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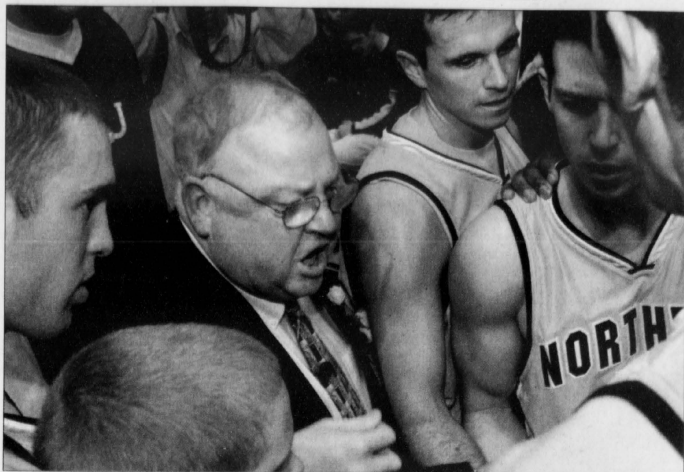
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Shields wraps up NKU coaching career



Ken Shields holds one of his last buddies on his home court at Regents Hall. Shields coached his final home game as head men's basketball coach on Feb. 14. He will retire at the end of the season. For full coverage of Shields' final home game, see page 8.

Tony Redell / Photo Editor

Thieves take from poor

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The Association of African Charities recently discovered thefts from its donation boxes set up all over Northern Kentucky University's campus for the Spring Book Drive.

The AAC started the drive at the beginning of the semester in hopes of collecting books, stationery, pens, pencils and other materials to send to underprivileged school children in Africa. Donation boxes are located in every building on campus and are emptied weekly by AAC members.

Donated school supplies stolen

"It's kind of on the honor system," said senior Corey Catton, vice president of public relations for the AAC. "We had the boxes set up all over the campus and set up posters and hoped that people would just drop off whatever they could into the boxes. Routinely, once a week, we would come in and pick them up."

Senior Lovington Mtongwiza, AAC vice president of research, said AAC members noticed items had been stolen when checking their assigned boxes.

"Each one of us, like our mem-

bers, is in charge of each building," Mtongwiza said. "You go to classes in the morning and you see that the box is full, and you come back in four hours and the books are not there. And none of our members is allowed to go to the other buildings."

"I went to the BEP building and the first day I saw the books were like half full. I went back the next day and there was nothing," said junior Chanda Kapota, AAC president.

AAC members said most of the books being stolen are math and

statistics books that were used in previous semesters. Kapota said students might see these books in the boxes and take them to use in following semesters instead of buying them from the bookstores. Mtongwiza still encourages professors to donate any extra books they may have, but to prevent more thefts he asks that they contact the AAC directly to do so.

"We ran into the problem of stuff coming up missing, so we've been trying to check the boxes more often and just keep an eye on them," Catton said.

Although this is the first time the AAC has sponsored a book drive,

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Events center to benefit NKU

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The possibility of a new special events center on the Northern Kentucky University campus could bring many benefits to the university and the surrounding community.

If the state legislature approves Gov. Ernie Fletcher's \$42 million bond proposal for the center, the university will be one step closer to building the events center.

"I see the arena as being a beacon for us, but also for the community," said Athletic Director Jane Meier. "It will attract many community people to our campus, and I think that's a plus because there are a lot of good things going on on our campus, not just athletically but also academically."

This is not the first time that the university has entertained the possibility of building a new special events center. Previous state revenue budgets made it nearly impossible to obtain the necessary funds to complete such a costly project.

"The idea has gained momentum because of a couple of reasons," Meier said. "The political scene has changed; we had a number of candidates running for governor who supported the project publicly. They were both democrat and republican. A republican governor was elected and he publicly said he was aware of the project, and that it was the number one priority in Northern Kentucky."

"Also, our business community is very much involved in buying into the project, and [they] see the value of it. That's why the arena was originally supposed to have

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The proposed events center would seat thousands more than Regents Hall.

Photo contributed

Television: a staple of our cultural diet

With the television season nearing its end and several long-running shows preparing to depart, our staff takes a look at some favorite television shows.

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Donor defrauds tri-state

Erpenbeck has history at NKU

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A. William "Bill" Erpenbeck, who now faces up to 50 years in federal prison, has deep ties to Northern Kentucky University.

Erpenbeck, a former homebuilder who pleaded guilty last April to bank fraud, was an influential figure during his time at NKU as both a student and a donor.

His criminal charges include defrauding banks, financial institutions, construction lenders and hundreds of tri-state residents out of approximately \$34 million.

Erpenbeck transferred to NKU after a year at the University of Michigan. A varsity baseball player at Michigan, he returned to his hometown university due to arm problems.

He played three seasons of varsity baseball at NKU while he attended from 1981 to 1984, and currently holds the school record for the lowest earned-run average for one season, at 1.77.

As an alumnus, Erpenbeck was very involved in NKU's Athletic Department.

"He was very good to us," said Athletic Director Jane Meier.

For several years, Erpenbeck was president of the Norse Athletics Club, which helps raise funds for the athletic program. While on the board of NAC, Erpenbeck helped institute the Coach's Corner, a program in which an individual commits to give \$1,000 a year for 10 years. This program now boasts over 30 participants.

"It started a good tradition," Meier said. Another project Erpenbeck took on was the attempt to bring a football program to the university. Approached by Jack Moreland, then-interim president of NKU, Erpenbeck took great strides in efforts to start a football team on campus.

"Subsequently, we did not add football," Meier said, "but he was the chair of the committee to make a presentation, to put information together to get on the board."

According to Meier, Erpenbeck's plan called for much of the funding for the program, which would have included building a football field, to come from student fee allocation.

