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Georges put a twist on politics

By Scott Wartman
Staff Writer

A bold prediction, as well as historical and first hand accounts of what the presidency of the United States is really like, was what those who attended last Wednesday's "Power of the Presidency" lecture at Regents Hall were treated to. The lecture showcased two of the nation's top political analysts, George Stephanopoulos and George Will who can be seen on ABC's political roundtable show "This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

The event started on a humorous note when George Will, adorned with his trademarked round-rimmed glasses and a blue bow-tie with white polka dots, recounted a joke by Mark Twain, "When you wake up in the morning, its best to swallow a live frog. That way you know the worst is over."

The joke referred to having to speak first, and the large crowd responded with vibrant laughter as they would many times throughout both George Will's and George Stephanopoulos' speeches. Both speakers talked about how the office of the president has changed since the Constitution was drafted. Will explained how the presidency has become less administrative and more rhetorical.

The early presidents like Washington, Madison and Jefferson typically gave one or two speeches to the public a year compared to Clinton, who gave

550 speeches last year, said Will.

Will credits this change to the modern public sentiment that people want a president who can feel their pain.

"Can you imagine someone having an emotional bond with John Adams?" Will jovially quipped.

Stephanopoulos, because of his experience in the White House from being Clinton's former director of communications, was able to give personal insight on the modern day presidency.

Stephanopoulos agreed with Will and said the main source of power for the president in modern times is their speeches, because they can use persuasion. The only moment a president has control of the agenda is in the State of the Union address, he said.

Stephanopoulos remembered a time when President Clinton, frustrated because he felt powerless, said "I feel like Captain Ahab lashed to a pole where there is nothing I can do."

Ending his part of the lecture, Stephanopoulos made a bold prediction by assuring Al Gore would win the next election.

"Given Clinton's high presidential approval ratings and the prosperous economic conditions, it makes it almost impossible for Gore to lose," Stephanopoulos said.

This was followed by a mix of gasps and cheers from the assembly, making clear who supported



Joe Ruhl/University Relations
Political pundits George Will and George Stephanopoulos informed and entertained in a packed Regents Hall Wed., Oct. 20.

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Freshening it up

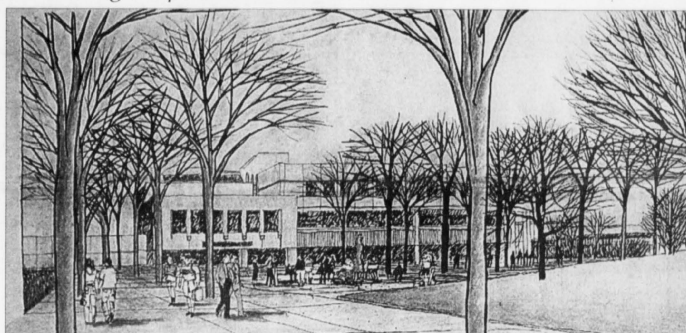


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Northern Kentucky University's future holds some drastic changes in store for future generations of students. One major plan is for more green in the concrete jungle. The board of Regents approved the Master Plan, NKU's vision for change over the next five years, on Wed., Sept. 7. The plan calls for more housing, a convocation center, and a new Student Union. Student input is being solicited Thursday. Any student interested in taking part in meetings with the designers should contact Student Government in UC 208.

NKU tackles harassment

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

Sexual harassment seminars held at Northern Kentucky University may protect the school from lawsuits, while also protecting staff and students from unwelcome ogling and posterior pinching.

Last week, two specialists from the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Civil Rights gave presentations about the legal implications of sexual harassment incidents within educational institutions.

Equal Opportunity Specialists Gertrude Keasley and LouAnn Pearlthree arrived at the University Center Theater last Tuesday with a Power Point slide show and years of experience dealing with harassment investigations.

"In general, sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature," said Keasley, who has worked at the Office of Civil Rights in Philadelphia for eight years.

"If there is no policy against sex discrimination, the institute is in trouble," she added.

Sara Sidebottom, vice president of legal affairs and general counsel, said NKU's sexual harassment policy is clearly defined in the university handbook. The formal grievance process requires victims to file a written complaint with the director of affirmative action and multicultural affairs. Thereafter, a panel of student government members investigates the matter. An option to file with the OCR is also available, according

to the policy.

Sidebottom said having the seminars would reduce the university's liability in harassment situations. "I'm going to do whatever I can to protect the university from a lawsuit," she said. "In order to do that well, I have to make sure we are adequately offering training for our staff, faculty and students."

For the last five years, Cheryl Nunez has advised NKU students with complaints in her position as the university's Title IX coordinator. "Title IX is the federal regulation prohibiting sexual harassment in educational institutions that receive federal funding," she said.

According to Nunez, only one formal complaint has been pursued during her tenure. "I don't think it is fair to make assumptions from the number of inquiries or even complaints I receive, that sexual harassment is not much of a problem," she said. "It is likely that many incidents of sexual harassment victims are resolved by the victim him/herself and others, no doubt, simply endured."

Nunez said she asked the Office for Civil Rights to do the training because it is the agency that administers the regulation and offers policy guidance. Keasley and Pearlthree presented the seminar at three different times throughout last Tuesday.

According to the OCR specialists, their agency deals with 400 to 500 sexual harassment cases a year.

"We're not working on one case at a time," Keasley explained. "We're always getting phone calls, letters and information on other cases and giving presenta-

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Black Psych course to be dropped

By Hlevani Baloyi
Managing Editor

Departments at Northern Kentucky University are faced with decisions about what course to offer in their catalog each school year. The psychology department will eliminate two specialized courses this spring semester from their curriculum. The courses are Community Psychology and Black Psychology. According to Dr. George Goeddel, chairman of psychology, these courses are being eliminated because a qualified instructor cannot be found to teach them.

Dr. Harriet Richards, former professor of Black Psychology, created the course in 1994 because she had experience in this field. Black Psychology was introduced into the Psychology curriculum in 1996.

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Look what I got



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

Tie-dyed Thom hawks his wares outside University Center. Thom is a bi-annual visitor as he makes his way to universities nationwide.

Tristate citizens run and walk against AIDS at Sawyer Point

By Karen Andrew
Staff Reporter

Cincinnati's top alternative bands highlighted the Band Together Concert & Party at Sawyer Point as part of the AIDS Run/Walk 2000 weekend event. Performers included Ben Weiz, Soundminder, Rockets to Mars, MFK (My Friend Kevin), Big in Iowa, Oval Opus and Youngfellow. Sponsored by Aids Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC), KISS FM radio and MAC Products, the event will also feature LaRo's pizza and Miller beer. Door prizes were given to participants.

Located at Downtown Cincinnati's waterfront, Sawyer Point is also the beginning and ending point for a 5K run prior to the concert and party on Saturday and a 10K walk on Sunday morning.

According to AVOC's event brochure, City Beat voted last year's event the Best Fund-raiser and the Best Local Cause.

Brian Powell, a Northern Kentucky University student and this year's chairman of the AIDS Walk/Run Corporate Team Committee, said the weekend of activ-

ities is AVOC's largest fund raising event.

"AVOC is a not-for-profit organization which provides nutritional, medical and counseling assistance to HIV and AIDS affected people in the Cincinnati area," Powell said.

"There are 3,000 plus men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in the metro-Cincinnati area," said Powell. "And, yes, HIV is even a presence on the campus of NKU."

He added, "As the nation hears about the advances in HIV drug therapies, I fear a growing sense of complacency in the American people."

As a result of this complacency, participation in the AVOC Run/Walk has declined in the past two years, Powell said.

"No cure for AIDS has yet been discovered. New therapies are enabling people to live longer, more productive, more fulfilling lives," said Powell. "This is a tremendous accomplishment, but at the same time, living longer with HIV/AIDS has created different needs regarding physical care, emotional well-being, employment, and increasing medical costs."

According to Powell, on the aver-

age, HIV drug therapy alone costs \$25,000 annually. This does not include the costs of hospitalization, outpatient care, and follow-up medical exams as well as those associated with illnesses caused as side effects of HIV/AIDS. Common side effects include diabetes and osteomyelitis.

"Turnout for these events is critical," said Powell. "We need people's help more than ever."

All proceeds stay in the community and over 90 percent of the funds go to the general fund which supports AVOC's services, said Powell. He said that expenses for the event are low because it's underwritten by numerous businesses, community groups and individuals.

The 11th (and hopefully last) Annual AIDS Run/Walk and Band Together Concert & Party took place Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24. Detailed information AVOC can be found on their website: www.avoc.org/aidsrunwalk00/ or call 421-2437.

"We need your support now more than ever," said Powell. "HIV/AIDS is not a 'them' disease; it is an 'us' disease and affects our very community."

that we vote."

Not all students were as enthusiastic about voting.

