



In The News



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No More Freebies Says Secretary

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) —Transportation Secretary Don Kelly said employees in his agency no longer will be permitted to accept free lunches and entertainment from companies doing business with the state.

His announcement followed a report from state Auditor Ben Chandler showing that 200 workers in various state agencies have accepted \$17,814 in various freebies from architectural and engineering firms in the past 20 months.

Kelly said he believes his cabinet is not corrupt. But, "the perception is there that there was some wrongdoing. What this will do is finally stop this longstanding thing of lunches and tickets. It's taken us longer than it should have."

Chandler's review found that 33 employees who accepted gifts — including meals, golf outings, Christmas gifts and University of Kentucky basketball and football tickets — served on committees that decide which engineers and architects will receive state work.

Chandler began his investigation last month when he learned that an internal audit in the Transportation Cabinet had uncovered documents showing firms had bestowed gifts on state employees.

That audit occurred in January and involved a routine review of overhead expenses at consulting firms, Kelly said.

The cabinet's auditors found one engineering firm had charged entertainment expenses to the cabinet that the agency does not allow, he said.

The cabinet's auditors then looked at expenses at nine other large consulting firms.

Chandler subpoenaed the expense records of 15 firms and found that 14 had entertained or given gifts to state employees. Chandler wants Kelly to release the cabinet's audit to the public.

Kelly said he considers the audit privileged information and won't release it.

Kelly also is examining employees' time sheets to verify whether some workers reported that they were working when they were actually playing golf with an engineering firm. Chandler's report says that happened.

Kelly said the cabinet will comply with Chandler's recommendations for reform, which include requiring employees who help award contracts to file annual financial disclosure statements.

The cabinet's audit and Chandler's report "indicates we haven't cleaned up the process," Kelly said. But, "we would hope that the integrity of our employees is such that they wouldn't be influenced by a meal or a basketball ticket."

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Graduates Limited To Four Tickets, Students Produce Petition

By Donna Herald
Staff Writer

Graduating seniors, irate over receiving only four tickets for their May 14 graduation ceremony, prompted a press release from the commencement committee and the office of university relations last week.

The release explained the change from previous years' open seating policy was abandoned this year after two consecutive years of near overcrowding at the ceremonies.

David Thomson, committee chair for five years, said seniors contacting everyone with complaints resulted in the press release.

Carrie Sparks, a senior human services/mental health major, spearheaded the attack by circulating a petition and approaching Thomson.

Sparks officially presented the petition to the commencement committee late last week.

"They're letting the student body grow, but they're not accommodating that growth. That's not right."

Carrie Sparks

"We have almost 100 signatures and that's just from my classes," she said.

Some of those signing were underclassmen who are also concerned with how graduation will be handled when their turn comes.

"It's not going to get any better," Sparks said. "They're letting the student body grow but they're not accommodating that growth. That's not right."

The number of graduating students are increasing by at least 50 per year. The increasing figures suggest that future graduating classes will face an escalating problem.

This year's record of 1,771 graduates represents an increase of 312 over last year's figure.

"I'll be upset if it's this way when I graduate," Rob Turner, a speech communications senior said.

"A lot of people, other than my parents, helped to

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Work Of Art



Vid Vidovich/The Northern

University Studies major Patricia Hunter cleans a microwave after hours at Norse Commons.

Three Students Vie For SGA Vice President Seat

By Amy Stephens
News Editor

For the first time in two years, voters will have three choices when voting for the Student Government Association executive vice president in April.

The office of executive vice president oversees the four SGA committees, allocates book grants and runs the student book exchange.

Each candidate has a different spin on the competitive race.

Candidate Dana Hall, a junior

psychology major who has served on SGA for one year, said the more competitors, the merrier.

"Competition brings out the best in people," she said.

Opponent Molly Gleeson, a junior social work major who has served on SGA for two years, said the competitive race is indicative of a campus trend.

"It means students are getting more involved on campus," she said.

Candidate Kells Barrett, a senior applied cultural studies major, said the opposition will result in

more distinct candidate platforms.

"Three candidates will provide their own unique perspective in SG (A)," he said.

However, the candidates agree the key to a successful vice presidency depends on SGA committees.

A better connection with committee chairs would be a must, Hall said.

"They are student government,"

she said. "They do all the SGA and SGA sponsored activities."

For example, extending library

and health center hours is a common student complaint, Hall said. The Grievance and Affirmative Action committee would be the SGA entity to set the process in motion to get the hours changed.

The key would lie in helping committees publicize their programs more, Gleeson said. She cited the low participation for the recent Gripe Day managed by the Grievance

and Affirmative Action committee as evidence.

Gleeson suggested posting the minutes of past meetings in main buildings and publicizing the process students must use to introduce motions during SGA meetings.

Barrett said he will work to make the committee chairs more accountable for their work. In addition, he would establish open forums or town meetings as incentives for students to let SGA know what they want. The candidates offered the

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Campus Smoking A Burning Issue With Students, Faculty, Staff



Vid Vidovich/The Northern

Sophomore Nate Fortner (l.) and Freshman Brandon Kordenbrock relax with a smoke on the plaza in front of Landrum.

Stop Smoking Classes Offered By Piazza

By Amy Stephens
News Editor

For the past two years, only faculty, staff and community residents have taken advantage of the free smoke-ending classes provided on campus.

In his capacity as a volunteer for the Cancer Society, Wellness Coordinator Wiley Piazza teaches the American Cancer Society Freshstart Program classes every six months.

"When the classes are taught is according to demand," he said. Ten people constitute a class.

The four two-hour sessions are

held during a two week period. The program explores two aspects.

"We develop various techniques for breaking the habit of smoking," Piazza said.

In addition, the program delves into the why of the addiction.

"We explore the various reasons for smoking," Piazza said.

Piazza likely taught his last smoke-ending class last fall. He will leave NKU to join the Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness Center at St. Luke East hospital in May.

The classes will still be taught if there is a demand, he said.

Friendships Formed Outside Campus Buildings

By John Bach
Staff Writer

As spring begins to unfold, some smokers are finding it easier to accept having to adjourn outdoors to light up.

Being forced to go outside to smoke has created a number of new friendships. Last August, when smoking was banned in campus buildings, many smokers complained, but with a little time and a bit of nice weather some don't mind it and even enjoy it.

"A cigarette is always a way to relate to fellow smokers," said Steve Bradford, a senior radio, television and film major.

A number of smokers congregate outside the second floor of Landrum Academic Center which provides a few cushioned seats, picnic tables and a peaceful environment. There is also cover from the rain.

"By having to go outside, it has given all of us a chance to meet new people and become friends," Professor Robert Mullen said. "I now know many

more people, not just by their face but by their names."

Though some don't mind smoking outside in the nice weather, they still disagree with the no-smoking policy during the winter season.

"I really think that during the cold months they should provide a smoking room," said Peggy Hamilton, a political science senior.

"I've had bronchitis three times this year. I'm sure smoking has something to do with it, but until I had to come outside to smoke I hardly ever got bronchitis."

Some smokers don't complain about having to go outside to smoke because they realize they may have been irritating non-smokers inside.

"It did bother me at first," Bradford said. "I thought no one had the right to tell me that I had to go outside, then I realized that it really can be irritating to people."

"I always make sure that I put my cigarette out and put it in an ashtray. I hate when people flick them in the grass."

Chair Disciplined For Smoking

By Amy Stephens
News Editor

Economics, Finance and Information Systems Chair David Adams was the first smoker on campus to be disciplined for violating campus smoking regulations.

Enforcement of the campus policy is left to faculty, staff and student supervisors.

Adams inadvertently set fire to his office trash can late in the afternoon on Wednesday March

23. Before leaving for the day, he disposed of the incriminating contents of an ashtray into the can, he said. An unextinguished cigarette butt ignited the can's contents.