His last involvement with the Athletic Department was around three years ago, according to Meier. Erpenbeck chaired the committee for Bill Akers' retirement dinner, hosted at the Erpenbeck residence. Akers was Northern's baseball coach for 29 seasons, and coached Erpenbeck.

"His intent was to try to help our program as much as he could," Meier said. "He donated his time, and in some cases his money. I think he was positive with our program."

Between 1994 and 2000, Erpenbeck donated \$6,500 to the athletic department, according to the University Development office.

Erpenbeck was also a Regent at NKU. Appointed by former Gov. Paul Patton, Erpenbeck served on the Board of Regents for less than a year. His term commenced on July 1, 2001 and was scheduled to expire in June of 2007. However, Erpenbeck resigned on May 6, 2002.

Earlier this month, Erpenbeck and his father were jailed without bond on charges of obstruction of justice. Erpenbeck's sister was wearing a transmitter when they allegedly pressured her to give "less-damaging" testimony against him, according to *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Prosecutors are reportedly pushing for the maximum penalty. The charge of bank fraud could carry up to 30 years in prison, and the recent charge of obstruction of justice could bring 20 more.



Bill Erpenbeck

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FEB 16 2004
Monday 6:21 p.m.
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Location: UNIVERSITY DRIVE
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Monday 3:05 p.m.
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Location: NUNN DRIVE
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Sunday 3:57 p.m.
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Location: NUNN DRIVE AT U.S. 27
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Revised constitution hopeful to pass

Student Government Association President Chris Pace called a special meeting to be held today, Wednesday, Feb. 18. SGA will once again vote on a new constitution. According to Eric Fegan, executive vice president of SGA, this revised document is "essentially the same constitution" that they voted on at their last meeting, held on Feb. 9, with only minimal changes. Fegan is fairly confident that it will pass this time around. He believes the main reason the constitution fell through last time was that many senators were confused on what they were voting on. With all

of the different versions of the constitution floating around last week, Fegan understood where uncertainty would have arisen.

The draft that will be voted on today has been available to the public since Feb. 12, and was also e-mailed to every SGA senator the day it came out. At the last meeting, SGA was only three votes away from the two-thirds majority needed to pass the constitution. Fegan has personally talked to six senators that told him they would have voted for it had it been more clear what exactly they were voting on. "[I] definitely has a good chance of passing," Fegan said.

campusbriefs

Awards will celebrate writing and art

The NKU Women's Studies Program is currently accepting entries for this year's Writing and Art Contest. Entries can be submitted in four categories: Creative Writing, Essay, Research and Art. Students can get entry forms at the Welcome Center, the Women's Studies office, in Steely Library room 518 or may be downloaded from the Women's Studies Web site. Submissions are due to the Women's Studies office by 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.

The Awards Banquet will recognize the winners on Thursday, March 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the University Center

Ballroom. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each of the four categories.

Students to perform rock opera musical

The Northern Kentucky University Department of Theatre and Dance is set to open its first production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" Thursday, Feb. 19. Directed by Ken Jones, it features music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Over 70 students are involved in the production, 36 of whom are performing. The musical runs through Sunday, Feb. 29. Tickets are on sale in the NKU theatre and dance box office.

nationalbriefs

Bush releases military records

President Bush released military and medical records Feb. 14 from his time in the Texas Air National Guard in response to questions raised over his actions while serving in the military.

Democrats said that the new material has raised many additional questions on Bush's time in the military, according to a Feb. 14 Associated Press report.

An absence of records from May 1972 to May 1973 has led some Democrats to criticize Bush's commitment to national security.

Bush had asked for a transfer from Texas to Alabama during this time in order to work on a friend's Senate campaign, but some Democrats allege that the gap in his records may indicate that he never reported for duty in Alabama.

Scientists see farthest known galaxy

Scientists said Feb. 15 that they have seen a small galaxy, Abell 2218, which is the farthest known object from Earth.

The galaxy is an estimated 13 billion light-years from our planet, and scientists say it is 2,000 light-years in diameter, according to a Feb. 15 Associated Press report.

San Francisco permits gay marriage; thousands wed

The city of San Francisco, Ca. began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples Feb. 12.

More than 1,700 couples obtained a license over the holiday weekend, and hundreds wed in civil ceremonies.

Mayor Gavin Newsom said gays and lesbians should be allowed to marry because of California's constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law.

McConnell second speaker in series

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Sen. Mitch McConnell will speak at a luncheon sponsored by TeamNKU and the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement Friday, Feb. 20 in the University Center Ballroom.

With hopes of having government representatives visit the campus each month, McConnell was invited to speak because of his position as the Majority Whip and his contributions to Northern Kentucky University, according to Joe Myers, a co-chair of TeamNKU. President James Trotter and Gail Wells, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will recognize McConnell for his efforts to secure \$1.7 million for the university.

"He's worked really hard for us and this is our way of thanking him," said Joe Mills, a co-chair of TeamNKU.

McConnell will be presented with a plaque and then have the opportunity to address the audience. Mills said the event is not only a way to honor McConnell, but

also an educational experience for students. TeamNKU members will collect questions for McConnell as students enter the ballroom, and a brief question and answer session will follow his presentation.

"Hopefully he will talk about his position as the Majority Whip and how that affects the state," said junior Christina Smith, a member of TeamNKU who helped set up the event. McConnell became the second ranking Republican in the United States Senate upon being unanimously elected Majority Whip in 2002.

"He's in charge of making sure everyone votes," said Myers.

McConnell will be the second speaker of TeamNKU's Government and Community Lecture Series after congressman Ken Lucas spoke Jan. 16. In March the university will welcome the Judge Executives from Boone, Campbell and Grant counties.