Sophomore Jenny Cahrs said that she felt that unless you vote for Bush or Gore it's a waste of a vote.

"Our vote really doesn't matter because it's the representatives that have the final say," freshman Jake Alexander said.

"Students who don't care about the issues don't know about the issues," Clein said. "Ignorance causes apathy."

If someone missed the chance to sign up at the booth, students can register at www.rockthevote.com.

PKE party ends in brawl

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

A party hosted by Pi Kappa Alpha at the Lookout Heights Civic Center to cap off the end of Rush Week ended in a fight in the parking lot and resulted in two arrests and one person treated for injuries at St. Elizabeth South.

Officers from seven police departments responded to a 911 call around 2:00 a.m. Sat., Sept. 16. The two people arrested were charged with Alcohol Intoxication according to the arrest reports from Covington police and Edgewood police, two of the departments which responded as back up for Ft. Wright police.

"When I pulled in, everything was pretty much mass chaos," Patrolman Ron Weitholter of Covington and the first officer on the scene, said. He said he arrived to a parking lot full of people shoving and one person had been beaten pretty badly. "There was a lot of alcohol involvement, a lot of people were intoxicated," he said.

No members of Pi Kappa Alpha were arrested, and Chad Schaulick, President, said none of their members were involved in the fighting. "I can not stress enough that none of our members were involved in the fighting," he said. Schaulick said he has no idea who the individuals are that were involved in the fighting. He said they arrived late in the evening just before the party ended and tried to get in. He said they were turned away because they were not members of Pi Kappa Alpha and were not invited. He also said he had no idea what the fight was about.

Nick Catalano, an employee of the civic center, worked the door that evening. He also said he had no idea what started the fight. "It just happened fairly quickly," he said. He said he knew one at least one of the people arrested had been denied entry to the party, and was unsure about the other.

Weitholter said it was impossible to determine who was responsible once he arrived. "I had thirty different people telling me thirty different stories," he said.

Col. Dan Kreinest said Ft. Wright police are not pursuing any criminal charges, but the matter is still under investigation for the civic center possibly violating liquor laws by serving people under 21.

"I don't want us looking bad for something that was out of our hands," Schaulick said. He said the civic center, as the third party vendor, was responsible for enforcing the drinking laws. "Any underage drinking was out of our control. That's why they are in contact with them," he said.

Catalano confirmed the civic center carded partygoers. "Nobody was served underage," he said.

Kreinest said they would have to see after the investigation ran its course, but said underage drinking is a problem at these types of events. He has many times under age people get to drinking and can't behave in a responsible manner, although he did not state for sure whether any under age Pikes had consumed alcohol. He said he recently spoke with the owner of Warm-Ups sports bar on Dixie Highway in Ft. Wright and discussed them from holding another fraternity

event (not Pi Kappa Alpha).

"I can tell you they won't be back," Mark Ginn, the manager at the civic center, said. "It's just a total mess after they leave and the dance floor is a total beer pit." Ginn claims he had not planned on renting the center out to them this time because of past problems, but it had somehow happened anyway. He said there was some damage to the property last time they threw a party.

Schaulick responded they had determined they were not responsible for a bathroom door which was damaged last time, and Catalano backed him up, claiming the damage could not be proven to be the fault of the fraternity.

As far as Northern Kentucky University is concerned, the matter is still being reviewed. Both Betty Mulkey, director of student life, and Dean of Students Bill Lamb, were off campus and unable to be reached as of press time. Schaulick said they are still discussing the incident, and he believed they could come up with a solution of what to do between them. "I do not want this to reflect badly on the Greek system (as a whole)," Schaulick said. He said the fight was out of their control, and was the result of some troublemakers not affiliated with their organization.

He said their organization is involved in numerous charitable efforts, such as a Breast Cancer Walk sponsored by the American Cancer Society, assorted canned food drives for the needy and last year they built a play ground for the 1000 hands project.

SGA encourages students to vote

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

It's impossible to vote for Vice President Al Gore, Governor George W. Bush or yourself as a write-in if you don't register to vote ahead of time.

Student Government Association sponsored a voter registration booth last week which allowed students to do just that.

It's easy to do, Katie Herschede, SGA senior said. "It takes less than two minutes."

"The whole point of SGA is to be a liaison between students and the school," Candace Clein, university affairs committee chair for

student government said. "Student government wanted students to have the opportunity to do something they normally wouldn't."

The booth was at first placed outside, in front of the University Center but the gusting wind forced them to move the table into UC.

It didn't stop students from registering though. Clein said that they had a good turnout.

Sophomore Kevin Cruise, who braved the weather to register said, "All our choices will affect the future."

Freshman Brooks Bierack said she registered out of peer pressure. "I believe in issues on both sides," she said. "It is important

An officer responded to an illegal substance report concerning a room on campus. The room was said to have contained 8 cans of Milwaukee's Best beer, 1/3 of a bottle of EJ VOSP, a 1/4 of a bottle of EJ Brandy, and a 1/4 of a bottle of Aftershook. Also found were two marijuana buds that were lying in an ashtray in the living room. These were found during room inspections.

An officer was dispatched to Lot A to take a theft report. The stu-

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dent reported that approximately 60 music cds, a ten inch-speaker, an amplifier, a portable cd player and some clothing had been stolen. The caller, hoping to follow up a suspicion, requested that fingerprints be taken on the vehicle. The caller was informed that fingerprints are not

taken in such cases.

An officer was dispatched to Lot 1 to take reports on a motor vehicle collision that had occurred. One of the vehicles suffered minimal scratches to the rear bumper, while the other one came out without any visible damage. Neither driver was carrying proof of insurance. Both drivers were released with verbal warnings.

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Where's the diversity?

By Hlevani Baloy
Managing Editor

The on-going saga of the search to find an instructor to teach the Black Psychology class will come to an end this spring. The elimination of the course was a surprise to me. The year long debate about whether the course would ever be taught again at NKU was put to rest by George Goedel, chairman of psychology, in an interview I conducted Thursday.

Goedel presented documents that eluded to the fact that all efforts were made to fill the position. However, I feel that the search for a professor in this specialized area could have been more effective had the psychology department collaborated with Black Faculty and Staff Association and Students Together Against Racism. The course is important to all students and the lack of interest cannot be solely put on the shoulders of the psychology department. The applicants who applied for the two available positions did not have any background or qualifications to teach black psychology.

S.T.A.R. has researched this case

for a year and felt the need to combat the removal of this course. Despite Goedel's efforts to find a replacement, the issue seems to have been taken out of his hands and passed onto the Provost to evaluate.

My initial stance on this situation was to sympathize with students and demand an instructor be found. The thought that the psychology department was not complying with NKU's support of diversity would not be tolerated. After reviewing evidence supplied by Goedel, I directed my anger more constructively to researching the issue in greater detail.

Thus far I have spoken with the former instructor of the course, Dr. Harriet Richards, who implied the psychology department was very supportive of the course's introduction. Black Faculty and Staff Association has raised the issue to the Provost but refuses to comment at this time. Therefore I am left with unanswered questions from the opposing side. All I can assume is that all efforts have been made to seek a new instructor and conclude that this course will be eliminated this spring.



Knight supporter speaks out

By Anna Weaver

I've gotten a lot of grief over the years for being an Indiana basketball fan, especially in this state. I bleed red in this community of blue-blooded Kentucky fans.

As a born and bred Hoosier from Bloomington, I also stick out in that community because I'm a cutter. A cutter, a term originating from the limestone cutters of the Indiana quarries, is someone who is raised in B-town. Everyone else in Bloomington is a student who calls it home for only four years and moves on.

There is a need for something to be said on the Knight controversy from a cutter's end. Indiana basketball is something that we created. It runs through our veins, our grade schools and our high schools. It's a home-grown passion for a sport that our state can truly claim because of our raw talent.

And of course we all have our opinion on Bobby Knight. We love to hate him and hate to love him. Our loyalty for the team comes with a huge chip on the shoulder. We have to constantly defend a coach who is said to be the greatest coach in basketball but is also said to abuse his players.

I've stuck by Knight for a long time but now I'm glad to see him go. Of course not all of me is glad. I'm sorry I'll never see him coach again in his signature red sweater, said that I won't get to guess what obscenity he is mouthing at the referee and regretful I won't have to dodge any flying chairs.

Knight was given a chance to redeem himself after the Indiana basketball team had enough of his abuse. He violated the zero-tolerance policy and got himself fired. I'm surprised he got as many chances as he did. Knight blowing it with his job on the line really indicates a serious problem with self control.

creates a serious problem with self control.

I would like to award Myles Brand, the man who offered Knight a chance to resign and then fired him, the "Backbone of the Year Award." He stood up to Knight after the administration at IU tiptoed around him for years. If he was spineless he wouldn't have fired Knight. Brand's home has been vandalized and his wife, an IU professor, has to teach her classes under the protection of an armed guard. Kent Harvey, the freshman Knight grabbed and led to his firing, was hanging in effigy.

