" is a pink cat painted on a wood block that was admired opening night by many people.

Unlike the children's book approach of Lewis, Pamela DeCoker from Oxford, Ohio, approaches her work with more conceptual ideals. Her artwork, "Untitled No. 2," lacks all color. The white image is composed of many layers of acrylic paint applied to a computer remnant

and then a "casting of paint" is removed, she said.

"Most people think of containers holding paint not paint as a container," DeCoker said of her work with paint.

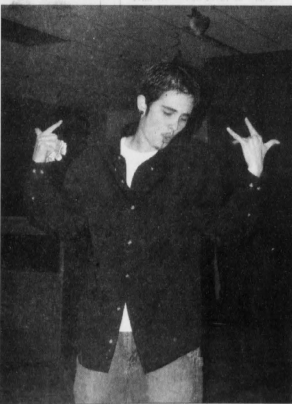
Although she does not usually work on such a small scale, she made an exception for this show. She is now working on pieces that are much larger and full of color, she said.

Several pieces in this exhibition are smaller than the six-by-six requirement, such as Bussard's favorite by Damon Belanger from California, titled "Little Pink Mouse." This art is just as the title implies. It is a little painted pink mouse on a

block of wood 1.25 inches by 2 inches. This piece is a good example of what Bussard was aesthetically looking for because it makes her smile, she said.

Another tiny art piece titled, "This is Massive," measured 1 inch by 1 inch and was submitted by Richard Fruth, an art professor at NKU. The art is a piece of bronze with the word "massive" embossed in it.

All of these works and more are on display in the Fine Arts Gallery until March 4. Many of the pieces are for sale by the artists and prices can be found in a binder located by the entrance.



Nicole Jones / Photo Editor

"The Cincinnati Drag Show Society" and "Chicks with Dicks" performed Wednesday, Feb. 9 in the UC Cafeteria. Common Ground sponsored the event as a fundraiser for its Valentine's Dance.



# Bat Boy sighted on campus

## Off-Broadway production spoofs other musicals and pop-culture

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Tabloid magazines first introduced America to the half-bat half-boy creature years ago; now Northern Kentucky University's Theatre Department is giving the area a closer look into the life of Bat Boy.

The award-winning, off-Broadway musical comedy, inspired by the tabloid celebrity, will be open in the Corbett Theatre beginning Feb. 17.

"Bat Boy: The Musical" is the tale of a creature raised by bats in a cave deep in rural West Virginia.

A family from the small town of Hope Falls takes in Bat Boy, played by Brian Bailey. The musical details the experiences of Bat Boy.

He must deal with not only the reactions of the town folk, but he must also fight a battle

from within — his thirst for blood.

The role of Bat Boy presented a special challenge to Bailey. "You must have stamina," Bailey said. "The singing, with all of the screaming is difficult."

In order to properly give an adequate visual of the creature, a cosmetic dentist fitted Bailey with a set of fangs. Bailey also dyed his hair black, used translucent powder and prosthetic ears to complete the "Bat Boy" look.

"It took around 45 minutes for all of the makeup to be applied," Bailey said.

Throughout the performance, spoofs of other musicals and pop culture events will be evident. A wide variety of musical styles are featured everything from rap to gospel.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Student tickets are \$6.



Amy Ehrenreiter / Photographer

Brian Bailey is the out-cast "Bat boy" in NKU's upcoming musical.

## Flies in the Pine Tar

with Matthew Daniels

## Canseco gives baseball a black eye

Jose Canseco is an idiot. Dumb as a bag of hammers. But he used to be able to hit the baseball a country mile. He made a lot of money. He drove fast cars with a gun under the seat. He dated buxom blondes from Miami, and his mullet bounced around during his home run trot. Good for Jose.

Now he can't hit anymore. He went broke MC Hammer style and whined that he was blackballed from the game. So, Jose decided to write a book. He admitted that he used steroids, and he was going to name others that did too. He was going to point the finger. He was going to expose them all, whether he came across as a jealous has-been or not. Um...not so good for Jose.

In his forthcoming book, Canseco accuses more than a few prominent players of steroid and performance-enhancing drug use. Convenient timing. With BALCO, Sheffield, Giambi and Bonds and the new testing policy, the readers are ripe for the pick. But the problem with Canseco is his credibility. He's broke, he feels slighted by the game and he's jealous. But, is he lying? Maybe, maybe not.