TeamNKU is estimating an attendance close to 150. Free pizza and drinks will be provided.



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Sen. Mitch McConnell will speak on campus.

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Gay fraternity welcomes all

EUN KIM

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
(KRT)

It's Rush Week for Delta Lambda Phi, but no one seems to be in a hurry to join.

The predominantly gay fraternity, which started last fall at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, is struggling to boost its membership to full chapter status by this summer's national convention.

It needs at least a dozen members for that classification. So far, it has seven. And only three students have shown an interest in rushing.

Organizers stress that the fraternity is open to heterosexual men, even though all of its current pledges are gay.

"When I first heard about it, I was concerned about it being a gay frat," said Scott D. Smith, Smith, 19, said he had "plenty of gay friends" but few in school.

He had not considered joining a fraternity but figured it would be good to have another social outlet, one with friends who were serious about academics and philanthropy.

"It's nice that years from now, you'll still have people you can rely on," said Smith, a freshman. "These are people I'll

always have a connection with the rest of my life."

Delta Lambda Phi is the nation's first and largest gay fraternity with 19 chapters and eight colonies.

It was founded in 1986 by three men in Washington who wished there had been such a group when they were in college.

While the fraternity is based at SIUE, membership is open to any college student in the St. Louis area, including those attending community college or vocational school, said President Christopher Miosky, 20.

So why has it been so hard to find recruits?

It most likely has to do with

the stereotypes surrounding the idea of a gay fraternity, Miosky said.

"There are people out there who think we sit around, drink beer and have sex with each other," he said.

Instead, Delta Lambda Phi is like any other Greek organization focused on philanthropy, academics and kinship, he said.

Mike DeMoss, the fraternity's vice president, said the fraternity took great effort to protect the privacy of individuals who have not told friends or relatives that they are gay.

"Our brotherhood provides a niche for men who may want a Greek experience in college but

who may be reluctant to rush other fraternities for fear of hazing, discrimination or having to come out," he said. "Joining this type of fraternity, there isn't any risk."

John Davenport, Greek Life coordinator for SIUE, said it took courage for individuals to be associated with Delta Lambda Phi.

"I know it isn't exclusive to gay or bisexual men, it's open to what they call progressive men, but the reality is, I don't know how many straight males are all that progressive here at that age," he said.

"We really want to see them do well," he said.

"We don't have a large Greek population here to begin with so people don't necessarily go rushing out looking. You have to go looking for them."

And Delta Lambda Phi members are still searching—even extending their "Rush Week."

DeMoss said he was much happier and more confident since pledging.

He said the fraternity also provided him with the support he needed to come out to his parents last fall.

DeMoss considers the other members of the fraternity "not just a group of friends, but a real group of brothers. We just mean that much to each other."

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6,500 seats and now we are talking more like 8,000 to 10,000 seats."

The present gymnasium, Regents Hall, has approximately 1,700 seats available. In a region that includes 350,000 people, the facility simply cannot fulfill the needs of the university and the community.

"There are a number of high school gyms in the area that are better than ours," Meier said.

"We're a major regional institution with over 14,000

students. I believe it's important to have an arena on campus that's not only a center for athletics, but also a center for the academic programs, and even more importantly, for the community."

The special events center will be versatile and have a myriad of uses.

"What this facility will provide is a venue for events ranging from graduation to community events to concerts to community sporting and entertainment

events," said Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning. "It provides a sense of completion to the campus that currently doesn't exist."

However beneficial, there is still a concern with the ability to fill a new center. NKU basketball games are some of the most popular events on campus, yet, there are many games that do not sell out.

"One of the reasons why we don't fill up our arena is because it is so uncomfortable,"

Meier said. "It's hard to get to the concession stand, it's very difficult to get to the restrooms, or to even move around the floor."

Perhaps a new center will offer a solution to these problems.

A trend associated with building an events center is the possibility of a ticket price increase. Right now, NKU students get in free with a student ID. The general public pays \$10 for a reserved seat and \$7 for general admission. Meier does not deny that there will

have to be increased ticket prices.

She added, "You'd have a nicer seat, you might have access to a hospitality room, or another area where we could have some other social things going on."

Another concern many people have is that the events center may lead to another tuition increase.

Former Student Government Association President Katie Herschelde said, "As a university we get most of our money

from the education budget. The special events center comes out of the tourism and economic development budget, and will not affect the tuition level."

This means that the school either gets the money for the events center or it does not get the money at all; it cannot be used to pay professors' salaries or maintain tuition levels.

Meier said, "This arena will put us on the same level with the rest of the regional institutions that have an arena on campus."

Thefts *Continued from page one*

Mtongwiza said no thefts were reported during previous fundraising events.

"We did a clothes drive, and the clothes were not stolen," he said.

Although AAC members said theft of any kind is intolerable, they are very disappointed students are taking away from another child's education.

"Stealing a book [from a poor child] is like stealing oxy-

gen from a dying person," Mtongwiza said.

The AAC said in an announcement on the Norse News Network that educational materials are so scarce in some areas of Africa that writing materials are often only available to take exams.

"We are trying to help people without education materials, so it's just not right to take from them when we have resources,"

Kapota said.

Mtongwiza said any school materials are welcome for donation, and the thefts have not deterred the organization's efforts.

"We are happy with what we received so far, and those with the good hearts to help should keep on doing so," Mtongwiza said.

"It's unfortunate that [the thefts] had to happen, but I

think the overall effect will be positive enough that we will do this again," Catton said.

The book drive may last through the first week of March. The AAC will hold a bake sale Thursday on the first floor of the Landrum Academic Center to help pay for the shipping costs.

"Students here have been given the gift of education, and we're just asking them to share," Catton said.