A student put out the fire with a hall extinguisher before the fire alarm sounded. The can melted and part of the carpet near it burned. No one was injured.

The Business-Education Psychology building was evacuated for nearly 50 minutes and the Cold Spring-Crestview Volun-

teer Fire Department had to ventilate the building. The building still smells of burnt plastic from the trash can, Adams said.

The campus smoking policy, installed this past August, bans indoor smoking. It is the result of a state policy that prohibits smoking in state buildings.

It was up to Thomas Comte, dean of the Business College and Adams' supervisor, to

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Students have different opinions on the mandatory attendance policy.

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A club exclusively for enhancing students' cultural awareness.

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Norse Softball Cleans Up

Some Norse teams are left in the cold when other schools decide they don't want to play.

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The Northerner

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Opinion: Graduation Policies

Graduation is an important event in the life of many college students. This year's graduating seniors may have spent at least four, five or even six years in preparation for the piece of paper given to them that will hopefully help them find a job.

These students don't go through the process alone. For non-traditional students, they have to suffer through mid-terms and group projects with not only their classmates, but spouses, children and jobs. Many traditional students work two and three jobs or are involved in student organizations. Residential students rely on resident advisers and phoning home to parents to get them through their college years. These people may become very important support systems for students who are struggling with a particular course or who need praise when a goal is reached.

The university surely understands this need for students to rely on others during these somewhat trying and harried years. NKU is experiencing growing pains itself. While NKU should be able to rely on the state to be its support system, it can't. The major support has to come from private donors and alumni.

While growth is good, in NKU's case, growth is not good. When the state of Kentucky refuses to allow universities to bend and flex with the changes, there's not much the university can do. However, the commencement committee's plan to restrict the number of a graduate's invitees is almost insane. The plan is to give graduating seniors four tickets to the ceremonies to be held May 14. Those students who need more tickets will be able to grab them on a first-come, first-served basis after May 2. Sorry to those graduates who want to invite their large families and other friends.

The reason behind the new policy is not all NKU's fault - we owe thanks to the Kentucky legislature for giving our convocation center to Murray State.

But what is the big deal with not being able to have commencement ceremonies off-campus? I think we can all remember which college is giving that diploma no matter if the ceremony is held in Regents Hall or Music Hall.

I also don't think audiences would mind very much if they could actually breathe and stretch out in an alternate location as compared to sitting on top of each other in Regents Hall.

Committee officials should reevaluate this policy - graduates should be able to invite whomever they want. Students who have dedicated their time, money and energy in that diploma deserve a graduation ceremony worth their time, money and energy.

So, as many editorials have asked: Does NKU really put students first?

What is the big deal with commencement ceremonies held off-campus?

Why do media people have to be so pushy?

The campus newspaper is an integral part of the campus life. Whether you realize it or not, whenever you read the newspaper, you are supporting one of the basic tenets of our country - free speech.

I'm sure almost everyone realizes that newspapers and other news media are very important to our daily lives.

Some read the paper or watch television to determine what the weather is like. Others like to catch up on the stock market figures while still others like to read about their favorite sports teams.

I started my own newspaper in the sixth grade. It wasn't much, though. I typed all the stories on my grandmother's old typewriter and a friend drew pictures for the stories. One of the fourth grade teachers made copies of the paper. With calligraphy, I hand-designed the nameplate on every newspaper - *The SES Press News*.

I sold the paper for 5 cents a piece and gave the money to Chastity Gibson - a little girl who desperately needed a liver transplant.

I remember writing about the Kiwanis League basketball teams and the new computers the school got that year. I had other sixth graders submit their creative writing papers and had a friend draw pictures to complement all the stories.

The SES Press News was a hit with the fifth and sixth graders as well as the teachers. People liked to read about



NKU'S PARKING LOTS DURING THIS RAINY SEASON.

Pushy Reporters Are A Turn-Off



From the Basement

By Stacey Durbin

their friends in stories and in our "Dear-Abby" and "Nosey Knows" columns.

The whole preface of having my own newspaper was not only to give money to this sick little girl, but to report important things to the students at Sturgis Elementary School.

only our newspaper, it's up to you to make it even better.

It's for that reason *The Northerner* requests your letters to the editor, your guest columns and your participation.

With all of the learning experiences - both positive and negative - I have discovered

"I am really turned off by these reporters and those shows. That's not the reason I wanted to be a reporter."

Ever since I gave \$20 to that little girl's family, I wanted to be a journalist. Newspapers were not only a way for me to report the news and sports but to write things that would make a difference in someone else's life.

As editor of *The Northerner*, my main focuses have been to help promote campus life and the activities that happen on campus, to get diverse people and opinions in stories and columns, and to help students be more aware of what is going on between higher education, government and the university.

No, the paper does not cover every single event on campus nor does every opinion get expressed. But *The Northerner* staff this year has made a conscious effort to make those things happen. It's not

something about this profession that I really dislike.

I am turned off from this profession because of the attitude some people in the media have about their status.

Think about what happened last week between Jim Rome

and Jim Everett on an ESPN 2 talk show. Why did Rome think he could get away with insulting Everett to his face?

Why do shows like "60 Minutes," "Hard Copy" and "A Current Affair" constantly show reporters pushing cameras and microphones in their faces? I understand the fact these people have a job to do, but why do they have to be so pushy?

I am really turned off by these reporters and those shows. That's not the reason I wanted to be a reporter. I don't enjoy pushing microphones and tape recorders in people's faces.

People in this profession whom I respect have always told me that the best reporter is like a good referee - not seen until things get out of hand.

Journalism can be a noble profession. It will take reporters themselves to begin to change their attitudes before the people in the media receive any kind of respect.

Stacey Durbin is a senior journalism major from Sturgis, Ky. and is Editor-In-Chief of *The Northerner*.

SGA Spotlight

Dear Students,

I can see spring fever here at NKU and this doesn't exclude Student Government Association. With spring fever coming, we always have an election. This year, the election will be April 20-21. Below is a list of times and places for voting:

- Landrum Academic Center: Wednesday and Thursday April 20 and 21: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-6:30 p.m.
- Natural Science Center: Wednesday and Thursday April 20 and 21: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-6:30 p.m.
- University Center: Wednesday April 20: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-6:30 p.m.; 8-9:30 p.m. Thursday April 21: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-6:30 p.m.

You will need your student identification card in order to vote this election. At press time, below is a list of declared candidates. The deadline for filing is April 14.

President: Jeffrey Carter, Paul Wingate
Executive Vice President: Molly Gleeson, Dana Hall, Kells Barrett
Vice President for External Affairs: Jamie Ramsey
Vice President of Public Relations: Julia Taylor, Michelle Hammack
Vice President of Official Records: Brian Ellerman

Promote the vote in SGA election.

In Norse Pride,

Nathan Smith

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Letters to the Editor

History Students Want Removal of Statue

Dear Editor,

We were very disturbed to learn that the statue between the University Center and the Fine Arts Building, entitled "Way Down East" is dedicated to a racist. D.W. Griffith, in 1915, made a movie called "Birth of a Nation" which justified the existence of the Ku Klux Klan. We feel that by displaying this statue, the university supports the views of Griffith and those who agree with his ideals. We strongly believe that by displaying such a statue, the university is being contradictory to the idea of multi-ethnicity and cultural awareness.

If you cannot hang a Confederate flag from your dorm room window, why can the university pay tribute to a racist?

In order to make up for this transgression, the university should consider removing the statue.

Sincerely,

Mark Regensburger
Christian Krautlein
History Students

Puzzlement Over the Revisting of World War II

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the article "Retired German

Soldier Tries to Correct Image" in the March 23 edition of *The Northerner* about Siegfried Knappe, a former Nazi German soldier who spoke at NKU about his World War II experiences.