This is the kind of atmosphere Knight's legend has created? If so I'm ready for the legend to go. Most longtime IU fans are ready to be out with the old. The vandals who are terrorizing Bloomington in the name of Knight have no true understanding of what the town has been through or any idea about what basketball means to Indiana.

I hope Steve Alford coaches at IU after the interim. I'm traditional when it comes to basketball and I want to see some red blood come back to lead the team. Alford will follow in Knight's footsteps and be a good coach but not an abusive one. Bloomington watched Alford help IU win the 1987 championship with a ring of bruises around his neck. We all knew where they came from but no one would say what we knew in our hearts to be true.

Finally someone has stood up to Knight and has realized that the end doesn't justify his means. Besides, there has been no end since 1987 to Knight's abusive means. Indiana basketball legend existed before him and will continue with our team.

Knight has his chance to leave with dignity but he didn't. Grace just never has never been his style.



Welcome to Munich

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

While I was walking the streets of downtown Cincinnati during "Octoberfest Zinzinnati," there were times I could have sworn I was in Munich, Germany.

The perfect combination of the smell of German food, the never-ending flow of beer, and the sound of polka-type music in the background created an extremely authentic atmosphere.

This year marks the 100th year since the first Octoberfest was held in Munich, Germany on October 12, 1810. The first Octoberfest was the celebration of the marriage between Crown Prince Ludwig and Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. Less than 200 years later, it has evolved into the biggest citizen-festival internationally.

This year's Octoberfest was the first I have attended in Cincinnati, and I almost passed up the chance to go. Being of German decent, I thought it would be a letdown. I was wrong.

Then again - Cincinnati is not a stranger to German festivals or German food. The Queen City has been known as "Fest City" since the 19th Century because of the large number of German festivals held annually.

Still, I was a bit skeptical. However, all my doubts faded as I sank my teeth into a scrumptious apple strudel. While I was savoring the unique taste of the pastry, someone asked me if they were good. I simply responded, "You just have to try it, but it's a lot better than a pop tart." He ended up buying one and agreed.

I spent hours walking to all the various booths trying as much of these foods as my stomach could possibly hold. Many of the foods are easily recognizable by people who have no background on German food. Many of these foods, including bratwurst, mettwurst and goetta, are available to purchase in almost every grocery store in the United States.

It is easy to tell a distinctive difference in the taste of the foods bought at Octoberfest and those found in the freezer section of Kroger.

The price of the bratwurst and mettwurst bought at Octoberfest ranged from \$2 at the Hillshire Farms and Kahns Booth to \$4 at Schmidt's of German Village. That may sound like a lot, but they are worth every penny.

One of my favorite sandwiches was the Pork Schnitzel. Other fine dishes that are impossible to pronounce (but very easy to eat) are Kartoffel Nester, Pomme Frite Mit Jager, and Sahne Kase Kuchen.

Anyone who falls in love with any of those foods will likely get frustrated when they learn most grocery stores and restaurants do not carry them. However, recipes for such items are available at www.octoberfest-zinzinnati.com.

As important as the food is, Octoberfest wouldn't quite be Octoberfest without the beer.

The alcohol selection was very diverse and not primarily German. Popular favorites such as Miller Light and Miller Genuine Draft were available at many booths.

The German beer had a much different taste than the domestic beers. The taste of many of these beers was much smoother.

For someone who has not yet acquired a taste for beer, Jack Daniels wine coolers, including Lynchburg Lemonade and Downhome Pools, were available.

Good food and good beer make for a great party, but the music is what makes a great party at Octoberfest.

The music ranged from instrumental tunes to German drinking songs. From time to time, you could even hear a popular song done in polka-style. One of these songs was the Village People classic "YMCA." By the end of the song, many passers-by stopped to dance in the middle of the street.

Overall, Octoberfest was a major success. I will definitely be there next year.

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Michelle Rauch
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Bush accuses Gore of 'embellishments and reversals'

By Tom Ramm
Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO (AP) — George W. Bush accused rival Al Gore on Saturday of "a disturbing pattern of embellishments and sudden reversals" from his relationship with the entertainment industry in his support for tapping the nation's oil reserve.

"My opponent has unfortunately spent the week misleading Americans," the Republican presidential nominee said in a satellite address to a meeting of the Pennsylvania Republican Party.

Bush's accusations were his harshest direct attacks yet on Gore.

"He started by making up numbers for his mother-in-law's prescription drug costs...he then talked about a lullaby he says his parents sang to him as a baby...only problem is, it wasn't written until he was 27," Bush said. "Then he changed his tune on Hollywood, one week scolding them for their bad influence, the next week passing his wallet and letting them influence it."

"That was a reference to Gore's participation in Monday's \$4.2 million fundraiser in Beverly Hills."

Bush also took a swipe at the administration's decision to tap into the nation's emergency oil supply, both in the speech to Pennsylvania Republicans and at an airport rally in Orlando.

"I believe Florida is going to be Bush country, come November," Bush told the steamy rally.

"We're coming down the stretch, I'm energized by the crowds," Bush said to cheers as he ended a two-day Florida swing with a

direct appeal for the state's electoral votes. Bush took particular aim at the Clinton administration's decision on Friday to tap into the strategic petroleum reserve for the first time since the Persian Gulf War in 1991 to help damp down rising fuel prices.

The decision by President Clinton came a day after Gore had advocated such an approach, even though last winter the vice president had opposed suggestions that the reserves be tapped.

"This is an administration where the secretary of energy admitted they were asleep at the switch. There has been no planning, nor foresight," Bush said.

As to Gore advocacy of dipping into the reserve, the Republican presidential nominee asserted, "He's using it as if it's the strategic political reserve."

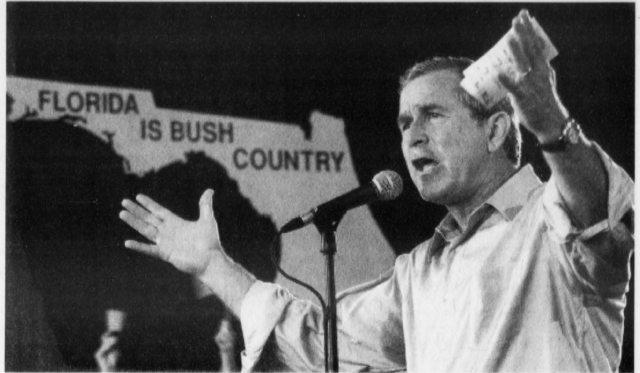
On Friday night, Bush rallied thousands of party activists in Miami's Coconut Grove neighborhood with the cry: "Are you ready to work?"

Joining his brother Jeb and their families on the stage, Bush said: "Tonight after we leave, let's redouble our efforts."

"Let's talk to those Democrats around South Florida who want new leadership, who are sick and tired of the attitude in Washington, D.C.," Bush said to cheers.

Swing voters are key to Bush and Gore's efforts to win the influential state that the Republicans had considered a sure win. Jeb Bush is governor and the GOP controls the legislature. But polls show Gore and Bush in a dead heat, and the candidates are waging a fierce battle especially among seniors.

Bush also counted elderly voters Friday by pushing a plan to spend \$67 billion over the decade to search for cures for age-related ailments — \$32 billion of that new proposed spending — including Alzheimer's disease and



AP Photo

Bush campaigns in Florida, a state that is considered by campaign strategists to be a toss-up between the two candidates. Florida, with its twenty-five electoral votes, could determine the winner in this close race.

many forms of cancer.

Gore's campaign said Bush was copying a proposal the vice president made several months ago to spur the research budget of the National Institutes of Health, or NIH. And it pointed the new promises as a budget-buster, given Bush's other plans for tax cuts and spending.

But the Gore campaign could not explain Friday how it was accounting for its own bud-

get increase for medical research.

Asides said the vice president would spend an additional \$83.9 billion on medical research, taking \$18 billion from the projected surplus and the rest from higher tobacco taxes. And the proceeds from the tobacco taxes are, in Gore's budget blueprint, set aside to make his fiscal plans balance and not apparently available for spending.

As he promised new medical research, Bush

also hunted for the right prescription to break ahead in a dead-even contest he had been leading earlier. But being put off-balance by Gore for several weeks slowed Bush down, and he dispensed this week with what had become daily question-and-answer media sessions to focus instead on his message.

"There's no 'have to' (win) about it," Bush told an airport rally Friday in Sarasota. "We are going to win."

Decision to tap U.S. oil reserves draws criticism

By Leon Barkho
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Britain and Venezuela welcomed the U.S. decision to draw from its strategic oil reserves, saying it would lower prices, but Iraq and Saudi Arabia dismissed the move Saturday as an election-year ploy bound to backfire and destabilize the market.