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Letters to the editor

Ky. senators should keep Bush in check

Dear Editor:

I hope our senators, Mitch McConnell and Jim Burch, will ensure President Bush for misleading us into war.

From his first days in office, President Bush was planning for war with Iraq.

That decision having been made, the president ran a campaign of misinformation, hype and hysteria that led America into an unnecessary war.

Here is an excerpt of his misinformation stating us in the face, which no one seems to realize or care about:

In the run-up to the war, President Bush said that the United States "must not ignore the threat gathering against us. Facing clear evidence of peril, we cannot wait for the final proof the smoking gun that would come in the form of a mushroom cloud. We have every reason to assume the

worst, and we have an urgent duty to prevent the worst from occurring." [Washington Post, Jan. 28, 2002]

That was not the message that he was getting from the intelligence community.

It was an excerpt from CIA Director George Tenet's remarks about the National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq, which summarized the pre-war views of the intelligence community:

"Let me be clear: analysts differed on several important aspects of these programs, and those debates were spelled out in the Estimate. They never said there was an 'in m i n e t' threat."

[Transcript of 2/5/04 speech at Georgetown University]

Before the war, Bush was repeatedly told there

was no definitive evidence that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction.

He knew Iraq was not a nuclear threat.

He knew there was no Iraq connection to 9/11.

Iraq posed no imminent danger to the United States. There was no case for a pre-emptive war.

Yet he relentlessly led us into a war that has cost 500 American lives, left 3,000 seriously injured, and wasted tens

of billions of dollars.

To date, some 7,000 to 10,000 Iraqis, mostly civilians, have been killed this far in the war. This number is never seen in the news, nor are the coffins of our brave soldiers.

How then are we supposed to weigh the true price of war?

Our senators must act to censure President Bush.

Nathan Brown
Sophomore, anthropology

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Do you think the Feb. 5 tuition rally will help alleviate NKU funding cuts?

Warren Bryson Theater, junior

"No. I think it will voice people's opinions, but in the long run it will not affect legislators' decisions."

Brian Blumayhem Carpenter Business, junior

"No. The school needs to become a bigger voice so we can get the money we need."

Ryan Owens Psychology, senior

"No. NKU is the lowest funded college in the state, and that has not changed."

Abdul Kazi Economics, freshman

"I do not know anything about it."

Derek Toebe Fine Arts, major

"No. I do not think the greedy, bureaucratic fat cats are the least bit concerned with making our education affordable—they are only looking to line their own pockets."

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TELEVISION

A staple of our cultural diet for 50 years

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With the cornucopia of entertainment on television, it's sometimes hard to decide what show to watch, but there's always that tantalizing treat that most people just can't get enough of.

It's a selfish indulgence, a guilty pleasure, like Milano cookies.

Whether it's comedies like "Friends," dramas like "Sex and the City," or mysteries like "C.S.I.: Crime Scene Investigation," there's a taste for every palate. Even reality shows such as "American Idol" and "Survivor" offer an orgy of succulent tidbits.

And once you've tried it, you're hooked.

Addicted viewers always make sure to be home in time to catch that one show, the one that can't be missed, lest they suffer withdrawal.

The shows offer an escape from our lives—an alternate reality—which is why watching TV can resemble a drug-induced euphoria.

(And did we mention that if you watch too much of "The Simpsons," you shouldn't operate heavy machinery?)

Television shows can make you laugh, cry, or suck you in to the point where you have to see what

will happen next.

Some like to get a good laugh with a comedy.

Sophomore elementary education major Mara Castillo has been a follower of "Friends" since it first aired in 1994.

"I've watched the show since it came on," she said. "I look forward to Thursday night because I know 'Friends' will make me laugh. It's just funny, cute and entertaining."

Castillo says that after the show ends in May, she plans to buy all the seasons on DVD.

Junior business management major Josh Barklage enjoys the cartoon "Family Guy," which airs four nights per week on Cartoon Network.

"It's like the Simpsons on crack," he said. "It's a fun show with lots of off-the-wall humor."

Others like to tune into one-hour dramas.

Senior marketing major Katie Crawford enjoys watching "ER" because the show, now in its tenth season, mixes things up and never has the same plot twice. (This way you won't build up your tolerance.)

"It's exciting because the story line is never the same," she said. "The plot is always changing."

Another popular drama is "C.S.I.: Crime Scene Investigation," a one-hour suspense/police drama where the characters solve seemingly unsolvable crimes.

Senior criminal justice major Cheryl Ritchie enjoys the show for just that reason.

"It goes into every step of solving crimes. It has very interesting storylines, even though they are not always based on fact," she said.

"Even though it's not real, it's something that I would be interested in going into when I have completed my degree."

Others enjoy the myriad of reality shows on the air.

This seems to be the current drug of choice due to the abundance and variety of reality shows.

Freshman nursing major Kristie Veldkamp is happy to see "American Idol" back on the air.

"As a singer, it's amazing to be able to see and hear all of the wonderful talent many people across the United States possess," she said.

"I envy them in many ways. They have the opportunity to let their voice be heard and make a difference."

Veldkamp says that she wouldn't have to think twice if she ever had the opportunity to audition.

"I'd try out in a heartbeat, if given the chance," she said.

Senior marketing major Michael Brunk likes "American Chopper," which airs on the Discovery Channel.

This show is about Paul Teutul Sr., who restores signature motorcycles with his family and friends

in their Orange County garage.

Brunk says he likes the show because of the amazing craftsmanship of the bikes, and the humor between the father and son.

"It's funny to watch father and son bicker about almost everything," he said.

"Paul Jr. comes up with amazing craftsmanship and Paul Sr. always tries to take the credit."

Freshman human services and education major Shannon Britton enjoys "The Real World/Road Rules Challenge," which features alumni from both popular MTV shows competing in challenges against each other.