The most prominent player named in the Canseco book is his former "Bash Brother" teammate Mark McGwire, whom Canseco says he injected personally with steroids. Alrighty then. Might be true. But let's sort this accusation out with our little critical thinking hat, shall we.

First question: Was McGwire a juicer? Probably. Common sense leads us to that conclusion. Looking massive man, with acne problems at the age of thirty-five. A head the size of a small moon. Uh-hum.

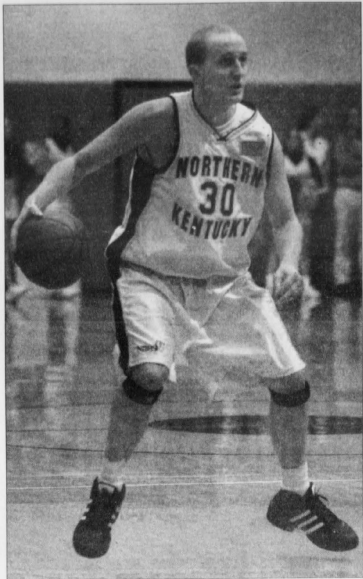
Second question: Is McGwire still admired and going to the Hall of Fame. Canseco claims McGwire is a life of burgeoning obscurity? Yes, absolutely. Jose may have a point in identifying the double standard, but he still comes across as a jealous man with an axe to grind. He wants to tear down the perceived greatness of other cheaters like himself. But, I'd bet my pinky toe that if he were headed to the Hall himself, you would never hear a word about any of this. There is no altruism going on here.

The same goes for Jason Giambi. He held a press conference last week to apologize to the fans, the media and the Yankees, but he couldn't mention what he was apologizing for. Thanks for all of that then. He could mention his inclusion in Canseco's book though. He claimed that he had not read the book, but that Canseco is clearly "delusional." Well, who is lying then? The liar who wrote the book or the liar who denies his steroid use until he was legally bound. You make the call. Now everyone is suspect, and the numbers hardly matter. Baseball has another major image problem.

What a mess this is all turning into. I miss the days when half of the guys were fat and smoking in the dugout.

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# Norse lose at homecoming



Blue / Photographer

Sean Rowland scored six points and grabbed six rebounds in the Norse loss.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - It's quite obvious that Indianapolis senior guard David Logan feels at home in Regents Hall. Just look at his stat sheets from the past two seasons for confirmation.

Logan, the Great Lakes Valley Conference's leading scorer going into the game Feb. 12 at 28.0 points per game, poured in 42 points to lead Indianapolis to an 87-74 win over Northern Kentucky University. The 6-foot-1 Logan scored 26 points in the second half as Indianapolis upped its record to 17-6 overall, 12-4 in the GLVC.

Logan hit seven three-point shots as Indianapolis spoiled the NKU homecoming for the 1,622 in attendance. A year ago in Regents Hall, Logan tossed in 44 points as the Greyhounds posted a 95-92 overtime win over NKU.

"He may be the best guard I've ever seen in this league," NKU head coach Dave Bezdol said of Logan. "He can create any shot for himself at any time. He can also create any shot for other people."

"We defended him in such a way that he didn't want him to drive and kick it in other guys with wide open looks. So, he did what he is. He's a great player, and he made the plays."

NKU (10-12 overall, 6-10 in the GLVC) jumped out to a 10-4 lead early in the game as Mike Kelsey and Pat Cary combined for eight points. The Norse, however, committed 12 turnovers in the first half and trailed by a 39-36 score at the break.

Lawrence Barnes scored 11 of his 20 points in the second half for Indianapolis, and the Greyhounds built a 70-53 lead when Logan made three consecutive three-point shots.

"It takes a team effort to stop him, and obviously we didn't do it," NKU guard Sean Rowland said. "You need one guy guarding him and then everyone else helping him. Sometimes players get on a roll, and no matter what you do you can't stop them. It was one of those nights for him, and he hit some tough shots. Then other things just fell asleep."