I am puzzled and distressed by the current trend to revise the history of World War II and make everyone a victim of the war. Knappe seems to be one example of this trend, and I am disturbed to see history and students being manipulated. Yes, on one level everyone in Europe (and, for that matter, in parts of Asia) suffered because of World War II. However, some people suffered much more than others – the Jews, the Romani, the mentally and physically handicapped, the political dissenters, the homosexuals, Poles, Slavs, Russians, etc. – all those groups classified by the Nazis as "non-Aryans."

Please remember, the Nazi program was not apartheid; it was not a plan to separate. The Nazi program was genocide and it was a plan to annihilate. It was a plan to slaughter. The Final Solution was truly a final solution – death to those who were not human (example: the Jews, Romani, handicapped and homosexuals) and slavery for those who were subhuman (example: the Poles, Slavs and Russians). Adolph Hitler's views were widely publicized and widely supported. Did Knappe never attend a rally or read a speech of Hitler's?

The concentration, work, death and holding camps of the Germans dotted Europe like measles. Jewish ghettos existed in every country. The stench from the crematoria and death

pits was inescapable and the trains kept moving people through and past the front lines even when the army needed them for troops. Knappe may say he never knew of the Holocaust – that is like a non-slave owning Civil War Southerner saying he knew nothing of slavery.

Knappe may be an average, basically decent, ex-German Nazi soldier and he may have behaved very decently in World War II. To speak of himself as a victim of war, however, is placing himself in the same category as the millions of people who were intentionally, systematically and methodically murdered as part of the planned, premeditated and proclaimed German government's Final Solution. That, in my opinion, is unconscionable revisionism and I am saddened by our history department's decision to participate in it.

Sincerely,

Lynn Langmeyer
Professor of Marketing
College of Business

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The North Poll

By David Vidovich

Was NKU your first choice?



Dave Volmer
Junior
Marketing

"Yes, because I can commute."



Jeff Jordan
Junior
Social Work

"No, I just wound up here."



Karl Galey
Junior
Education

"No, Kentucky Christian College was my first choice, but NKU was cheaper and closer to home."



Megan Tucker
Freshman
Justice Studies

"Duke was my first choice, but I did not have enough money."



Marcy Strauss
Sophomore
Photography

"I was first accepted to Coastal Carolina College near Myrtle Beach, but I thought it would be too much of a party school."



Missy Loerich
Sophomore
Pre-Nursing

"Yes, it is affordable, and it is a good school."

Getting In The Northerner

The Northerner encourages students, faculty and staff to submit Letters to the Editor and Guest Editorials for publication in the newspaper.

Letters to the Editor must be neatly handwritten or typed. Illegible copies will not be printed. No letter will be printed without being verified by *The Northerner* staff prior to publication.

Letters should not be more than 350 words long.

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Guest Editorials must also be typed or neatly handwritten.

Editorials must also include a statement of affiliation to the university or other community organization, including major or position. Also include a phone number for verification of facts. Guest editorials should not be more than 550 words long.

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The Naked Student II: In Praise of Rocks

By M.M. Hennessy
Columnist

There was something easy and comforting about the young man dressed in a faded plaid, flannel shirt and pale blue jeans. Talking with him had a soothing, familiar effect like slipping into one's favorite old sweater at the end of a long day.

He leaned back in his chair, immune to the cacophony of blaring rock music, a dozen separate conversations and the rattle of flatware on plastic trays. We were in the Norse Grille. It was noisy inside, raining and dreary outside.

"Did you know," he asked, "that 450 million years ago we would be sitting in a warm, shallow sea surrounded by a tropical paradise?" His voice was softly resonant.

The speaker was 21-year-old Jonathan Walters, a junior from Bright, Indiana. Walters majors in geology; he wants his career path to be as rocky as possible.

What could be interesting about looking at a bunch of old rocks?

"When I learned that I could pick up nearly any rock and get millions of years of information from it, I also found a way to make some sense of the world," Walters said.

He is also interested in

paleontology, the study of fossilized animals.

The oldest of five siblings, Walters spoke of the many times his father took him exploring for fossils and ancient stones or read to him from books about geology. He smiled, thinking of his father, an electrician whom Walters described as "very intelligent."

So how did his parents react when he informed them of his intention to study rocks for a living?

"Both my mom and dad are happy that I will be doing what I really want," Walters answered. "Dad calls me the 'Rock Doctor.' The last thing my parents wanted me to be was a business major because they're a dime a dozen."

Being an individual is a need carved in stone for Walters. He is angered at the concept of people who conform to the desires of others instead of developing their own set of values and aspirations.

"There are several things that really anger me," Walters admitted. "Conformists make me mad. So do materialistic people who place more value on an object than a human life." Rounding out the list is the American emphasis on athletics versus scholastic achievement, a peeve followed

closely by the trend toward political correctness.

Walters cultivates diversity. He listens to music ranging in form from Mozart to Metallica. Only country-western and rap music are excluded. He takes photographs of Pintos, he drives a Pinto and he is creating a Pinto photo album. A further illustration of his individuality is a "Star Wars" memorabilia collection worth over \$3,000. It could be a challenge to imagine a man interested in 400-million-year-old glaciers whose favorite possession is a small figure of Luke Skywalker dressed as a storm trooper. Unless the man is Jonathan Walters.

His friends agree. They describe him as original, opinionated, honest and dependable. All who know Walters will say that he does what he wants to do.

Walters, who works as a lifeguard at NKU and performs maintenance on weekends at a golf course, wants to go to graduate school.

Until then, Walters wanted to leave the following message to all of NKU's students: "Even though geology majors at NKU are few and far between, we will contribute a lot. We want to help increase the quality of life for everybody."

Thanks to Walters, rocks will never be the same.

The Dean Poll

By David Vidovich

What is on your wish list?



David C. Short
Dean
Chase College of Law

"Additional funding for student programs and faculty enhancement to enable us to improve the quality of the educational experience for our students."



Thomas Comte
Dean
College of Business

"For the state to approve a substantial budget increase for the University and the College of Business."



Janis Fancher
Assistant Dean
College of Arts & Sciences

"That everyone in the university takes personal responsibility as a student, faculty or staff member and that we work together in a more ethical manner."



Pamela Hill
Assistant Dean
African American Student Affairs

"All of us make an effort to ensure students feel that they are a part of this institution and not apart from it."



J. Thomas Isherwood
Dean
College of Professional Studies

"Sufficient funds to compensate our existing faculty sufficiently, bring in new faculty and be able to expand our institutional technologies."



Vicki Garry
Assistant Dean
Chase College of Law

"More scholarship money to make a legal education possible for economically deprived students."

Amy Stephens, Editor

Quote of the Week

"We ought to declare ourselves a prison."

—President Leon Boothe, referring to state prisons which are mandated to receive a larger portion of the 1994-95 budget than state universities.

Students, Faculty Differ On Attendance Policies

NKU Boasts Scholarship Winners

By Cindy Sugarman
Staff Writer

The question of mandatory attendance is a controversial issue on campus these days.

"Mandatory attendance is good," Stefanie Wright, a junior political science major, said. When she went to Ohio University, attendance was not mandatory and it was easy to sleep in and miss class. Her grades reflected this, she said.

"Mandatory attendance is a good incentive for getting to class," Wright said.

Freshman Tonya Pittman agrees.

"The university allows three cuts per semester which is reasonable for taking care of life's unexpected moments like the flu or a flat tire," he said.

Tina Tammara, adjunct art professor, said if her students miss more than three classes, they lose a letter grade. They turn in work every day in her studio classes. When she teaches art history, she gives a quiz at the beginning of each class.

This serves three purposes she said. It gets students to class on time, it checks on the reading and it moves the lecture on to more interesting

By John Bach
Staff Writer

An NKU physics graduate won a fellowship worth a possible \$180,000 from the National Physical Science Consortium for Minorities and Women.

Amy Bosch Frohlich, 22, of Fort Thomas, was granted six years of free graduate schooling from the school of her choice out of 72 schools across the country.