Iraq joined Saudi Arabia, a staunch U.S. ally in the Middle East, in criticizing President Clinton's decision Friday to release 30 million barrels of oil to avoid a winter shortage of heating fuel.

The move will do more harm than good in the "greedy markets," Iraqi officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A Saudi government official said the

release was "an election play requested by Al Gore. It seems that his request was granted by Clinton." The official spoke

on condition of anonymity. Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest oil producer. Iraqi officials rejected a U.S. television report that their government intends to withhold oil in a bid to disrupt the market. They said they had no plan to counter the U.S. release by cutting



Iraqi supplies or by halting exports when the current six-month phase of U.N.-authorized sales ends in December.

Iraq, which sits on the world's second largest oil reserves, has an exemption from U.N. sanctions imposed since its 1990 invasion of Kuwait to sell oil and buy food, medicine and other necessities.

An Iraqi official said the release would not calm the market's fear of an oil shortage. Speculation was rife and the market was operating under "extreme U.S. pressure," he said, referring to Washington's calls for an increase in oil production.

Other Middle Eastern states had no immediate comment on the U.S. move.

In Britain, which has been battered by truckers' blockades over high fuel costs, Prime Minister Tony Blair praised the

decision.

"We hope that this move, along with other efforts being made at international level, will help to bring about a reduction in oil prices in the very near future," said a statement issued by Blair's office.

In Caracas, Venezuela's oil minister, who currently holds the rotating presidency of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, called Clinton's move "positive," saying it would help counter oil market speculation, which OPEC has blamed for high prices.

"The simple announcement by U.S. authorities to place one million barrels a day ... will provoke a strong descent (in oil prices) on Monday," Ali Rodriguez said Saturday.

Rodriguez said speculation added \$4 to

\$8 to the real price of oil. He did not say by how much he expects prices to fall.

The Venezuelan government accepted U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson's assurances that the decision was not an attempt to rattle the oil market, but was a response to domestic concerns, he said.

Venezuela hosts OPEC's second-ever summit next week, at a time when oil prices have soared to levels not seen since the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Rodriguez said they would not discuss boosting output.

OPEC maintains high oil prices stem from sluggish refining activity, high taxes and speculation, not lack of supplies of crude.

Baseball beats out debates on two networks, NBC and FOX

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The first presidential debate between George W. Bush and Al Gore won't be carried on two of the four biggest broadcast networks.

NBC will broadcast a first-round

baseball playoff game instead of the scheduled debate on Oct. 3 and Fox has decided to show entertainment programming that night, according to executives at both networks.

Fox's corporate partner, the Fox News Channel, will carry the debate, said Preston Beckman, an

executive vice president at Fox.

Television contracts with Major League Baseball require networks to broadcast the game if there are any conflicts with debates, said Barbara Levin, NBC News spokeswoman. The presidential commission organizing the debates was aware of this, she said.

"We have no choice," Levin said.

The debate is still expected to be widely available on ABC, CBS, public broadcasting stations and the three cable news channels — CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC. NBC will air the debate at 9 p.m. on the West Coast after the conclusion of the baseball game, Levin said.

Both CBS in 1992 and Fox in 1996 carried baseball games instead of presidential debates, she said.

Fox is scheduled to broadcast baseball during the next two scheduled debates: the Oct. 5 matchup between the vice presidential candidates and the second Bush-Gore challenge, on Oct. 11.

The last presidential debate is scheduled for Oct. 17. That would conflict with Game 6 of the American League championship series, to be broadcast on NBC if the series lasts that long. NBC will show baseball that night if there is a conflict, Levin said.

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Professor a ‘visual sociologist as photographer’

By Maureen Jacob
Features Editor

A 6-foot 4-inch tall, 240-pound African-American male model wearing nothing but Speedo briefs walks through a series of doorways of a dilapidated fort toward photographer J. Michael Skaggs.

“Okay Marco, now I want you to turn very slowly when you reach me, then go back the way you just came.”

At that instant, as Marco is turning around to go back down through the doorways, Skaggs’ camera whirs and then shuts as it captures Marco’s fleeting image.

What develops in the dark room is an image that is both ghost-like and spiritually evoking.

The image is Skaggs’ main professional calling card. Skaggs’ image, titled *Emancipation*, is one of twelve 30 x 40 inch mural prints called *The Invisible Man* inspired by Ralph Ellison’s book, *The Invisible Man*.

“It represents how black people are still oppressed in our culture

and are still seen as invisible and not contributors in our culture,” said Skaggs.

“I consider myself a visual sociologist and photographer who uses images to bridge gaps between people learning about cultural issues of racism and sexism.”

And that is what he has planned for his Northern Kentucky University photography students.

“I want to stimulate my students to be independent thinkers, to challenge ideas and to expand and contribute to knowledge,” Skaggs said.

As a part-time professor teach-

ing introductory speech and photo-journalism this fall semester, he hopes to fulfill that dream.



but a picture is more than a thousand words. Instead of writing and publishing articles about cultural issues, I wanted to do something that could get the message out to

the general populace. That’s why I chose photography to do that.”

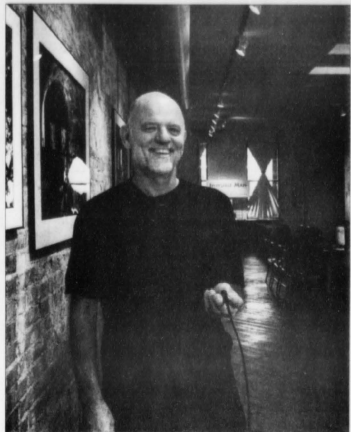
Skaggs said he hopes that his photojournalism class will be a reflection of his endeavors.

He said the class offers ample opportunity for students pursuing a photojournalism career.

At the end of the year, the students will get an opportunity to exhibit their photos and essays at Skaggs’ photo gallery, Roho Photo Gallery, in downtown Cincinnati.

“He is a plus to the communication department because he brings a very valuable professional opportunity for students to exhibit,” said Pat Moynaham, chairman of the communications department, about Skaggs.

Dr. Brad Scharlott, a communications professor, also said he agrees that Skaggs’ professionalism will enrich students’ experience. “I feel fortunate to have him teaching here and hope students can get an appreciation for professional photography.”



New vaccine may lead to herpes cure

By Cheryl Ritchie
Staff Writer

Scientists have developed a vaccine that helps prevent genital herpes, but it has limitations. According to developers, SmithKline Beecham at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in Toronto, Canada, the vaccine is effective only in women who do not carry the Herpes Simplex Virus-1 or oral cold sores.

The vaccine had been tested on nearly 3,000 people internationally who were in a relationship with a partner who had genital herpes. About 3 percent developed genital herpes after taking the vaccine, compared with

about 11 percent of those who receive a placebo. The other 3 percent that received the vaccine became infected but never developed genital sores.

The vaccine doesn’t protect men or women who are infected with either HSV-1 or HSV-2 the virus that causes genital herpes. It is generally effective in preventing genital herpes in the women who have never had either form of the virus.

Since a high percentage of worldwide population already has been exposed to HSV-1, the vaccine will likely be more effective if given to adolescent girls.

“It’s a good start and it will lead into more research,” said Shirley Fledderjohn, R.N., Northern Kentucky

University campus health nurse. It may give people a sense of security.

There have been many attempts before to produce a vaccine for herpes, but none have been successful.

“We have a grip on the herpes virus for the first time, something that we can trace and use to further our understanding of the disease and how to vaccinate against it,” said Dr. Spotswood Sprunze, one of the lead investigators who tested the vaccine, of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. The study of the vaccine was followed for over 19 months by participants from United States, Italy, Australia and New Zealand.

There are two different types of HSV and both cause genital herpes. HSV-1

is most commonly known as fever blisters or cold sores on the lips. HSV-2 often causes genital sores. The only way to contract the virus is by contact of bodily parts and fluids. Both viruses remain in certain nerve cells of the body for life.

Approximately one out of four women and one of five men have the HSV-2 infection. Adults 20 to 29 are twice as likely to get HSV-2.

Eighty percent of people with genital herpes are unaware that they are infected and have no symptoms. Some people never develop symptoms. The first symptoms are itching, burning sensation or pain in the legs, buttocks or genital area which occur two to 10 days after infection. You could have

vaginal discharge or feel pressure in the abdominal region. In a few days blisters may develop and become painful open sores. Other symptoms can include fever, headache, muscle aches, painful urination and swollen glands in the groin area.

The virus will reactivate monthly in most people. It may reactivate without causing any visible sores. The symptoms to these are usually milder, but recurrence is not predictable.

Diagnosis of herpes requires several laboratory tests. The standard blood test is not reliable to indicate a herpes infection.