NKU battled back and pulled within 77-70 on two Derek Smith free throws with

2:41 left in the game, but a tip-in basket by Logan and an alley-oop dunk by Barnes sealed the victory for Indianapolis.

Smith led NKU with 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Courtney Ferguson added 15 points and four assists. Cary finished with 13 points and nine rebounds, while Kelsey scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Kelsey, who scored a school-record 50 points against Indianapolis in Regents Hall last season, hit just one three-pointer in nine attempts on Saturday. A year ago, Kelsey and Logan combined for 94 points in the Regents Hall shoot-out.

"They just have great perimeter defense," Bezdol said of Indianapolis. "When you don't have a speed advantage or a quickness advantage or an athletic advantage, they were capable of doing it. They did a great job off the screens and switching up on (Kelsey) and not letting him get good looks."

In addition to his 42 points, Logan also grabbed nine rebounds and dished out four assists. The Greyhounds shot 12-for-24 shooting from three-point range to hold off NKU.

Rowland scored six points, dished out six assists and grabbed six rebounds for NKU, which shot 41.3 percent from the field. The Norse were 7-for-27 from three-point range and lost despite owning a 47-31 rebound advantage.

"I was really happy with our inside guys in (Travis) Rasso, Cary and Smith. They played great," Bezdol said. "They gave us probably the best inside performance of the year, and we just have to figure out a way to get more perimeter shooting from people other than Kelsey."

NKU will play at Wayne-Saginaw-Parkside at 8 p.m. Feb. 19. The Norse are in seventh place in the GLVC standings, but with Kentucky Wesleyan ineligible for the GLVC Tournament, NKU is currently sixth as far as seeding for that event.

Lewis and Burmire both trail NKU by two games, while Wisconsin-Parkside and Missouri-St. Louis are 2 1/2 games behind the Norse.

\*Article by Sports Information

# Lady Norse win key home game

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - Balanced scoring keyed Northern Kentucky University's 78-59 win over Indianapolis Feb. 12 in Regents Hall.

Five NKU players scored in double figures as the Norse improved to 14-9 overall, 11-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Connie Myers poured in 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead NKU, while teammate Angela Healy added 21 points, 13 rebounds and two blocked shots.

"We're a team, and we don't center around one person," NKU head coach Nancy Winstel said of the balanced attack. "We have to have everybody, and that is what happened tonight. And when that happened, I just thought we were really fun to watch tonight, which is great for them."

The Norse held Indianapolis (17-6, 10-6 GLVC) to 29.2 percent shooting from the field in the first half and held her to a 13-20 lead at the break. Myers and Karyn Creager each scored seven points in the first half.

A 12-4 run early in the second

half allowed NKU to build a 45-26 advantage with 15:05 remaining. Creager capped the upset with a conventional three-point play.

Creager finished with 14 points and extended her school-record streak of consecutive made free throws to 24 for NKU, which led by as many as 22 points in the second half. Creager is atop the GLVC in free-throw shooting at .904.

"I think this has been our best game defensively and offensively," Creager said. "We came out, and we were intense. We denied well, and our defense is what got our offense going."

Elizabeth Burrows scored 13 points and had four assists for NKU, while Sarah Woods added 10 points and three assists. NKU shot 50 percent from the field and made 16-of-22 free throws to avenge an early-season loss at Indianapolis.

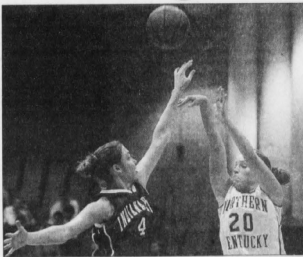
"I think we were 0-4, and we hadn't won a game," Burrows said of the earlier loss at Indianapolis. "Our confidence

was down. Our goal is to get into the NCAA tournament, and we are trying our best to do that. We know that each one of us is playing our best just vital. I think we are playing with more confidence now. We have (Karmen Graham) back, and she was only able to play a few minutes, but she just works so hard that every time she is out there is a plus."

Brittany Winstel added eight points and three steals for NKU, which forced Indianapolis into 15 turnovers. The Norse also won the rebounding battle by a 35-31 margin.

Indianapolis was led by Sara Riedeman's 15 points. The Norse led for three fourths of the GLVC standings with Bellarmine and Lewis. The Norse will play at Wisconsin-Parkside, which is in second place in the GLVC with a 12-5 record, at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17.