Bosch Frohlich found out she won in March.

"When the results first came out, I was listed as first alternate," she said. "Then someone turned down their award, so I was next in line. There aren't many of these things to go around."

Bosch Frohlich's academic career includes two years at the University of Louisville where she was a National Merit Scholar and two years at NKU as a Greaves Scholar. She was also awarded one of the Greaves summer research grants last year.

Bosch Frohlich's interests are in mathematical and space physics.

"I just love physics," she said. "It is one of those things that I can just stay up all night and work on and really enjoy."

Ray Enzweiler, physics and geology assistant professor, assisted Bosch Frohlich in some of her research.



Amy Bosch Frohlich

"She was always very well prepared and at the top of her class," he said. "You could tell that sometimes she would get a little bored because she understood the material while the other students might find it really difficult. In one class, she was actually tutoring before she had taken the course."

Bosch Frohlich's research was a big factor in her receiving the fellowship. She designed a simple but effective apparatus that would detect lightning by light and sound. The theory is that a bright flash of light causes things near it to turn into sound. "This device could be used at the Northern Lights where people claimed that they actually heard the flash of lightning before the thunder," Enzweiler said.

The fellowship was provided by the sponsoring universities and private and governmental corporations that provide money and summer employment. Bosch Frohlich will be sponsored and employed by the National Security Agency.

She has applied to the University of Colorado and the University of Notre Dame. Besides free tuition and fees, she will receive \$10,000 and a summer job for the first two years, \$12,500 for the following two years and \$15,000 for the final two years.

By Amy Stephens
News Editor

Her family will have to send Leah Maines videotapes of the new fall episodes of "Seinfeld" and "20/20" to her in Japan. The show does not air there and that is where the English and journalism major/honors minor will be.

Maines became the fifth Mazak scholarship winner recently.

The Mazak Corporation is a Japanese-owned machine tool company with an affiliate in Florence, Ky., which has awarded scholarships to NKU student for four years.

The \$7,000 scholarship provides for three months of study at Gifu University in Gifu, Japan and possibly an opportunity to work for Mazak in Florence.

Maines considered attending law school upon her graduation next May, but the scholarship may change that goal.

"This is something that could change my whole life plan," she said.

Maines has begun catching up on the country's customs in preparation for her visit.

"I don't want to offend anyone," she said. "For example, direct eye contact is considered rude. I'm already

beginning to look at people's necks instead of their eyes."

Maines became interested in Japanese culture after she read the work of some of its authors years ago. Her interest in the culture blossomed and she wanted to read the works in their original form.

"Whenever you read something in translation, it loses something," she said.

Maines, who has had one year of Japanese at NKU, has purchased an advanced language computer software. Her classes will be taught exclusively in Japanese.

The language combines three writing styles, Kanji, Hirigana and Katakana, said assistant political science professor David Potter.

Kanji is a style based on Chinese characters called ideographs and Katakana describes scientific and foreign words. Hirigana is the least used part of the language.

Maines is looking forward to visiting Tokyo and tasting the strawberry chocolate she has heard about, among other things.

"Experiencing a whole new culture is what I'm looking forward to most," she said. "Then I want to bring home what I learn and share it with the academic community at NKU."



Leah Maines

"Research indicates that simple attendance is the single most important variable in determining high grades."

—Associate Professor Dennis Sies

"I don't think there's anything wrong with it," she said. "You can't do the work if you're not in class. If the teacher tells students her policy on the first day and a student doesn't comply, it's your own fault if your grade is lowered."

Associate political science professor Dennis Sies said he found a class attendance policy useful when he was a student because it built discipline and he said he thinks it is still useful today.

"Research indicates that simple attendance is the single most important variable in determining high grades," Sies said.

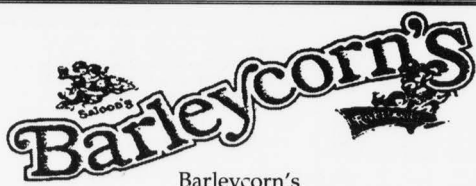
things. "Thinking skills are not always raised through just reading," Tammara said. "The lecturer can round out the reading and fill in the details."

"In painting and drawing, participation is half of the grade. Handing in pieces every day gets them motivated and working."

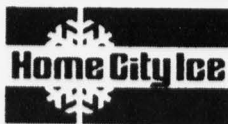
On the other hand, Denise Angel, a senior education major, said, "I'm paying for school. It shouldn't count for you or against you. I know what hurts me or doesn't."

Jamie Henegar, a senior

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DPS REPORTS

Friday April 1

*8:47 a.m. \$20 in cash was stolen from a student in the Business-Education-Psychology building, room 311.

*2:23 p.m. A student's white Toyota Celica was towed from Lot F because it was on the tow list for unpaid parking tickets. \$105

5:18 p.m. While kicking a soccer ball, a student twisted his right knee on basketball court No. 2 in the Albright Health Center.

Sunday April 3

*7:40 p.m. A student became loud and demanding to a Department of Public Safety officer after asking the officer to lift open the fire gate at the Woodcrest apartments fire lane. The officer said he could not open the gate because it was against campus policy and state law.

*11:09 p.m. A student's home on Campbell Drive was vandalized.

Monday April 4

*3:15 a.m. A staff member pulled mace on an officer being pulled over for going through the stop sign near Lot M. The officer turned on his lights and followed the woman to the Kenton Drive and University Drive intersection. At that point, the officer turned on the siren but the woman continued driving to the traffic light at University and Nunn Drives. When the woman pulled over,

she reached for something underneath her seat - the mace. She was cited for having no driver's license or proof of insurance.

*5:10 a.m. A campus visitor was cited on Kenton Drive for having expired license plates.

*10:07 a.m. A student's gray Pontiac Grand Am was towed from a reserved space in Lot N.

*10:07 a.m. A student's brown Dodge Charger was towed from a reserved space in Lot N.

*12:30 p.m. A student left her brown bookbag, containing two books and miscellaneous items, beside her car in Lot F while she returned to a building to retrieve her car keys. When she returned to her car, the bag was gone. The student estimated the property was worth \$125.

Tuesday April 15

*12:23 a.m. A faculty member's Caravel pocket watch and chain was found in a fourth floor classroom of the Landrum Academic Center. It was returned.

*1:40 p.m. The friend of a staff member was cited for disorderly conduct. She was being belligerent to an officer who was having the staff member's car towed. The car had been blocking the Commonwealth fire lane for more than an hour.

Tuesday April 15

*3:10 a.m. A student was cited

on Kenton Drive for having inoperable windshield wipers in the rain. She was stopped initially for weaving down Kenton Drive. She admitted drinking one beer and was given a field sobriety test. She passed, but the officer told her to park the car and walk to her residence hall room.

*1 p.m. A faculty member's gray Buick Regal was towed from Lot C because it was on the tow list. \$105

*2 p.m. A black Mazda 929 was towed from Lot B because it was on the tow list. \$90

*3:33 p.m. A faculty member's gray Chevrolet Corsica was towed from Lot C because it was on the tow list. \$75

Wednesday April 6

*5:02 a.m. Keys were found in LA 403 and returned.

*12:35 p.m. A silver Nissan Sentra was towed from Lot A because it was on the tow list. \$75

*4:05 p.m. The driver of a 1986 black Chevrolet Silverado was cited in the AHC gravel parking lot for having only a motorcycle driver's license and having no proof of registration or insurance. The vehicle was towed to the Rees Hardy Towing Inc. lot in Wilder.

*5:55 p.m. A student's green Mercury Capri convertible was towed from Lot B because it was on the tow list. \$120

Lost & Found

*April 3, 10:50 p.m. An AHC membership card was found in BEP.

*April 6, 3:23 a.m. A pair of post gold earrings and a gold necklace with a panda bear pendant were found in the first floor AHC women's room.