The show recently aired episodes called "The Gauntlet" and "The Inferno."

"I like 'The Gauntlet' and 'The Inferno' because of all the drama," she said.

"These people are ridiculously funny and they don't see how dumb they look, causing all the drama," she added.

Not everyone is addicted to television, however.

Some "drug-free" individuals just don't have enough time to even see what's on the tube.

Senior social work major Beth Herbst says she doesn't have enough time to what's going on out there in TV land.

"Between school, work and everything else going on right now, I don't even know what's on anymore," she said.

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Illustration by Mike Brennan
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Jennifer Aniston



David Schwimmer



Courtney Cox

Many hooked on hit show "Friends"



Matt LeBlanc



Lisa Kudrow



Matthew Perry

After ten seasons on the air, NBC's hit sitcom "Friends" remains the number-one show on television. As the series nears its end, millions of fans prepare to bid their "friends" a final goodbye, and we reflect upon the special place the sitcom has held in viewers' hearts for ten years.

When the series began in 1994, viewers fell in love with the witty, edgy sitcom and the misadventures of its six main characters, Monica, Ross, Rachel, Chandler, Phoebe and Joey, and took them into our lives as friends of our own.

We became enchanted by Courtney Cox-Arquette's freakishly neat Monica Geller and David Schwimmer's obsessive-compulsive Ross Geller. We fell head over heels for Matthew Perry's adorably neurotic Chandler Bing and Matt LeBlanc's lovable playboy Joey Tribbiani. We identified with Phoebe Buffay's eccentricities and Rachel Green's dirty determination to succeed.

We have followed the Rachel and Ross saga through its many ups and downs, holding our breaths that it will end happily. We cried when Phoebe gave birth to her brother's triplets, and then again when Monica and Chandler made history as the first friends to wed (while sober, at least). We laughed through Joey's mishaps as a struggling actor, and when Chandler tried unsuccessfully for years to get rid of Janice.

- Some unforgettable "Friends" moments include:
- The first Rachel and Ross kiss in the rain at Central Perk
 - Ross's ex-wife, Carol, and her lesbian lover, Susan
 - Ross's mantra: "We were on a break!"
 - Jon Lovitz's guest appearance as a stoner restaurant owner
 - Monica and Chandler's secret relationship
 - Phoebe's big hit, "Smelly Cat"
 - Joey's starring role in "Freud!"
 - Ross and Joey as "nap buddies"
 - Rachel giving birth to Ross's daughter, Emma
 - Brad Pitt as an old classmate who hates Rachel

And for the past several months, we have laughed, cried and held our breaths in anticipation of the final farewell to our television friends. It almost feels like a breakup that you never want to happen, but know is inevitable. And although we don't know how this relationship will end, we hope that after it is over, we will still have our Friendship.

What's your favorite show?
Vote for it!

- "Friends"
- "American Idol"
- "Sex and the City"
- "C.S.I."
- "Family Guy"
- "The Simpsons"

*Vote online at
www.thenortherner.com
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wednesday

- Dr. Matt Ann Callan will explore the importance of fraternity and sorority rituals in our daily lives at 10 p.m. in BEP 200. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 572-6514.
- Faculty Lunch Seminar from noon until 1 p.m. in Steely Library Room 304.
- Norse Visitation Day from 12:45 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. Also occurs on Feb. 19, 23 and 24.
- Reservations are required. Contact Maribeth Carlskadon at 572-1400.
- The Black Women's Organization will have a bake sale from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the third floor of Landrum.
- Learn Basic Conversational Spanish today and on Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 6-8:30 p.m. for \$139. Contact NKU Connect at 572-5600 for more information.

thursday

- The Jazz Ensemble concert featuring Gordon Brisker will be held from 8-9:30 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Admission is \$2.
- Financial Management Seminar from 6-9 p.m. in BEP 461. Reservations required. Call 572-6524.
- "Jesus Christ Superstar" runs through Feb. 29, except on Feb. 23. Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Corbett Theater. For tickets contact NKU Theatre & Dance Box Office at boxoffice@nku.edu. General Admission is \$10, with discounts for students, faculty and staff.
- Master Advisor Workshops from 3-4:30 p.m. in Steely Library 235.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor a Black Greek History Program in Norse Commons at 8:14 p.m.

friday

- The Corporate Leadership Conference will be held at DHI, in Helms and give students a chance to learn about the company, as well as take a tour of DHI operations. This is a Norseman Annual event. The conference is from 10 p.m.-3 a.m. On Feb. 21, students will meet at the METS Center in Erlanger for

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leadership sessions from noon until 6 p.m. The two-day event will cost \$25 and transportation will be provided. To contact Tiffany Mayse at 572-5806 or mayse@nku.edu.

- TeamNKU and the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement will sponsor a luncheon featuring Senator Mitch McConnell at 1 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

saturday

- Transitions for incoming freshmen will be held in the University Center from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

sunday

- Zeta Phi Beta Zeta Week will run until Feb. 28 and from 6-11 p.m.
- Northern Ky. Fly Fishers fly-fishing classes will be from 7-9:30 p.m. in Applied Science & Technology 254.
- Ellen Croy Adjunct Faculty Recital will be from 3-4:30 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

monday

- Master Advisor Workshop on Advising International Students will be from 3-4:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Jackie Rowe or call 572-6901 by Feb. 19.
- Zeta Phi Beta Educational Program will be in Norse Commons at 7:20 p.m.

tuesday

- The Black History Month Speaker Dr. Noel Ignatiev will speak on "The New Abolitionist Movement" from 10-45 a.m.-noon. The event is free and open to the public. It will be held in Otto Budig Theater.
- Zeta Phi Beta will host "Battle of the Sexes" at 6:20 p.m. in the Albright Health Center. Players must register, but anyone can watch.
- NKU Preparatory Department Recital 7-8:30 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Free admission.