"It scares me to death because we beat Parkside, so they are going to be really fired up for us," Winstel said. "Lewis is going to be all fired up for us. Everybody is battling for positioning, and then we have



Blue / Photographer

Senior Elizabeth Burrows had 13 points and 4 assists in the win.

Quincy at home, which will be tough. (Missouri-St. Louis) is going to be tough because they are playing and have a lot of young players."

NKU is ninth in the latest NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region rankings, while

Indianapolis is sixth. The top eight teams in that poll will advance to the NCAA Tournament in March.

NKU has earned six consecutive berths in the NCAA Tournament.

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# Ice hockey club team forms on campus

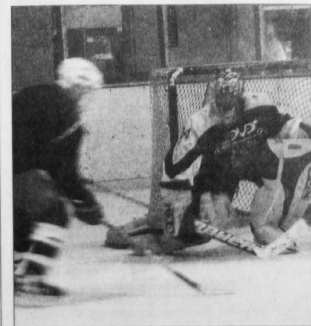


Photo contributed by the NKU Ice Hockey Club Team  
The Norse hockey team has started practicing for their upcoming season at the Northern Kentucky Ice Center.

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After several attempts at forming a team, Northern Kentucky University now has its own ice hockey club team in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

The club held its first practice Feb. 1 at the Northern Kentucky Ice Center in Crescent Springs. The team will practice on Monday nights with the first scrimmage scheduled for Feb. 25 against Eastern Kentucky University in Lexington. They also hope to scrimmage the University of Cincinnati ice hockey team in March.

"Hockey - if it really gets going - can be a great money maker," said junior Scott Hicks, NKU hockey operations vice president.

"The school can also benefit by making money from the team. It's an expensive sport to

run, but in the end we can do pretty well and make the pluses outweigh the minuses."

The team will start out competing in the Great Midwest Collegiate Hockey Conference at the Division III level. Opponents will include Wright State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Butler University, University of Louisville, University of Southern Indiana, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis and Lincoln Land Community College.

Andy Pokupke will be the team's head coach. Pokupke is also the head coach for the ice hockey team at Moeller High School in Cincinnati. Mike Fairbanks will be the assistant coach for the NKU ice hockey team. Fairbanks is also a coach for a pee-wee hockey team called the Northern Kentucky Norsemen. Fairbanks has experience in starting ice hockey club teams. He started the club team at Eastern Illinois University when he was a stu-

dent there. "You can't set wins or losses when you start up a club team like this, but I really want to make this a viable team," said Fairbanks.

The team officers were impressed with the amount of people that turned out for the first practice. They had 23 people sign up to be not officers for the team. "We have been getting good response to the flyers we have around campus. We have even had 10 high school students contact us about the ice hockey team," said NKU ice hockey president Geoff Park.

Hicks said tryouts will begin in September, and he hopes the team is able to start competing with a full game schedule by the beginning of October. The games will be on Friday or Saturday nights starting at 10:30 p.m.

Students interested in joining the NKU ice hockey club by e-mail at nkuhockey@kyu.com or by phone at (859) 448-8061.

## hotseat



with John Rasp

In this week's Hot Seat, John interviews Harrison Morton, Harrison is a freshman on this year's men's basketball team.

**John Rasp:** Which men's basketball player talks the most trash in practice?  
**Harrison Morton:** Derek Smith.

**JR:** Who would you say is the best dunker on the team?  
**HM:** Harrison Morton.

**JR:** Which men's basketball player could play another sport at NKU?  
**HM:** Led (Mike Kelsey) could play soccer.

**JR:** Mark Hawkins said last week that out of the freshmen, Billy Finelli is the best one-on-one player. Is this true?  
**HM:** Yes.

**JR:** Which NBA player do you most play like?  
**HM:** LeBron James.

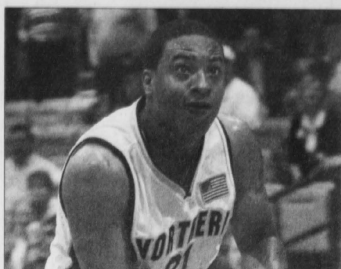
**JR:** If you were to take on LeBron James one-on-one and you were playing to 12 how many would you score against him?  
**HM:** Ten. I would lose 12-10.