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Norse Sports Calendar

Norse Softball
Friday, April 15 vs. Morehead State at 3 p.m.

Sports

Tom Embrey, Editor

Three Sports Suffer Through Strange Week

By Tom Embrey
Sports Editor

The sun is shining; a cool breeze is blowing; the temperature is in the low 50's and NKU's Friendship Field is busy with the sounds of chattering infielders, the pop of leather and the clank of aluminum bats connecting with a round, white leather sphere.

It's a typical spring day on an early Friday in April.

What is wrong with this picture? Well, nothing unless this is Friday, April 8.

On that day, all of this should have been taking place but it didn't. The Norse were supposed

to play a double header with Central State University. I stress supposed to play. They said they didn't have a game

Ask NKU softball coach Herb Bell about cancellations. His team was scheduled to play Butler University on April 6.

No contract, no game. Or maybe ask men's tennis coach Geoff Crawford. His team had an intrasquad scrimmage on April 7. The team was scheduled to play Hanover College but the match was cancelled.

"They said their kids couldn't get out of class because they've missed too much class because of matches earlier in the year," Crawford said.

"They (NKU's players) show up ready to play and I had to tell them the match was cancelled." The Norse defeated Hanover earlier this year.



Tom Embrey/The Norsemen
Friendship Field following a cancelled game

scheduled with us," NKU baseball coach Bill Aker said.

The Norse are scheduled to play a doubleheader with Central State today and that game has also been cancelled.

B-Ball Player Earns Honors

By Tom Embrey
Sports Editor

For NKU junior center Angel Donley, hard work paid off in a big way last week.

Donley, a 6-foot-1 inch junior, was named a Kodak All-District selection and became the fourth player in NKU women's basketball history to earn Kodak All-American honors.

"It was one of the most memorable experiences of my life," Donley said.

Donley was one of 30 players named to the honorable mention team.

Julie Wells was a first team All-American for NKU in 1988. Christie Freppon in 1991 and Amy Middleton in 1992 both garnered honorable mention honors.

NKU coach Nancy Winstel, who has been on the Kodak All-American Selection committee, said a player has to do more than just score.

"If the player is a point guard, you look at assists and steals," Winstel said.

"But the main criteria was winning. Most teams had to get to the final eight (in the NCAA Division II tournament) to be considered (for the award).

Donley, who Winstel described as an intense competitor, led the Norse to a 20-7 record and top six regional finish and a berth in the NCAA Division II play-in game.

"Hours before the game Angel puts on her game face," Winstel said.

"You can see the intensity in her eyes."

The intense nature of Angel Donley has allowed her to excel as a basketball player for the Norse.

Donley, who transferred from Radford College in Virginia, started her career as a player who,

in her words, was in the game to "rebound and beat people up."

She has developed into an offensive force who averaged 16.7 points and seven rebounds a game while shooting a school record 62 percent from the field.

Donley said she expects more attention next year.

"It teams do (double and triple team me) that will leave my teammates open," Donley said.

As for next year, Donley said she hopes for continued success and another shot at the post season.

"This year was great but next year I'd like to get back to the tournament," Donley said.



Angel Donley

Passing Shots

compiled by Tom Embrey

April 7—The NKU softball team played five games, winning two and losing three. The Norse lost to Kentucky Wesleyan College, 5-3 in the first game. Junior Sabrina Tackett picked up the loss and NKU junior Johnna Ellis had two hits in three at bats.

NKU defeated Belarmine College 4-1 behind two hits from junior Shelly Capasso. Junior Mary K. Danuser was the winning pitcher for the Norse.

Capasso added three hits in four at bats in a 5-3 victory over Jacksonville State. Freshman Nickole Williams recorded the win for the Norse.

Huntington College blanked the Norse 12-0 in the fourth game. Tackett was saddled with the loss and sophomore Molly Kennedy batted out two hits for the Norse.

JSU rebounded to defeat the Norse 8-3 in the second meeting between the two teams. Danuser was the losing pitcher. The Norse had four players with two or more hits including Kennedy's three for three. NKU is 8-21 on the season.

Ashland University clobbered the Norse 11-0, and 9-1 in two games. The Norse were out hit 25-10 in the series. Ken McManus was saddled with the loss in game one. He dropped to 3-3 on the season. Senior Mickey Pardee picked up the loss in game two and fell to 6-2 on the season. The Norse are 25-11 on the season and are 6-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The NKU men's tennis team split two matches this weekend. The Norse whipped Lewis University 8-1 behind sophomore Michael Hon. Hon cruised in his match 6-0, 4-0.

In the second match, the Norse lost 5-4 to Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne. NKU held a 4-2 advantage but lost the three doubles matches.



Vid Vidovich/The Norsemen
Men's tennis coach Geoff Crawford watches practice last week.



Norse Star of the Week

Nickole Williams
Softball



Williams, a freshman from Hilliard, Ohio pitched a two-hit shutout in a 1-0 win over Lincoln Memorial. Williams allowed an infield hit in the third and a single to center in the top of the seventh. Williams' second win of the season earned NKU a doubleheader sweep, its first of the year.

Correction

The Norsemen erroneously misprinted the Norse Star of the Week for the issue on May 6.

The picture and stats belonged to freshman softball player Nickole Williams but the name on the award was senior baseball player Mickey Pardee. We sincerely apologize to Williams and Pardee for any misunderstanding. We have decided to re-print the award as it should have appeared.

—Tom Embrey
Sports Editor

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Morehead Player Sees NKU As Transfer Option

By Tom Embrey
Sports Editor

It is rumored that NKU will add Morehead State sophomore John Brannen to its 1994-95 roster.

Brannen, a sophomore at Morehead State, said in a phone interview he has formed a small list of schools he is looking at as a possible new home.

"I am definitely transferring but right now I haven't made up my mind where."

Brannen who averaged 12 points and five rebounds in his freshman campaign, saw limited action this past season. Brannen did score 19 points and grab 15 boards in a 85-79 win over NKU in a game on Nov. 29.

Brannen was 4 of 14 from the field but hit two free throws with

nine seconds to play to put MSU up 83-79.

Brannen named Ohio University and George Mason University in Virginia along with NKU as schools that are on his list.

"I'm looking for a team with a good coaching staff and camaraderie," Brannen said. Brannen said he has visited NKU's campus and hopes to make a decision soon.

"Two months ago I thought I would have made it (the decision) by now, but I hope to decide soon," Brannen said.

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The Naked Student



By M.M. Hennessy
Columnist

Thinking Normal

"He doesn't think normal," said the student as she bent to tie the laces of her green canvas combat boot. She paused, pushed back a stray lock of orange-colored hair then added: "I can't explain what I mean by normal, it just isn't."

My curiosity was piqued, not being much of a normal person myself. "He will be an interesting person to interview," I said to no one in particular.

He was and is interesting. He is Low A. Truitt, a 22-year-old sophomore who was born in Louisville, Ky. and raised in Virginia Beach, Va. He majors in computer science with an area of concentration in theatre and he has a deep interest in writing. Is that normal?

This is not a "normal" story about an NKU student. It is a feature about a philosophical man to whom the most important things in life are God, who motivates Truitt, as well as the music, beauty and love about which he thinks.

"I have often been told by other students and some teachers that I'm too utopian in my beliefs," Truitt said. "People have said I'm not scientific enough in my thinking."

Even Truitt's aspirations are suspect - normally, that is.

"I want to see people learning to understand one another... to break out of their comfort zones and personal walls," he said. "Who is to say we can't better ourselves, especially on this campus by trying to understand those we may find different?"

Is that normal? Is the one thing Truitt would change about life, if granted a magic wand, normal?

"I would change the way we all tend to misunderstand each other," he said. "What we see on the outside isn't often what's actually going on inside someone."

What's wrong with this man whose friends describe him as creative, sensitive, very talented, complex but - here it is - somewhat weird? Is it normal for a person to be unaware of gender, age or race while still being proud of his African-American heritage?