There are medications to treat genital herpes but there is no cure for either type. Famciclovir, Valacyclovir and

Acyclovir help patients with first or recurrent episodes. Genital herpes increases the risk of acquiring HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

It is recommended that people with visible sores should not engage in sexual intercourse. The consistent use of latex condoms is the best protection, although they are not 100 percent effective.

For further information about STDs, call Kenton County Health Department at 431-3345. For STDs screenings make an appointment with the Reproductive Health Clinic at 572-5650. * All sexual activity is consensual.

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Dining with Jason

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

By Hlevani Baloyi
Managing Editor

"If you like oldies (music) and dancing, you'll enjoy it here." Eness Jim, the owner of Jim & Jack's On The River said.

My first reaction as I walked into Jim & Jack's is that it resembles an assembly hall.

The main dining area is on the left and has banquet style tables running along the width of the building. The left wall is the stage where live 50's and 60's oldies bands perform on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. A prominent neon sign which says "Jim & Jack's" gleams above the performers.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the tables are moved to allow people to dance.

Want to learn some of the steps? They have dance lessons on Wednesday.

A fully stocked bar is located on the right as you walk in.

A wedding reception was currently going on so we were forced to endure the electric slide and other wedding songs, but the bartender urged us to stay for the live band.

"You won't regret it."

Unfortunately the band didn't

start playing until 9:30 and we arrived at 6:00.

I had the full rack of baby back ribs and Hlevani had jumbo shrimp. Both came with a baked potatoes but because of the reception, there wasn't any more potatoes so Jim substituted them with steak fries.

"These are good...they're crunchy," Hlevani said.

The steak fries were more than a capable replacement for the baked potato.

My ribs, while not as tender as

The Boathouse's, didn't

lack for taste or amount of meat.

Hlevani

thought, and I

agreed, that

the jumbo

shrimp had

too much

breading but was-

n't bad.

The meal was very filling

without an appetizer or dessert.

A couple could easily have dinner

for under \$20, if you don't

order the ribs. The entertainment is

free. You must be 21 to get in on

Friday and Saturday nights after

9:30.

The overall atmosphere was laid

back and pleasant, as were the

servers and waiters.

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The greatest of all time destined for platinum

By Billy Sprankles
Staff Writer

In 1985, a cocky, energetic 17-year-old rocked the Hip-Hop scene with a few gold chains and a Kangol, later to be his trademark. 15 years later, LL is still one of the baddest rappers in the game, perhaps the greatest of all time.

The G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time) is LL's ninth album and most likely will go platinum. When Cool James dropped his first album in '85, his cocky Queens attitude and a sense of realism made him famous. Since then, LL admits to following a life of glamour and materialism, but who can blame him. LL felt he needed to return to his stomping grounds to regain a sense of realism for his recent release. In an interview with *The Source* magazine, LL said "I came back to New York to write and record this album because I wanted to be inspired creatively. I didn't want to be in Beverly Hills writing songs that deal with my community."

All 17 songs on The G.O.A.T. display the versatility that LL still possesses in his rhymes. Guest appearances are made by Carl Thomas, Kelly Price, Snoop Dog and not to mention a Def Jam collabora-

tion with DMX, Methodman, and Redman. On one of the opening tracks of the album, Ja Rule rips through the rugged Def Jam bass line with a chorus that describes LL's feelings about reclaiming his Queens neighborhood. Ja Rule shouts "It feels so good to be back where I belong/The streets is where I belong."

It is quite relevant Cool James still has the same hardcore persona that he started out with. Yet, it wouldn't be a normal album if LL didn't dedicate a few songs to the females on the Hip-Hop block. LL uses his smooth voice to lace delicate beats that are obviously accompanied by sexual desires and innuendoes. His lyrical content on "Imagine That," does an excellent job of helping all listeners visualize what goes on in at least five different sex scenes.

For all the Hip Hop heads, this album wouldn't be complete if LL didn't dedicate a cut to the borough of Queens. Cool James features none other than Prodigy from Mobb Deep for the hometown inspired joint "Queens is." LL and Prodigy team up to let the rest of the Hip Hop Nation know that "Queens got the Vets/Queens got the best."



Despite the guest appearances and all the collaborations, the most powerful joint on the album is "Homicide," which was produced by up and coming DJ Scratch. Cool James proves to fans that are weary of his talent, he still has the

story-telling ability that has made so many emcees well known. LL challenges the views of the media and the values of America by comparing homicides in ghettos and low-income neighborhoods to the shootings at Columbine High School. LL

spits the chorus "I don't mean disrespect in any way/ But Columbine happens in the ghetto every day/ When it goes down you'll all ain't got nothin' to say."

Through his journey in Hip-Hop, James Todd Smith has accomplished more than most emcees could imagine. The Queens native now has nine albums and six of them are platinum. He also has his own sitcom, *In the House*, he models for the FUBU clothing line, published a 1997 autobiography *I Make My Own Rules*, and played key roles in *Any Given Sunday*, *Deep Blue Sea*, and a Cincinnati filmed flick *In too deep*. On LL's newest album, The G.O.A.T., he sums up a few of his accomplishments by firing away in the intro, "I can talk about paper/ I can talk about breads, I can talk about movies/ I can talk about awards/ Forget the fantasies/ Yo- I got it all."

James Todd Smith is one of few artists in Hip-Hop never to fall off. Despite all the styles and all the fads, he is on top of his game to still be influential in the culture of Hip-Hop. For a 32-year-old Rap vet, LL is just as cool as he was 15 years ago.

OKLAHOMA! kicks off fall season

By James Proffitt
Assistant Features Editor

Northern Kentucky University's theater department's Fall season will start on Thursday, September 28th, with *OklaHoma!* *OklaHoma!*, the first play written together by Rodgers and Hammerstein (*The Sound of Music*). It was, for a time, the longest running musical in history.

Set in the Oklahoma Territory in

the early 1900's, *OklaHoma!* is a story of tender romance and violent passion. In the center of the story is the blossoming romance between Curly (Jeff Mattosoff) and Laurey (Bridget Conforti). In the story, the two are beginning to fall in love. However, on the day of the 'big picnic,' Laurey and Curly have an argument. The argument leads to Laurey agreeing to go to the picnic with farmhand Jud (played by Kyle Crowder), who is also after

Laurey's affections. There is also a sub-plot, which features a second love triangle involving Ado Annie (Janette Palmer), Will Parker (Nick DeNazio), and Ali Hakim (John Ard).

Mike King, the play's director, said that *OklaHoma!* was "very important for the history of American musical theater," sighting the big steps it took in using the shows songs to reveal story. King also said, "the play has a very tal-

ented cast of singers, actors, and dancers. Jane Green's choreography should be a highlight."

This play starts off a year the NKU theater department has dubbed "Broadway Brand." The year will feature Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* (Oct. 26th - Nov. 5th), Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Nov. 30th - Dec. 10th), and *Cabaret* (Feb. 15th - 25th).

This year's schedule also includes the biannual Year End Series, also known as the YES Festival. This is a series in which the NKU theater department performs three world premiere plays, which are selected from submissions sent from all over the country.

OklaHoma! will run from Sept. 28th through Oct. 8th in the Corbett Theater, located within the Fine Arts building at NKU. Prices

for all shows are \$5 for students, \$7 for senior citizens, \$8 for faculty, and \$9 for general admission.

OklaHoma! will be performed at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays, and at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Subscription deals can also be purchased. More information can be found at the Theater Department's ticket booth, which is located on the second floor of the Fine Arts building.

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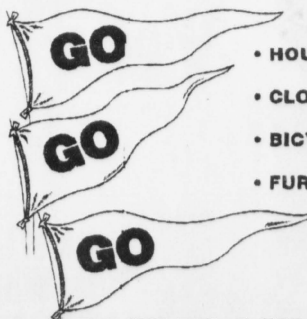
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BR5-49 boogies Southgate

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

Bar band extraordinaire BR5-49 lit up the Southgate House in Newport Saturday night with a high-octane, beer-fueled set.

They are a difficult band to describe, so it is best to leave it up to one of the band members.

"There's room up here to dance. It's just Hilbilly music," singer/guitarist Chuck Mead said in an effort early in the show to spur the crowd to boogie.

The response was quick, and before long the dance floor filled up with swinging and swaying bodies. The band plowed through a 2 1/2 hour set filled with their originals, as well as a slew of covers.

The covers harken back to the band's early days of working the local bars in Nashville playing for tips. Mead joked, "We welcome your requests, they will be played in the order of how much you put in the tip jar. You all know what we are, it's just a matter of negotiation."

One of the highlights of the show was the cover of Charlie Daniels' "Uncesey Rider." They updated the lyrics a bit, though, dropping Daniels' references in the song to George Wallace stickers and voting for George McGovern and substituting Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader for timeliness.