**JR:** Who would you say is the best dancer on the team?  
**HM:** (Kevin) Schappell.

**JR:** What would you say is the best sports movie of all time?  
**HM:** Hoosiers.

**JR:** Do you think you could outshoot Coach Bezold from the free throw line?  
**HM:** Yeah.

**JR:** If you shot 100 free throws and Coach Bezold shot 100 free throws, how many would each of you make?  
**HM:** I would make 100 and he would make 10.



Blue I Photographer

Harrison Morton is the fourth leading scorer for the Norse.

# Teams optimistic for spring season

By KYLE BROWN

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Northern Kentucky University enters the 2005 spring sports season with high expectations. From outstanding individuals to dominating teams, thoughts of championships are prevalent on campus.

"The sports are good quality products," NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier said. "The games are fun, and if students want to follow a winner, they will attend the team's games." Every sport has high hopes entering the spring.

**Baseball:** The baseball team won the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship last season, and made the Division II tournament for the second time in three seasons.

The team begins the season with equally high expectations, being ranked first in the GLVC in the preseason poll, and 24th in the nation by the American

Baseball Coaches Association.

The Norse will feature a strong pitching staff again this season, led by Third Team All American Derik Moores. Last season, Moores finished eighth nationally in Division II baseball with a 1.74 earned run average. He did not allow a home run all season and set a NKU record with 102 strikeouts. Moores begins the season seventh on the all-time strike out list for the Norse.

Also returning is senior pitcher Justin Seiter. Seiter was a major asset out of the bullpen last season and received an All-North Central Region selection as a result.

Alex Frank batted .290 and Keith Jackson batted .288 and are the returning leading hitters for the Norse this season. Connor McGeehan is the returning leader in home runs, with four.

**Softball:** The softball team had a record-breaking season last year, finishing 54-7, and making it all the way to the final eight of the Division II Tournament.

The team did not have a senior last season, so every player returns for a team picked to finish first in the GLVC pre-season poll.

All American pitcher Krystal Lewallen returns following a dominating season last year. Lewallen finished the season with 31 wins and led the nation with a 0.27 ERA.

Also returning to the mound for the Norse is Emily Breitholte. Last season, Breitholte finished the season with a 16-2 record with a 1.10 ERA.

NKU has several players holding records, or close to breaking all-time records returning this season. Breitholte needs only four victories, and Lewallen needs six to become the all-time leader at NKU.

At the plate, Stephanie Leimbach set a school record with 70 hits last season and needs two hits this season to become the all-time leader at NKU. Leimbach already has the school record for most runs

scored all time.

Angie Lindeman is the all time RBI leader at NKU, and set a single-season record, driving in 50 last year.

Ricki Rothbauer also returns after setting a school record with 42 runs last season.

**Women's Golf:**

In the fall, the women's golf team captured the GLVC title, and coach Daryl Landrum was named coach of the year in the GLVC.

The team kicks off the second half of the season in the spring traveling to Kiawah Island, S.C. and to Florida Southern to play in tournaments before hosting the NKU Invitational from March 25-27.

Kim Keyer-Scott returns this season after boasting one of the lowest shooting averages last season. Also returning is Bianca Hutton who finished third at the Ferris State Invitational and the Screaming Eagle Golf Classic in the fall.

Keyer-Scott, Hutton and Michelle Bellish all finished in a three-way tie for second place

at the GLVC Championships in the fall.

**Men's Golf:**

The men start playing again in the spring in a tournament March 3-9 in Barry, Fla.

The team returns several golfers who put up impressive showings in tournaments in the fall: Curtis Phelps, Jerod Cahill, David Shearer, Jon Ehlen and Mark Krahe.

During the fall the men finished in the top five at the University of Indianapolis Invitational, the NKU Fall Invitational, the Murray State Individual and the Great Lakes Fall Regional.

Individually, Ehlen finished third at the NKU Fall Invitational and fifth at the Great Lakes Fall Regional.

**Men's Tennis:**

The men's tennis team dominated last season, finishing undefeated in the GLVC, and winning the conference tournament for the second consecutive season.