"I always knew I was different, but I thought it was because I was accident-prone," Truitt said.

Truitt described himself as a loner who sometimes takes the important things in his life for granted and is an imperfect person.

"Sometimes I forget that some of the best times I have are when I take a quiet, cool walk appreciating nature, God and humanity," he said. "It's important for me to find my way back to these things."

Truitt's greatest fear is that he will someday die without leaving anything that might have contributed to helping change an unjust social condition or helping to take away another person's fear and pain.

"I just believe we have to help change the ignorance, negativity and judgmental

Organization Extending Opportunity To Disabled

By Jamie McKinney
Staff Writer

Students have the opportunity to travel, see plays, visit museums, attend Halloween and Christmas parties and even go to a prom.

The Culture Connection Club of NKU allows students to do these activities regardless of financial, disability or social inhibitions.

"The Culture Connection is set up and designed to get students in a place where they belong," said Dale Adams, coordinator for disabled students.

The club works to get students involved in social events, Adams said. It teaches the students leadership roles, organizational skills

and gives hands-on experience.

Along with the parties and trips to museums, plays and sights in other states, the Culture Connection also teaches the students how to budget, Adams said.

The club creates a sense of belonging for the student, he said.

The students in the club are more apt to help in tutoring and learn better study skills, Adams said.

The club has enabled him to take the vacations he never had, because the club extends reasonable rates to

its members for the outings, said Darin Hornsby, vice president of the Culture Connection. The Culture Connection also has bake sales, a recipe book and other fund raisers to help the students

pay for their trips, Hornsby said.

The club has about 100 members. As a non-traditional student, Culture Connection's president Deletta Simpson said the Culture Connection helped her create long-lasting friendships and culturally enrich her life. The friendships come easy because everyone in the group has something in common - being a college student.

"The Culture Connection visits the things people don't take advantage of great plays, symphonies, and art shows," Adams said. "It's the first opportunity a lot of students have to camp, visit Chicago or the Great Lakes."

This school year, the Culture Connection had two outings in the fall and two in the spring, Simpson said. More outings have occurred in the past, she said.

The Culture Connection has an annual trip just for the members. This May, the club is going to

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"The Culture Connection of NKU is setup and designed to get students in a place where they belong."

Dale Adams

Threesome Doesn't Crowd Screen With Stereotypes

By David Vidovich
Photo Editor

A year in the life of three college students is explored in the sensual drama "Threesome." The TriStar Pictures release begins with Stuart and Eddy moving into a dorm.

Stephen Baldwin plays Stuart, a business major more interested in pizza, alcohol and women than in academics. Eddy, played by Josh Charles, (last seen as Christina Applegate's boyfriend in "Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead") is a more serious-minded student.

As the semester begins Eddy and Stuart find they have a late addition to their dorm room, as Alex moves into the last bedroom.

Of course this is Hollywood where the dorm rooms are gigantic and not shoeboxed-sized like the ones in Kentucky Hall.

The guys have just one problem with their new roommate: Alex is a girl.

Because of a computer mix up, Alex was listed as a male and placed into a male room, and since there is a severe housing shortage in the area, she has no choice but to stay.

Perhaps best known for her role as Wayne's gun rack-

buying ex-girlfriend in the original "Wayne's World," Lara Flynn Boyle hits the extremes with the Alex character.

Alex is a theater major who is both filled with passion and an intellect. She is innocent yet uninhibited.

Stuart sets his testosterone filled sights on having the beautiful Alex. However Alex wants the more intellectual Eddy.

Moreover, Eddy is unsure of his sexuality and thinks he wants Stuart. Thus the stage is set for a love triangle of a different color.

Eddy admits he is a virgin to Alex. "You're not gay, you are

a blank slate," she declares.

Alex believes that Eddy just needs a good woman to set him straight and sets out to prove it.

As the movie goes on, everyone tries a little of everything.

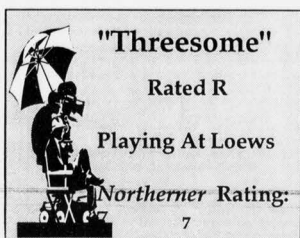
The sex scenes are tastefully done and not overly graphic.

This well written story on the sex lives of three college students, tackles the difficult subject of a man coming to terms with his sexual orientation.

College students will enjoy the dorm life humor sprinkled throughout this coming of age drama.

Music from Jane's Addiction, Indigo Girls, Midnight Oil and many others provide the soundtrack for this made-for-Generation X movie.

Although not a blockbuster on the scale of a "Philadelphia," "Threesome" likewise avoided all the clichés someone might expect from a movie featuring a homosexual character.



"Threesome"

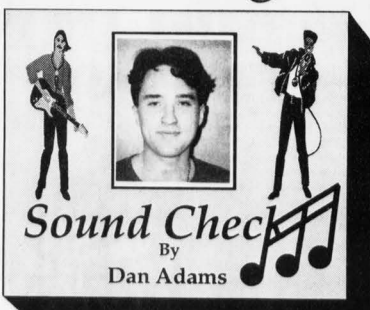
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Bands Bang, Kick Through New Albums



Sound Check

By

Dan Adams



Pantera

"Far Beyond Driven"

From the emergence of Pantera in "Cowboys From Hell," we've watched the group slowly evolve. After two years of basking in the

success of their first album, we were introduced to a harder image in their second release "Vulgar Display of Power."

The rebellious track "F--- ing Hostile" burrowed its way to the title song for MTV's "Headbanger's Ball."

After another two year period, comes the anticipated release of "Far Beyond Driven." Judging by their previous exploits, there was a definite pattern to where the music was headed. They didn't disappoint fans' expectations.

Diamond "Dimebag" Darrell, whose skills are practically legen-

dary in the heavy metal community, presents a more aggressive guitar sound. Philip Anselmo's vocals powerfully grind through the album, spouting messages of rejection towards society's standards (which seems to be a popular topic with many bands). Yet, I found them to be less listenable than prior recordings. The bottom line is less singing and more grunting.

Many of the catchy riffs from other albums are inherent in their songs. Standout tracks include "Broken," "Planet Caravan," and "Shedding Skin." The latter of which may remind you of selections from their first album, "Cowboys From Hell." As always, they include the traditional slow song.

"Planet Caravan" is a haunting melody which recreates a Black Sabbath tune.

Pantera has avoided falling into recent trends. The band has kept their characteristic approach to music, as well as a captivated audience of metal addicts.

With the groups talent, it's no wonder that they have not only survived but emerged triumphantly in a category of music in which others have been incapable of appealing to listeners.

The "Headbanger's Ball" child still outshines others in its genre. Pantera's latest creation, "Far Be-

yond Driven," has proven that they have not lost their competitive edge.



The Crow

Motion Picture Sound Track

Never before have I been so impressed with a soundtrack as I was with "The Crow."

This dedication to the late Brandon Lee (for those ignorant peasants who don't recognize the name, it's Bruce Lee's son) is a cooperative effort of various artists. It includes new masterpieces from incredible bands such as Stone Temple Pilots, Nine Inch Nails, Rage Against The Machine and Helmet. This compilation is a 64

minute explosion of raw emotion and talent. The album is crammed full of music from fourteen bands who together cover a wide range of sounds.

Those who have never been blessed with hearing these great bands, may now explore these different avenues. Those who are familiar with them should purchase it anyway.

"The Crow" is bound to please your musical cravings. With a collaboration such as this, I now feel compelled to see the movie.

If you don't agree with what I write... too bad (but feedback is welcome). If, through my lifetime influence, you are compelled to either purchase or reject an album, then my life will be given meaning. I may use references to other bands, so don't be offended. I only give them as a comparison. If you have any complaints or compliments, write to:

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I promise I'll read your comments before crumpling them up and feeding them to the trashcan.

Who Said?