Upright bassist 'Smilin' Jay McDowell said he enjoyed the electricity at the Southgate House. "This time we don't have a record out, so it's not too bad a crowd. It's a great place, it sounds good."

Drummer Shaw Wilson said they will begin recording a new record in October, to be released in April or May. "Our manager says everyone in Nashville (in the music industry) is rooting for us to go big."

The band seems to have the support, given the large tour bus out back with the Jack Daniels' and Country Music Hall of Fame logos on it. It is really an issue of getting the mainstream radio play. Public radio WKNU is the only place on the dial in Cincinnati where BR5-49 can regularly be heard.

Wilson said he liked the Southgate House as well. "Outside of the fact that the inventor of the Thompson sub-machine gun was born here, it's great."

He said he wasn't so sure about the confines of the stage, that it was "Close enough to have Jay spit beer on me."

This humor was a common thread with McDowell, as well. He joked, "I have a bet with my neighbor in Nashville that I could get the word 'chowder' in an interview some time this year, so you print that, I get ten bucks." Given that logic, I couldn't help but oblige.

BR5-49 plans to return to the Southgate House sometime in the winter.



High Fashion



Peter W. Zubaty/The Northerner

Zeta Phi Beta sorority held its annual fashion show in the UC Ballroom Saturday. Sheria Stain and Stephen Howard are shown here modeling during the business apparel portion of the show.

SGA schedules gripe day

Staff Report

The Student Government Association of Northern Kentucky University will be holding a series of "Gripe Days" once a month this semester.

Gripe days are set aside for students to fill out forms for any concerns or comments they may have. They are then asked for a suggested solution. SGA reads these forms and are willing to discuss the situation with the concerned student. They then take the necessary steps to deal

with the problem.

A Gripe Form can be filled out on any day. They are located outside of the SGA office in the University Center, room 208. They are titled "Ombuds Service Team," and are on the table in front of the door.

On the scheduled gripe days there will be a member of SGA to talk with and to answer any questions that the student may have.

They will always be held in the University Center Plaza, either inside by the cafeteria or right outside the doors.

The scheduled days are:
Wed., Oct. 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 1, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There are none scheduled in the month of December due to a busy month for students.

Ask Jim Schue

When will the Spring schedules be available?
Stephanie Bezdol

Talk about an obvious question. Logic should tell you that if it is the Spring schedule—it will be out in the Spring! My research tells me the exact time the schedules will be available is March 20, 2001, at 8:31 a.m. While I realize this is not March 21, the traditional first day of spring as we celebrate it in this country; it is, however, the exact time of the Vernal (Spring) Equinox, which is the precise moment that the sun will hover directly over the equator. The significance of this day is that the amount of daylight and night is the same—12 hours. The real significance of this day is that any lazy laggards out there who use winter and lack of daylight as an excuse to stay in bed for 12 hours or more will have to find a different excuse. So hop to it sleepyheads! Your sleep time is cut to 12 hours this day, and it will only get shorter as spring progresses into summer. So beat the rush, and get on over to the Registrar's office at 8:31 a.m., March 20. You will have a nice surprise there for you!

Got a question for Jim Schue? E-mail him at jimschue@hotmail.com

Pete's Poetry Corner

A Parental Lecture

Now my child listen here
and don't you ignore
the words that we speak
understand what they're for
At this time you are small
and may feel only meekness
yet someday you'll grow strong
and feel you're no weakness
Understanding you'll have
of things unknown to us
You'll think things worried of now
aren't worthy of a fuss
But be sure to recall this time
when you knew what was best?
Well of course it was us
heaven knows you've been blessed

By Gerise

We Lost An Angel Tonight

I know I should be strong
She wouldn't want me to cry
She'd want me to remember how we laughed
Remember all our good times
We had so many dreams
I never dreamed it would be like this
She had so much to live for
So how could she lose the will to live
I can almost see her smiling

As she looked into the devil's face
As everyone is saying
"What a shame, what a waste?"
Another poor soul lost the fight
And we lost an angel tonight
Last night, I had a dream
That she came back to me
She was just like I remembered
Just like she used to be
I had missed her
I couldn't stand to lose her again
So this morning I jumped in my truck
And drove past that bridge out there
As I hit the cold water
I felt her put her hand in mine
I had to smile
As I looked into her face
I gave up my chance at Heaven
To meet her in this place
I love her
She means that much to me
And I kept my promise
To be with her for eternity
Two families are crying
Midnight vigils with candlelight
but the two of us are smiling
I joined my angel tonight
There had to be a better way
To see her again
Is this what she would have wanted
Is this how it was supposed to end?
Some people call me a coward
I know what I did wasn't right

How can I live for her?
When I'm with my angel tonight

By Rick Amburgey

Hindsight of A Fool

Who are you?
Who am I?
Are you living?
Or did you die?
Or worse yet
Are you dying inside
Mortally wounded
With something to hide
You want to say you're sorry
But you don't know if you can
You have to be strong
You have to be a man
There's nothing to buy
There's nothing to sell
And it's too late to escape
Your own man-made hell
Friend, I have stood in your shoes
Thinking I was bulletproof
But a fool's vision is 20/20
Love isn't a boomerang
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Is a lesson to be learned

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Volleyball team perfect 5-0 in GLVC

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The NKU volleyball team came into Regents Hall Friday playing one of its toughest conference opponents in Indiana of Purdue-Ft. Wayne (IPFW). The Norse used their homecourt advantage in beating the Lady Masadons in five games, 15-7, 6-15, 15-12, 11-15, 15-13. The win gave NKU their 40th consecutive victory at home.

"It's the best thing you can have," said NKU junior midfielder Denise Barhorst about playing on the homecourt. "It's good to have a large crowd behind you. It's better than having only 10 fans coming on the road."

The Norse also used excellent all-around play in pulling out the five set win against IPFW, NKU coach Mary Biernmann said. "It's the best we've played this year," she said. "We served well and played well overall."

Junior Julie Hathorn led the

Norse with 14 kills and six aces in the victory. She also had a crucial kill and ace in the fifth game to tie the game at 11 points apiece, in which NKU eventually won by two.

Junior Bethany Gastright contributed 27 kills, and senior Jessica Buroker came away with 15 kills, 19 digs and five blocks in the Norse victory.

The next day at Regents Hall, NKU came back and defeated St. Joseph's College in three games, 15-7, 15-6, 15-13. NKU improved to 11-2 on the year and 5-0 in the GLVC.

Again, the Norse had to come from behind in the third game. St. Joseph's had a 10-4 lead in the game and looked to take it to a fourth game. However, NKU pulled together and pulled out a two point win.

"We feel we can win no matter what the score is," Biernmann said. "Our upperclassmen are really experienced."

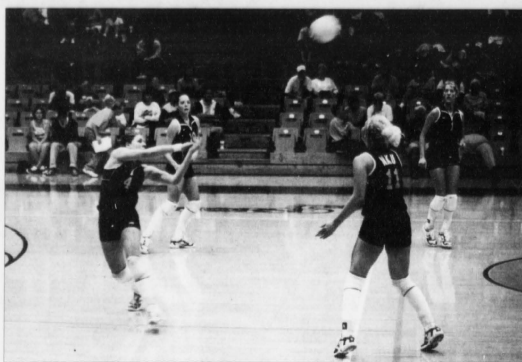
Barhorst said that the reason the

team fell behind in the game was because of its lack of intensity. "We didn't have team togetherness," she said. "We did more talking and got better."

Senior Bobbi Casey had 29 set assists in leading the Norse to another home win. Gastright had 17 kills, and Buroker came up with 10 kills and 12 digs for NKU. The win over St. Joseph's College meant that the 12th ranked Norse have now won 39 straight games against their GLVC opponents and 55 straight GLVC wins at home.

NKU goes on the road for more conference action. They will first play Wisconsin-Parkside on Friday at 8 p.m. They then travel to Lewis University on Saturday for a 3 p.m. game.

As the team goes on the road, Biernmann still thinks there are some things the volleyball team needs to work on. "We need to work on serving and receiving," she said. "We need to work continuous on transitions."



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner
The NKU volleyball team found its way to the net a lot in its three set victory over St. Joseph's College Saturday at Regent's Hall.

The Northerner Athletes of the Week



Photos by Rachel Dietz
Left: Bobbi Casey
Casey helped contribute to the Norse volleyball win over St. Joseph's College Saturday with her 29 set assists.



Right: Tony Becker
Becker scored a goal in leading the NKU men's soccer team to a 2-0 win over Indianapolis on Sunday.

Men's soccer gets much-needed win

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The NKU men's soccer team started its first winning streak of the season as it beat the University of Indianapolis 2-0 Sunday at the Town and Country Sports Complex in Wilder.

The Norse have now won two games in a row and are 2-7 on the year.