The team returns key players Oliver Marinovic, Marc

Pawelec, Nick Herzog and Billy Hopkins.

With so much talent returning for every team at NKU, it is easy to see why expectations are so high.

The baseball and softball teams travel to California and Florida, respectively, to play against some top-notch competition, and to showcase their great players.

"The teams are facing a very competitive schedule," Meier said. "All it can do is make us better prepared for GLVC play."

The class of the individual athlete at NKU is also apparent.

"The quality of the student athlete is very high at NKU," Meier said. "I think Derik (Moores) may be drafted pretty high."

With all of the excellent teams, you cannot go wrong attending any of the games. There has also been an upgrade to the sound systems for baseball and softball, with new units being used for both teams.

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## cryptograph by Mitchell Cahill

This week's cryptograph is a simple statement about racial conflicts from a song by The Specials.

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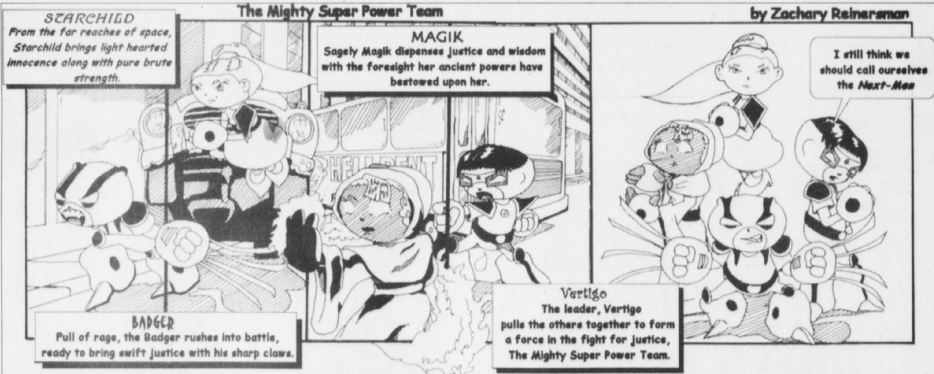
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## Last Week's Amorous Answer:

"Earth Angel, Earth Angel, please be mine. My darling dear, I'll love you for all time. I'm in just a fool, a fool in love with you."

— The Platters



## crossword

"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)

## ACROSS

- 1 Excited  
 5 Word before media or transit  
 9 Roam stealthily  
 14 Theater box  
 15 Stove chamber  
 16 Sri Lanka cash  
 17 Dieter's activity?  
 20 Chafing dish fuel  
 21 Chi-town paper  
 22 Begley and Meese

- 23 Chicken products  
 25 Jason of the NFL  
 27 Recipe amt.  
 30 Love god  
 32 Team  
 36 Upon  
 38 Toward shelter  
 40 Of the moon  
 41 Dieter's passion?  
 44 Elia or Laimie  
 45 Act boldly  
 46 Summers on the Somme

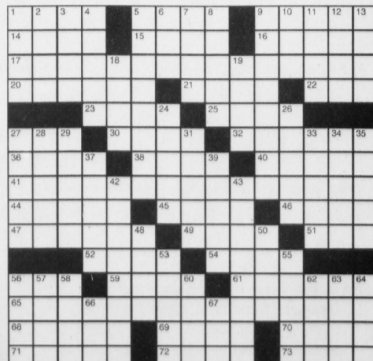
## DOWN

- 69 Wallach & Whitney  
 70 Job safety org.  
 71 Used a keyboard  
 72 Breathily utterance  
 73 Golf shop buy

## LAST WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE



- 47 Wading birds  
 49 Short-term worker  
 51 Tee precursor  
 52 Ted or Connie  
 54 Enameled metalware  
 56 Battery size  
 59 Small lake  
 61 Newly hatched insects  
 65 Dieter's magic goal?  
 68 Very angry



- 42 Yet to be used  
 43 Raze  
 48 Old English bard  
 50 Outline  
 53 Leg joints  
 55 Lyseric acid source  
 56 Mine entrance  
 57 Well ventilated  
 58 In an NYC minute  
 60 Salvador the surrealist

Answers to this week's puzzle will be published in next week's issue.