When ask what he thought of Western civilization, this statesman said, "I think that would be a very good idea."

Mohandas Gandhi

Complimentary Movie Passes

The Northerner has a limited number of passes to the upcoming Warner Brothers release "With Honors," starring Joe Pesci. The screening is April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at The Esquire Theatre, 320 Ludlow Ave., Cincinnati. Stop by The Northerner, in UC 209, for more information.

Is Cobain Legend Or Poser?

Minister Of Culture



By David Vidovich

The John Lennon of his generation is how one journalist from MTV described Kurt Cobain. They do have one thing in common — they are both dead.

Any death is a tragedy, but I am sure Cobain's death was not a surprise to most of us, especially in light of last month's drug overdose in Europe.

Will he be remembered as a musical genius taken from this world before his time? Will he be credited with helping set the fashion for a generation and as leading exporter of a musical style known as the Seattle sound?

How could Cobain take his own life at the height of his success? His band, Nirvana, was on a wildly successful European tour in support of their best-selling "In Utero" album.

Under the heat of the limelight, Nirvana was caught with their

musical pants down. Allegations arose that their melodies were stolen from punk and new wave groups of the 80s, most notably "Come as You Are" from the Killing Joke song "Living in the 80s." Surviving the allegations, Nirvana's recording company found the group reluctant to go on tour. Cobain explained they would lose the intimacy of their act in huge arenas.

Or maybe it was a case of stage fright. It is one thing to plug in your amp in a local bar and it is another to put on a show in an 18,000 seat arena.

Nirvana's brand "Seattle Sound" characterized by guitar feedback, smashing instruments and grunge-look clothing. Called fresh and innovative, this was simply a rehash of things already been done.

The Who and Kiss have been smashing their instruments for decades. Hendrix defined the use of feedback as an artful addition to his songs and Neil Young and Sonic Youth wore grunge when it meant messy not trendy.

So maybe Nirvana was not so fresh and new as it first appeared. At least Cobain set high standards in parenting.

After his wife Courtney Love bragged openly about taking heroine while pregnant with their first child, Cobain took a vow never to use drugs again.

Apparently that vow was broken

last month in Italy, when Cobain was found in a drug-induced coma.

Canceled the rest of their European Tour, Cobain returned home to recover.

Obviously, he did not recover. Perhaps the saddest quote of this entire chapter was when Cobain's mother said he had been missing for six days before he was discovered dead by an electrician that came over to do repairs to his home.

One would think that someone would keep a close eye on a person that less than a month ago nearly killed himself.

But more importantly is the question: Why would he take his own life?

Was he overwhelmed by sudden fame and fortune? Did he think he would be immortalized like Hendricks or Morrison?

Or was he afraid of becoming over the hill, flash in the pan, rock n'roller with a bad toupee doing picnic-in-the-park type shows?

Will the world remember him as a tragic figure in musical history like a Jimi Hendrix or a Jim Morrison?

He will have to pass the test of time first.

As time goes by, the public will decide for themselves if Cobain was truly an innovator or just a poser, thrust by accident to the musical forefront.

Normal

From Page 6

behavior of a humanity capable of more than that," he said.

But how? Is it normal to be spiritual?

Truitt laughed, then said: "There is no such thing as normal. And how we can change things is by learning, exploring, finding out more about each other, especially those who are different from us." What does Truitt want his tombstone to read? He paused to reflect.

"Lowell A. Truitt was a man who,

through God's blessings, was able to share his talents and ability to speak and write to make a difference."

I once heard that while it would be nice if people became spiritually awakened by a tickle from a feather on the breath of God, but unfortunately, most of us need a two-by-four across the back of the head. While I am of the latter variety, Truitt is a feather-weight and I'm jealous.

As for normal? A wise person once explained it nicely. He was an old man who had lived a noble life. He thought for a mere second before answering. He said: "Normal is when you have a body temperature of 98.6."

As for the social norm, may the powers save Truitt from that.

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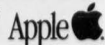
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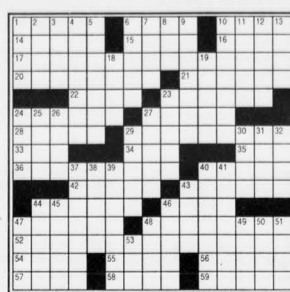
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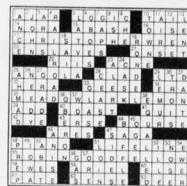
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Sasha Prefers Fruit Loops

By Jenne Grimes
The Lawton Constitution

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — Ronnie Gaskins knows a man's word isn't always as good as his bond. But the owner of AAA Bail Bond in Lawton never hesitates to stand good for Sasha Ruskhie.

And, knowing this, the folks who lease the Robinson's Landing store on the north shore of Lake Lawtonka are willing to extend to Sasha a privilege not enjoyed by their human customers — credit.

The weekly tab is an ideal arrangement for Sasha, a 6-year-old pygmy goat.

After all, how else is a girl to deal with a sudden craving for, say, hamburger buns or Fruit Loops (her favorite food) when the man of the house is at work.

Why, there's nothing to hopping over a 3-foot redwood fence, strolling down the hill to the store, and butting your way through the glass door.

After all that, it's really simple to check out the merchandise, make a selection, and enjoy the satisfaction of planting a tiny, cloven hoof smack in the middle of your choice and ripping open the package to reach the contents.

After leisurely dining on her snack du jour, Sasha is ready for other delicacies — like goodies gleaned while policing the area of cigarette butts.

Once a week, Gaskins settles Sasha's tab, which has been as high as \$2.85, but more typically runs 55 cents

to \$1.30.

Gaskins bought Sasha when she was just a kid as a gift for his girlfriend, Sherry Usery of Norman, and as a companion for Mesquite, a miniature poodle.

As it turned out, Mesquite is just about the only one in the neighborhood not taken in by Sasha's antics and status in the community.

Gaskins began taking Sasha to the store soon after he acquired her. But it has only been in the past three or four months that Sasha began setting off on her own for a spot of shopping and snacking. At first, she would stand outside and stare at all those food-laden shelves inside.

And then one day she met the obstacle head-on and butted her way to where she wanted to be. The rest of what she'd figured out to do came as a complete surprise to Gaskins, who first learned of her solitary shopping when Robinson's Landing concessionaire Carl Lindgren told him Sasha had eaten her way to a \$2.85 tab.

Recently, an inebriated customer tried to charge a 12-pack of beer to Sasha's account. But, according to Carl Lindgren Jr., the ruse failed.

Sasha enjoys her status as the store's unofficial mascot, and most everyone who lives in the area has a fondness for the plucky

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How You Conduct Yourself



Joe Ruh/NKU

NKU professor Jonathan Gresham conducts the NKU brass choir during the premiere performance of Gary L. Johnston's "Childhood Scenes" in Graves Hall.

Grads

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formulate who I am today, and I think they have every right to be at my graduation. I think it's unethical, almost immoral that they be kept away."

Graduating RTF senior Brady Webster agrees.

"We've pumped so much money into this school over the years," Webster said. "At least we should be entitled to a decent graduation. I feel our money has paid for that."

Regents Hall, which will host four commencement ceremonies on May 14, can only seat 2,600 per ceremony.

"We are under strict guidelines as to how many people we can put into that hall by the state fire marshal's office," Thomson said. The number of seats available in Regents Hall is divided by the number of possible graduates to determine how many tickets each senior is offered, he said.

"I don't understand why the students are so up in arms about this," Thomson said. "Never in the history of this university have all the people who could walk through the ceremony done so."

This year seniors were promised four tickets apiece, but any of those not picked up by May 2 will become available to seniors who desire more, Student Government President Nathan Smith said.

Nearly 46 percent of last year's 1,459 commencement students attended the ceremony, according to the registrar's office.

Each graduate could possibly have eight tickets or more if they make the effort to get them after May 2. However, any student claiming more than his or hers share in the first-come, first-served scramble could again cut classmates out of available tickets, Smith said.