Group brings Big Band Jazz

By AMIE VOGT

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The Northern Kentucky Music Department will hold a Jazz Ensemble on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall.

The ensemble will feature Gordon Brisker, a notable jazz musician, composer and master improviser, performing some of his original compositions.

Jazz Ensemble Director James Bunte said the ensemble will be a dose of "Big Band Jazz," with five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones, a piano, bass and a drum.

Brisker will play the saxophone. NKU student and Jazz Ensemble vocalist Erin Sweeney will sing several compositions.

Bunte said that the idea behind big band jazz is "improvising," meaning people in the band can add and playing a spur-of-the-moment, unrehearsed piece.

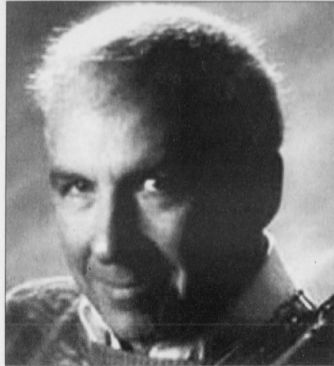
"We teach the students to do this," he said.

NKU jazz students were also chosen to play in Frankfurt for Northern Kentucky Night, where Gov. Ernie Fletcher will be present, Bunte said.

Bunte invites anyone to come and take a part in the ensemble. "All you have to do is audition," he said.

You don't have to be a music major to get involved.

Bunte will also offer a jazz summer camp this year.



Gordon Brisker is a noted jazz musician and composer. He will perform Feb. 19 with the NKU Jazz Ensemble in Greaves Concert Hall. Photo Contributed

For more information, please call 572-5902 or you can visit <http://music.nku.edu>

To learn more about the camp, visit <http://music.nku.edu/jazzcamp/>

The ensemble is free for students and faculty and \$2 for the

NORTHERN LIFE SPECIAL

Choice of drink is gender issue

KEITH BRAINARD
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(AKR)

Q. Is it true that the kind of drink you're having says something about your personality?

A. As I sit here sipping on gasoline and chasing it with lighter fluid, I can honestly say that what you drink has no bearing on who you are.

However, this is definitely a gender issue. Ladies, you can get away with drinking just about anything.

If you're drinking an apricot sour, that's typical. If you're drinking a stout beer, that's cool. If you're drinking a gin and tonic, that's awesome.

If you're drinking a Miller Lite, that's normal. If you're drinking a cosmopolitan, you're trying to be sophisticated, but that's still cool. If you're drinking a double Wild Turkey followed by an Irish carbomb, you rock!

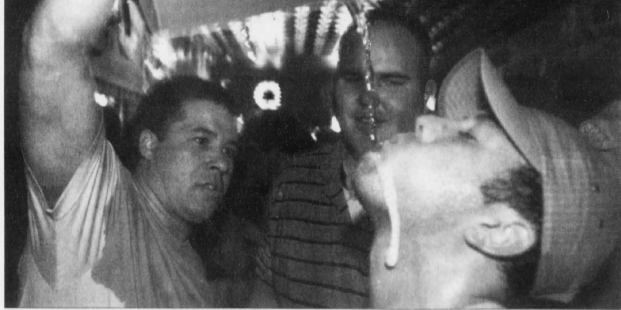
Yes, ladies can drink ANYTHING and get away with it without social demeritization.

The dudes of this world live on a different social crust.

If you're a guy, and you like white zinfandel, drink it at home. ALONE. If you're a guy and you like strawberry daiquiris, drink it at home. ALONE. Don't drink girly drinks in a social setting unless you are reclining on a sand dune along the shores of a Jamaican resort.

Hopefully none of this is new information to you, but if it is, take notes.

I'm not talking about some general education class notes, I



College students engage in what some consider to be their favorite pastime - binge drinking.

mean REAL actual notes that find a permanent home in your brain.

Now that we understand the gender barrier, as far as social drink selection goes, let's explore what you drink and why you drink it.

Bartending in a college town, I have the fortunate opportunity

to influence young lives.

I have served countless numbers of fresh 21 year-olds. I written in response to the Department of Homeland Security encouraging citizens to purchase duct tape and sheets of plastic to protect homes.

Miller believes that their emphasis was more about the "perception of being safe, rather than being safe."

Miller followed by reading E. E. Cummings poem "Next to of course God America I..."

What you start drinking is never what you eventually drink, otherwise everyone would be drinking 40s.

It's like having a major at college: it changes every four months, and despite what you eventually graduate in, you wind up working at a bank, or worse yet, tending bar.

This is the beauty of drinking. The drink will not think less of you, despite your social surroundings—so explore!

Try a scotch on the rocks sometime. Try a Manhattan or martini (and not some fruity martini). Try a dark beer. Try something other than what's on special!

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Poets read at NKU to promote peace

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"Never has there been a good war, or bad peace."

These words of Benjamin Franklin were spoken in the eighteenth century and, to some, still hold true today.

Faculty, staff, students, and alumni gathered Feb. 13 in Budig Theater to share poetry that conveys messages of peace and voices opposition to war.

R.L. "Bob" Barth, Vietnam veteran and NKU alumnus, started the event by reading poems he wrote about his experiences in Vietnam.

His poetry explored the realities of war from a soldier's viewpoint.

Although they were from a different generation, some feel his words are still relevant today and that the horrors of war are timeless.

To further prove his point, Barth finished by reading Rudyard Kipling's 1917 poem

"Mesopotamia."

Professor Andy Miller read his poem "Homeland Security," written in response to the Department of Homeland Security encouraging citizens to purchase duct tape and sheets of plastic to protect homes.