NKU sophomore Tony Becker, who scored the first goal of the game early in the first half, said, "We just have to take it one game at a time. We have been playing with some of the top teams."

"We weren't playing as a unit," he added. "We have to play

together."

The Norse played to the best of their ability in pulling out the win against Indianapolis, said NKU junior Aaron Pitzer, who scored the other goal in the game for the Norse late in the first half.

"We know we're a good team," he said. "We picked it up. We made things happen."

The main factor in the win for NKU was the way their defense played. The Norse allowed 13 shots on goal, but Indianapolis was unsuccessful in putting the ball in the net. "The defense did a tremendous job," said Pitzer. "They did a good job containing #7 (Paul Makevcev) on the other team."

Becker added, "The defense was very strong. The midfield played together."

If the Norse are going to continue to keep up their winning streak, the players on the team need to work on talking to each other on the field, Pitzer said.

"Communication is the big thing," he said. "We need to pick it up."

The NKU men's soccer team, who have improved to 2-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, next play at home against Bellarmine on Friday at 6 p.m.

They then travel to the road to take on Missouri-Rolla, who they play on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Women's soccer wins thriller

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The NKU women's soccer team played under rainy conditions in winning its eighth straight game as it beat Indianapolis 1-0 in overtime Sunday at the Town and County Sports Complex.

The wet conditions helped the Norse out a little bit in the game, NKU assistant coach Adam Meier said. "The ball was a lot faster today," he said. "There was some unusual spins and bounces, but it was definitely faster."

The Norse had 21 shots on goal but failed to make most of their

opportunities in putting the ball in the net. "Most of the balls were kicked to the goalie," NKU junior Eva Broeg said. "The weather made it more difficult to make shots."

Meier said that the team needs to try harder to make more of its shots. "We need to concentrate on finishing," he said. "We have to work on our crosses. That will help us improve."

NKU junior Jeanna Martin scored the goal in overtime as everyone on the team was glad to get the game wrapped up. "Everyone was tired," said Broeg. "We were excited to beat Indianapolis."

Golf team places first

By Laura Parsons
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky men's golf team streaked past the competitive field and boasted three finishers in the top five to capture the NKU/Mubca Fall Classic title at Traditions Golf Club in Hebron, Ky last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Freshman Brandon Brown shot a 76 Tuesday to finish in second place in the final, with an overall score of 151. Senior Scott Stark finished with a total of 153 for third place while senior Josh Jarvi shot a 154 to seal the two, three, four finish for the Norse.

The closest competitor for the Norse was the University of Indianapolis, which nabbed the first place individual berthing and

the second place team standing. Brett Hulst shot a five over par Tuesday and rallied Wednesday with a 70 to bring his overall score to 147.

The Norse edged out the Indianapolis Greyhounds by 22 strokes and separated the field by 88 strokes from last place finisher Lewis University.

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Samba takes pride in playing the game of soccer

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Got game, will travel.
The men's soccer team recruited international student Joseph Thomas Zaniello Samba, who calls African country Senegal home.

Samba arrived at Northern Kentucky partly due to Honors Program Director Tom Zaniello. Zaniello is a friend of Samba's father, whom he met while in Senegal between 1963 and 1966 working on an agricultural business project. Samba said his father gave him Zaniello's name because it is a honor in Africa to give your child the name of a close friend.

Zaniello is Samba's sponsor while in school.

Although Samba didn't come to Northern Kentucky University just to play soccer, but being able to play

on NKU's team has helped him preserve one of his favorite past-times while adjusting to American culture.

Samba said he's been playing soccer since he was a young boy. "I chose to play soccer because it's my favorite sport. It is where I can have lots of fun," he said.

Samba said soccer is very popular in Africa, but some of the rules are not the same.

Men's soccer coach John Toebehen said Samba probably will not get a lot of playing time this year, because he joined the team late, and an injury Samba sustained two weeks ago set him back.

"His injury is probably what hurt him more than anything else," Toebehen said.

Toebehen said Samba is taking the game very seriously and he is making improvements in his game.

"I think he has been used to play-

ing a different type of soccer. He is more of an individual player than a team player," Toebehen said.

Samba said one of the perks of being able to travel to different cities when they go to away games.

"I'm discovering the country inch by inch. The team is going to help me see the country," he said.

One example of this was a recent road trip to St. Louis, Missouri. Samba said they had some free time and the team toured the city together.

Samba has made a good impact on his teammates. One of Samba's teammates, Jeff Anderson, said he is a good person, as well as a good player. He said Samba has a good attitude.

Anderson recalls one road trip where Samba and the other team mates were in a restaurant and sang the Righteous Brother's hit "You've Lost That Loving Feeling."

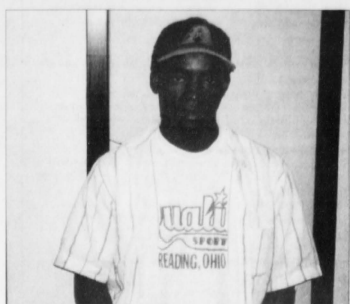
Another example of Samba's attitude is he doesn't want to be called Joseph, but prefers to be called Simba (the lion from the Lion King) or Mother Dugan, which is printed on a shirt Samba frequently wears to practice.

Samba said he has a lot of support from his friends and his girlfriend.

"She goes sometimes to watch my games. That gives me drive to play harder. It's not good to play hard while your girlfriend is watching," he said.

Besides Soccer, Samba is a prominent face on NKU's campus. He works at the Norse Commons Dining Hall and the Copy Center.

He said that his schedule has changed somewhat since soccer started, but it is well worth it. He said the adjustments include studying later at night and getting less sleep.



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner
NKU men's soccer player Joe Samba has played soccer since he was a little boy and has continued to play in college.

Cross-country runner gives all his hard work and inspiration

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

For Ryan Carkadon, two seconds was all it took for a monkey to get off his back.

On Sept. 16, at the Wilmington Invitational, he won his first cross-country event in his career.

"R.C. never won a high school meet," NKU coach Steve Kruse said. "He had a slow start last year but ended up as the Most Valuable Runner. This year, he came in second place in the first event and did well in the second event."

"I am having a good year. I wanted to get a win for the school," Carkadon said. "I wanted to give the school a good game to watch."

Carkadon, who reigns from Scott High School, worked hard in accomplishing what was known as his greatest feat. "I believed in myself and did not give up," he said. "You can accomplish something if you put your mind to it."

"We were really happy for him," said NKU teammate Kevin Alessandro. "We knew he had a shot of winning."

Carkadon is an inspiration to the team, which helps the team stay focused. "He shows more maturity and leadership," said Alessandro.

"You usually see that out of a senior," Alessandro said. "That helps the team out a lot."

Kruse added, "He's an unassuming type of guy. I couldn't be happier for him."

Winning a cross-country event like Carkadon did is a big asset to the NKU cross-country program, because it gives the school more recognition, Carkadon said.

"It sheds light on the sport," he said. "It shows we are not wasting our money on the program."

"It helps out tremendously," Kruse explained. "The program has been progressing over the last few years. It is not an intramural program anymore."

"We have a good quality of athletes spreading in the Greater Cincinnati Area," Kruse said. "R.C. is a great example."

With the help of the accomplishment by Carkadon, who finished with a time of 26:11 in the race, the NKU men's cross-country team

came in second place overall at the Wilmington Invitational.

The Norse placed four runners in the top 10 and five in the top 25 in the individual standings.

"We are coming together really well," Alessandro said. "We're starting to pack it up. The first couple of events, we were spread out. At Wilmington, we did really well."

Carkadon added, "The guys were close behind me. Getting in a pack is the key to winning a race."

Even the women's team is performing at high levels. They took care in second place at Wilmington. "They are surprising me...They are doing a very good job," Kruse said.

"We have three freshmen leading the way. They were decent runners in high school," Kruse added. "I can't praise them enough."

No matter what, the NKU cross-country teams won't do anything but get better and stronger, Kruse said. If that is going to happen, Carkadon will be that one runner who will help lead them to the top.

"Hopefully, I will be All-GLVC," he said.

Women's tennis team continues conference win streak

The NKU women's tennis team improved to 8-0 on the year and 7-0 in the GLVC with two conference wins over Kentucky Wesleyan and Southern Indiana, Friday and Saturday respectively.

The Norse did not lose a game in posting a 9-0 victory against Kentucky Wesleyan.

In the match against Southern Indiana, NKU won 7-2 in the battle of two unbeaten teams.

Junior Jamie O'Hara improved to 29-0 lifetime against her conference opponents with a straight set win over Michelle Lenahan in No. 1 singles. O'Hara also teamed with senior Claudia Ruehl in recording an 8-5 victory in No. 1 doubles.

Elizabeth Brunsman, Joceline McQueen, Amity Chapman, and Ruehl were all victorious in their singles matches too.