Greg Hand, director of public affairs and information services at the University of Cincinnati, said

UC distributes graduation tickets in rounds to avoid such problems.

In the first round, Hand said, four tickets are made available to each student. If more are required, a second round of two is offered, and if tickets are still left over, a third round is announced.

"By starting out with a smaller number and running it in rounds, the people who only need two or three tickets will get them during the first round, and those who need eight tickets get them in three rounds," Hand said. "So technically there's a limit, but in practice we've never really shorted anybody."

Sparks suggested taking the ceremony off campus like Xavier University, whose graduation is held at Riverfront Coliseum. Such a large facility would provide unlimited seating.

"If we're graduating," Sparks said,

"We are under strict guidelines as to how many people we can put into the hall by the state fire marshal's office."

Dave Thomson

Dean of Students Bill Lamb says the ceremony should stay in Kentucky.

"It would bother me to think that NKU was taking its graduates to the coliseum downtown," Lamb said. "I wouldn't like that. I don't like keeping people away from the ceremony either, but which one do I dislike the most? That's what it comes down to."

"We're a Kentucky institution and in my personal opinion, we ought to keep it in Kentucky. It ought to be held on campus."

Smith, a graduating senior, said he has been confronting graduation woes for months already on

behalf of his classmates.

"We've looked for alternative places around Northern Kentucky in which to have graduation," he said. "There's none. Can we add another ceremony? Time won't permit that."

"I've been looked into an outside event — here on our field with bleachers brought in. We're talking an enormous cost for that. Nope, I've come to the conclusion that there's no other way around it."

Looking at UC's commencement may offer a hint of things to come for NKU.

"We don't parade them through individually," Hand said. "Each college has their own ceremony so individual recognition is at the individual college level. Those take place over the course of the weekend, some on Friday and Saturday, and some on Sunday."

As for the students' petition, Provost Paul Gaston encouraged Sparks to present it to the commencement committee, assuring students the university is seeking ways to rectify the commencement inconvenience for future graduates.

"For now, it is critical that we have a process of admission (to the graduation) that is fair to everyone and protects the safety of all the participants," Gaston said.

"We have such a heavy student enrollment and such a limited space," Thomson said. "I'm sorry we don't have a larger facility, too, but that's where we are. I think we're being as fair as we can about it."

"If someone wants to build me a facility here that will seat 10,000 people, I'll be glad to (offer open seating at graduation)."

Paul Is Dead Leaves Beatle 'Peeved'

By Jim Patterson
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The man credited with turning the rumor that Paul McCartney was dead into a piece of pop history says he'd like to have a beer and laugh about it with the former Beatle.

"We've heard he's still kind of peeved about the whole thing," Fred LaBour said Thursday. LaBour, who performs under the name Too Slim with the musical cowboy act Riders in the Sky, said he first heard the rumor while listening to a Detroit radio station in

1969. He used it as grist for a parody of album reviews.

His review spelled out supposed clues on The Beatles' "Abbey Road" album cover about how McCartney had died in a car crash and been replaced with a double.

"It was a satire of the kind of review that tried to place music in some big symbolic cultural landscape, and had nothing to do with what the record really is," LaBour said.

The article was published in the Michigan Daily, the student newspaper of the University of Michigan, on Oct. 14, 1969.

"I was truly amazed and a little frightened," at how fast the rum-

mor spread, LaBour said.

LaBour said he knew he'd arrived when he went to a restroom in Ann Arbor, Mich., and saw written on the wall, "Fred LaBour is Dead."

The "Paul is Dead" phenomenon is chronicled in a new book, "Turn Me On, Dead Man," by Andru J. Reeve. The book credits LaBour with turning the rumor into part of pop history.

"I probably helped them sell tens of millions of dollars of product," LaBour said. "Some day I'd like to buy him (McCartney) a beer, and have a laugh about the whole thing. Or maybe let him buy the beer."

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Diversity



Dr. Pamela Hill (standing) assistant dean of students for African American student affairs gives a presentation on Racial Identity Development.

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Goat

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glutton. So it wasn't only Ms. Ussery who became upset the time Gaskins gave Sasha away to a rodeo clown.

Even Gaskins admits he missed Sasha when she wasn't around. The couple got so homesick for Sasha that they called the rodeo clown and arranged to visit the goat.

And if they were lonesome, well, Sasha was desperate to be reunited with her "family." When she saw Gaskins and Ms. Ussery driving away, Sasha made her break. She cleared a five-strand

fence and struck out the several miles toward home.

"Ever since then, she doesn't let me out of her sight," Gaskins said. "Truly, Sasha lives a life of privilege and comfort. When she's not visiting the neighbors or napping on the cover of Gaskins' hot tub, she sleeps in her own house that's furnished with a mattress and box springs.

Occasionally, she likes to come into the house, Gaskins said, but is content to go back outside after checking the counter tops for any food that meets her fancy.

Sasha can be demanding. If Gaskins forgets to open her at night, she butts the outside wall of his

bedroom to get his attention.

Although goats are notorious browsers, Sasha seems to know which plants and shrubs are off limits. Once she chewed the bark from some fruit trees and Gaskins painted the trunks with a mixture of hot sauce and black pepper.

With an attitude that seemed to shout, "Oh, thank you, Daddy. I just LOVE capn-blackened tree trunk," Sasha nibbled away until the mixture was gone.

Since then, however, she's pretty much steered clear of trees and such. May be the aversion therapy worked. Or maybe leaves and tree bark just can't hold a culinary candle to polychaite or pretzels.

Norse Notes

'Biloxi Blues' At NKU

NKU's main stage hosts "Biloxi Blues" beginning April 21. Performances are scheduled for April 21-23 and April 26-30 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees April 24 and May 1 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for general admission, \$5 for NKU faculty and staff and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased through NKU Fine Arts Box Office or by mail order, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to NKU Fine Arts Box Office, Nunn Drive, Highland Heights, Ky., 41099-6205 or calling 572-5464.

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Tickets are \$7.50; call the Northern Kentucky Symphony at 431-6216.

Steel City Dancing

The Contemporary Dance Theater hosts Pittsburgh's Dance Alloy for the premiere tour of "Crossings," at The Dance Hall on Vine and E. Daniels Streets in Coryville, beginning April 26.

"Crossings" tells the story of a young woman's discoveries of love, loss and self discovery.

The performances are April 22-23 at 8 p.m. and April 24 at 5 p.m. General admission tickets at \$12. Student and senior tickets are \$8 and are available through Select-a-Seat at 721-1000 or the Contemporary Dance Theater.

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porary Dance Theater at 751-2800.

May Festival Preview

The May Festival Chorus presents a prelude to the 1994 May Festival at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 1750 Chase Ave., Northside, Sunday, April 17 at 4 p.m.

Choral works of the 19th and 20th centuries and spirituals will be performed.

The concert is free.

The 1994 May Festival opens May 20 with a performance of Haydn's "The Seasons," and concludes May 24 with Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 8: Symphony of a Thousand."

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Amnesty Celebration

NKU's Amnesty International student group hosts a celebration of human rights Friday April 15.

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The festival begins at 1:50 p.m. and includes "Madres-Women of the Plaza the Mayo," "Missing" and "Romero."

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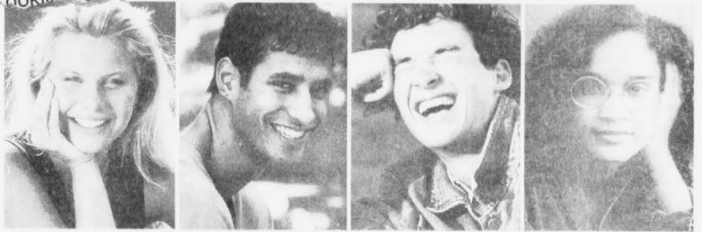
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