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Miller followed by reading E. E. Cummings poem "Next to of course God America I..."

which he felt was pertinent today because "these decisions [of war] are made by people who are not going to war."

Assistant Professor Dr. Kristine Yohe was involved in organizing both this and last year's poetry readings.

The tradition originated nationwide last year due to the cancellation of a White House ceremony honoring American poets Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, and Langston Hughes.

Officials were worried that

the contemporary poets invited to the event would express their views on the opposition of war and attract negative attention to the ceremony.

This year Yohe was again on the committee who helped organize the event at NKU.

Yohe said she was "glad to get so many people involved [and] to see the response of students."

When asked why they chose to hold the event this year Yohe said, "It's important in a democracy to invite debate and

to recognize that supporting peace is patriotic."

Yohe said that she hopes "protesting against the war continues."

Many participants in the poetry readings said they hope there were not be a reason to hold events like this in the future.

They also said that by spreading their message and getting their words to hold true in people's hearts, hopefully they will succeed in their quest to bring about peace.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'50 First Dates' a sweet comedy

By AMIE VOGT

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Have you forgotten what you were doing two seconds ago? How would you like this to happen every moment of your life?

In the new movie, "50 First Dates," Lucy Whitmore (Drew Barrymore), suffers from this affliction.

She was in a car accident one year ago, and lost her short-term memory as a result of injuries.

Ever night that Lucy goes to bed, her mind erases all memories from after the accident. She begins every day thinking it is the day that the accident happened. Lucy's dad and brother shelter her from the truth about her post-accident life.

Then, one day, Henry Roth (Adam Sandler) walks into Lucy's life and his days turn into anything but repetitive.

Henry falls head over heels for Lucy, and accepts the challenge of winning over the girl of his dreams each new day. Henry, a Hawaiian veterinarian and king of one-night-stands, abandons his bachelor's ways to pursue this mysterious girl, even though she forgets his efforts each day.

Henry goes through a variety of first impressions and let downs, in the hopes that one day Lucy will wake up and remember something about her persistent suitor.

With a million valiant attempts and a healthy dose of obstacles, Henry tries desperately to get Lucy to remember her love for him (with the help of his crazy sidekick, and com-

munity of animal friends).

Although it may seem like a predictable ending, the movie will surprise you and let you leave the theater with a smile on your face.

In "50 First Dates," which came out on Friday, Feb. 13, Sandler and Barrymore have rejoined since their first love connection in "The Wedding Singer" and have the appeal of a modern-day Julia Roberts and Richard Gere on the big screen.

These two celebrities complement each other well.

Barrymore carries the torch with her innocent personality, and Sandler's reveals himself as more than a Billy Madison.

He becomes a sensitive, though still funny, guy.

This is a good movie for couples, singles, or anyone looking for a little comic mush in their lives.



Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler display their wonderful onscreen chemistry in this romantic comedy.

Funny Bone brings laughter to Levee

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By NICK EADS

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Newport on the Levee's newest attraction, the Funny Bone Comedy Club and Cafe, promises no shortage of laughs or big-name acts.

The club, based out of St. Louis, opened to a sold-out crowd on New Year's Eve and shows no sign of slowing down.

The 300-seat venue offers a full dinner menu, plenty of drinks to choose from, and hysterical laughter.

I think it is just what we need around here. I've been

once and can't wait to go again," said senior Christine Paul, a speech and journalism major.

Nationally, the original Funny Bone has played host to some of the biggest names in the business.

Stars like Jay Leno, Ellen DeGeneres, Robin Williams and Jim Carrey have showcased their talent at the comedy club.

Along with providing laughs, the Funny Bone Company does its share of charity work.

It has raised over \$100,000 for HBO's Comic Relief, a fundraiser hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Crystal and Robin Williams that helps pro-

vide the homeless with health care.

To date, the charity has raised nearly \$50 million.

The Funny Bone was also chosen to host HBO's "Young Comedy Competition," which gives young adults a shot at superstardom.

Jeffrey Jena, Cincinnati native and part owner of the club, hopes to attract a wide range of audiences by bringing in nationally recognized comedians, as well as providing unique entertainment experiences.

"We bring in the best [comedians] we can find," Jena said. Pauly Shore, famous for his

roles in "Son-in-Law" and MTV's "Totally Pauly," will visit the Levee on February 20 and 21.

Critically acclaimed comedian Margaret Cho will perform March 5 and 6.

Earthquake, who has appeared on BET's "Comic View" and MAD TV, will appear at the Funny Bone March 18-21. And Bobcat Goldthwait, best known for his roles in "Scrooged" and the "Police Academy" series, will entertain March 25-28.

The club will also feature numerous special events.

Every Wednesday during February and March, students

will receive two tickets for the price of one with a valid college I.D. And every Tuesday in March the comedy club will offer an improv night.

And if you think you're funny enough, The Funny Bone on the Levee also offers "Comedy School."

Each session is eight weeks of Saturday afternoon classes.

The session will end with a performance at the comedy club in front of a live audience. The first class is free and space is limited.

Send an e-mail to Jeffrey Jena at JeffreyTJ@aol.com with the subject line "Comedy School" for reservations.

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Sports Scene

Shields earns last win at NKU

When Ken Shields walked off the Regents Hall court Saturday, for the final time in his coaching career, he walked out on top.

He wasn't on top because his team had just won a triple-overtime thriller against the first-place team in the conference. Yes that mattered; however, Shields would have walked off the court on top regardless.

He was on top because he was able to see the results of a foundation he started building sixteen years ago when he took the head coach position at NKU. A foundation that included hundreds of former players and coaches who were in attendance to witness Shields' last home game of his career. A foundation that included a sold-out Regents Hall crowd, many of whose lives Shields had positively affected.