The Norse have now won 33 straight matches against GLVC teams and haven't lost in the conference since 1997.

Women's soccer team wins seventh in a row

The NKU women's soccer team

defeated Kentucky Wesleyan 5-1 Friday in winning its seventh game in a row.

The third ranked Norse were led by junior Lori Keivill who had a goal and two assists in the win. Also, sophomore Jill Johannigman contributed with a goal and an assist.

Hope Bushelman, Kristen Noakes and Molly Eagan each added a goal apiece in the NKU victory.

The Norse improved to 8-1 on the year and 3-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Men's soccer team picks up first win of the year

The NKU men's soccer team won its first game of the year with a 7-1 victory against Kentucky Wesleyan Friday.

Sophomore Jeff Anderson scored two goals and had four assists, a school record, in the game. Also, sophomore Mohamed Janah had two goals for the Norse.

Tony Becker contributed a goal too for the Norse in their first victory.

With the win, the NKU men's soccer team improved to 1-7 and 1-2 in the GLVC.

Men XC finish head of the pack

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's cross-country team established itself as a "perfect" team by wrapping up all five spots at the Greensboro Invitational Saturday.

They accomplished the rare feat by recording a perfect score of 15 overall.

Sophomore Ryan Carkadon won

his second straight race for the Norse with a time of 27 minutes, 13 seconds.

Teammate Kevin Alessandro wasn't too far behind in second place at the 28 minute mark. Chris Lenhof, Pat Sullivan and Brian Alessandro finished three, four, five respectively.

The women's team didn't do poorly either as it also came in first place with a team score of 22.

Freshman Lissa Faulkner finished

first overall with a time of 20:23.

"I am so excited," Faulkner said after getting her first college win.

Faulkner also became the first overall women's cross-country winner in an event since Becky Trotta accomplished the feat in 1993.

"This is the most we have been team-oriented," said Faulkner about both team's performance. "We were intimidating from the beginning."

The cross-country teams had to play under rainy, and muddy condi-

tions but still found a way to do extremely well, said NKU coach Steve Kruse.

"The teams were outstanding today. They were prepared to do well," he said. "They had several barriers to overcome. They did a great job."

Carkadon added, "Each team showed what they could do. I am happy for both teams, especially the guy's getting a perfect score."



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Sometimes you must make allowances for those who aren't as together as you. A thoughtful gesture goes a long way in repairing a rift.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Keep your eyes open for interesting opportunities. Your ability to think of creative solutions comes in handy.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Pace yourself where work and home responsibilities are concerned. Try hard to get yourself into better physical and mental shape.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

What may seem easy and painless for you is difficult for lesser mortals. Give them a break and try to be a little more understanding.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

Steady as she goes. If you rush things too fast, all will be lost. It will work out in the end if you have a little more patience.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

You can make a difference in the lives of others by donating your time to a local charity. Your efforts will be appreciated more than you know.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

A few challenges arise, but you can handle most anything that comes your way. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

There may be others more capable of accomplishing what you do. Acknowledge their contributions and work together.



Capricorn (Jan. 21 - Jan. 19)

A relationship goes a little rocky when one of you tries something new. Don't be too critical of friends and family.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

We are supposed to learn from our mistakes, but that doesn't always happen. You will have an opportunity to make amends.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Your work may be coming under some scrutiny. Do your best and don't worry about what might happen.

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GEORGES: A different twist to an old story

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who. Will said she is more optimistic about Bush's chances, and Kentucky will be an important state for Bush.

"With big states like California going to Gore, Kentucky will be the kind of state that will be the key to his success," said Will.

For those who are not sure about who to vote for in the upcoming presidential election, Will offered advice on what to look for in a Presidential candidate.

"You have to ask, 'Does he know his own mind?' and 'Does he surround himself with important people?'" Will said. "One of the president's most important jobs is appointing people in government positions."

Before the main event, the two speakers appeared in Greaves Concert Hall for a student-only question and answer session. There, out-spoken students from Northern Kentucky University and area high schools

asked them questions regarding politics. Inquiries ranged from campaign finance reform to what Bill Clinton's legacy will be years from now.

The lecture was the brainchild of the Alumni Association that, in the words of Alumni Lectures Chairman Chris Burns, wanted two speakers that would be timely. He said there couldn't have been two personalities more appropriate than Stephanopoulos and Will with the election coming up.

After two years of planning by the Alumni Association for the lecture, Burns said the work was worth it.

"When I walked in from the back door of Regents and saw the crowd, it was the first time since my graduation that I saw Regents full," Burns recounted. "That's when I knew all the hard work paid off."

When the throngs of people began to leave Regents, many of them said how much they enjoyed the evening.

Kenton County Sheriff Chuck Korzenkovi attended and said he was

pleased with the event. He said he was particularly impressed with George Will's speech.

"I think that George Will is an excellent constitutional expert and his insight into the past is amazing," Korzenkovi said. "He makes it all seem less arcane and complicated."

Terri Schierberg, assistant director of the Alumni Association, said the event has made NKU more prominent in the community and the nation. She said people from as far as Florida came up to see the two political personalities talk.

"It made a very favorable impression of the university," said Schierberg.

According to Nancy Perry, director of Alumni Affairs, George Stephanopoulos and George Will were very pleased with how the evening turned out.

"They thought this was a great event," said Perry.

BLACK PSYCHOLOGY

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Richards taught the course during the spring of 1996 and 1998. However, Richards resigned from her position in 1999 leaving Black Psychology without an instructor for spring 2000. Richards said she was concerned that the course was being eliminated. "The nature of psychology is to teach any core course from a perspective of diversity. It is important to have Black Psychology in the curriculum to prepare students for the real world."

Mike Hill, a psychology major, wrote a letter to Students Together Against Racism to express his disappointment that the class was not

going to be taught spring 2000. Hill said, "I would like to know what is being done to get more minority staff back into this department."

S.T.A.R. addressed Hill's concern in the Fall 1999 and met with Goedel to discuss filling the position.

Goedel said that finding a replacement to teach Black Psychology had been unsuccessful. "Black Psychology is a specialized course and it is not fair to students to give them someone who is not qualified to teach it," Goedel said.

Ela Mhou, member of S.T.A.R. said, "We submitted a name of an instructor at Xavier University who was interested in teaching Black

Psychology as well as other psychology courses." Goedel said the applicant did not submit a professional vita or transcript to be considered for a teaching position at NKU.

Black Faculty and Staff Association addressed the elimination of course to the Provost, Dr. Rogers Redding, in a meeting Thursday. According to Dr. Gregory Stewart, president of Black Faculty and Staff Association, "The need for the course was expressed by many students and this course will prepare students for a global environment."

However, until the issue can be resolved, Black Psychology will be eliminated from the curriculum this spring.

HARASSMENT

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tions."

According to Keesley, the work is extensive. "Someone files a complaint at the agency, and we collect data," she said. "We'll go to the institution, conduct interviews and find out the history. Then we sit down and analyze the data with a fine toothed comb."

The agency bases its decision on the totality of the circumstances, Pearlthree said. Elements such as the persuasiveness, persistence and severity of the situation are considered. "Behavior coming from an authority can make the conduct more severe," Pearlthree said.

In regard to people making false sexual harassment claims, Pearlthree said it is a rare occurrence. "Three to 7 percent of complaints may be in ill faith," she said.

Pearlthree and Keesley suggested sticking to the legal elements in order to avoid being accused of harassment.

Sidbottom voiced her advice as well. "Don't be stupid, and use common sense."

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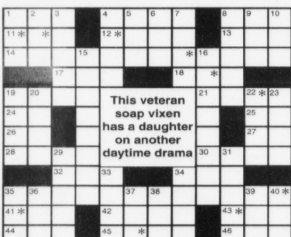
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TV CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. Mattress of The West
2. Wing
3. Beau's brother
4. Vowel seller
5. Take advantage of
6. Part of the eye
7. Bustle
8. With 22 down, sitcom set in Cleveland (4)
9. ... and Do it: 1948
10. Variety show
11. The ... 78 Burt Reynolds-Sally Field film
12. The Yellow ... (1963-64)
13. One teaspoon, for example
14. ... Crackerby (1965-66)
15. Initiator for Fred Gwynne's '64-66 role
16. ... Blue Eyes
17. Monogram for Felix Unger's roommate
18. 1974 best comedy series
19. Emmy winner
20. Radar's home
21. DOE's opponent
22. Futurman of Judging Amy
23. Star of Sharon Lawrence's series (2)
24. Marvin, for one
25. Alan Alda's age
26. Hooker or Hunter
27. Your Love
28. Igor, to Frankenstein
29. Bleater

DOWN

1. Ancient king, for short
2. Suffix for land or food
3. Boy-World connector
4. Duty: 1966 Pauly Shore movie
5. ... Arden

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