The loyal Norse/Shields fans packed the gym for him. It was his night one last time. And of course, the last time wouldn't be easy.

With the game stretching into three overtimes, it was almost like this school, and that gym, didn't want to say good-bye to the man that has built a program of prominence on its floor. It wouldn't have been right if they had lost.

"I told my guys that I didn't want to go out as a loser here," Shields said, and of course they wouldn't disappoint.

NKU, playing without leading scorer Mike Kelsey, who is sidelined due to injury, gutted out the three overtimes and sent its coach home happy.

"The high of winning really kept me from breaking down emotionally," Shields said. "It's really a tribute to these young men and my coaches that we were able to pull that win out."

Shields, a man of high emotion, regardless of the situation, was treated to a great event after the victory. Former players such as Paul Cluxton, Shaft Stevenson, Derek Fields, Patrick Holt and so on and so on, came out to get together with their former coach and their current friend.

It allowed Shields to see some of the impact he has made on his former players' and coaches' lives. It allowed him to catch up on old memories, from his high school to college coaching careers. It allowed him to be on center stage, not only for his career as a coach, but for his lifetime of being a class act.

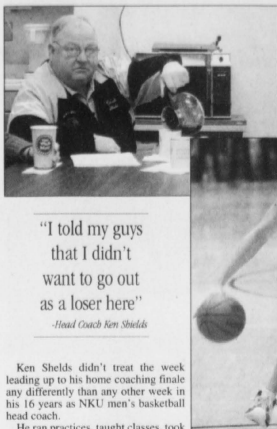
Coach Shields still has four "very big" games before he concludes his final regular season schedule, but it would be hard for those games to compare with the importance of Saturday night's thriller. A trip to the GLVC postseason tournament is expected, an invitation to the NCAA tournament would be outstanding, and beyond that you would like to see him do anything but a near perfect career.

Especially in this situation, with this man at the helm. Something like that would just be the perfect ending to a near perfect career.

So for one last night, Ken Shields owned the court in Regents Hall. For one last night he coached his way to an important victory on his home court.

But he has built a strong, lasting foundation for this school, its basketball program, and the people he has come in contact with.

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"I told my guys that I didn't want to go out as a loser here"

—Final Coach Ken Shields

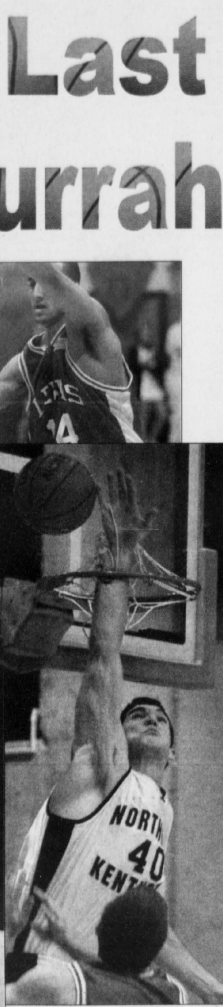
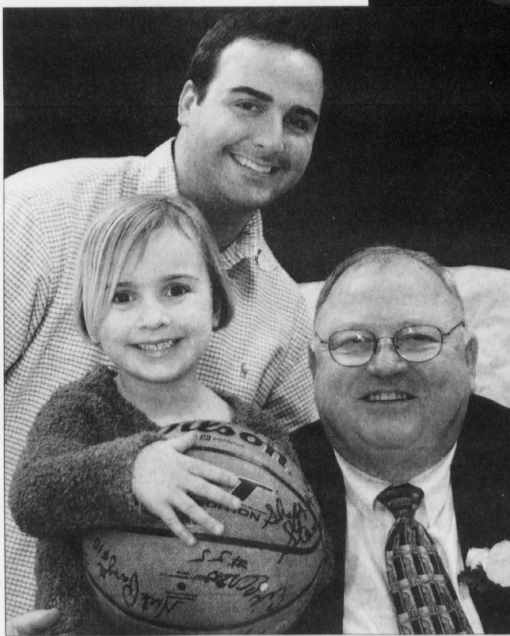
Ken Shields didn't treat the week leading up to his home coaching finale any differently than any other week in his 16 years as NKU men's basketball head coach.

He ran practices, taught classes, took time to visit with friends and family members, and made his way around campus in preparation for the last two home games as head coach. Whatever he was prepared for, he probably wasn't ready for two of the most dramatic games of his career.

On Thursday, NKU suffered a heartbreaking loss to SIUE, losing the game on a last-second half-court shot. The loss was the team's eighth conference loss of the season. It was a loss that most teams and their coaches would have trouble recovering from.

So when the Norse took to the Regents Hall court for the final time under the guidance of Shields, no one knew what to expect. They were playing against the 11th ranked team in the country, without their leading scorer and on a three-game losing streak.

The disadvantage didn't deter the character of this club, however. The Norse fought through regulation play and three overtime periods to give their coach a final home victory in front of a sold-out crowd. The win was number 305 for Coach Shields, and it was one that won't be forgotten.



Tim Downer / Assistant Photo Editor
Pictured clockwise, from top to bottom:

1. Shields sits at his desk Monday morning for one of the last times.
2. Pat Cary drives to the basket versus Lewis. Cary finished with 23 points and 18 rebounds, including two key free throws in the final seconds to seal the win.
3. Steve Purdon scored 23 points in the final victory.
4. Jesse Rupe makes a failed attempt at blocking a Lewis shot. Rupe, one of two seniors on Shields' last team, finished with 25 points and seven rebounds.
5. Shields sits with his nephew Andy and Andy's daughter, Arlyn. Upon retirement, Shields plans to spend more time with his family.

Men, women nab wins over Lewis

By MATT STEFFEN

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In women's basketball action Feb. 14, NKU's women's basketball team defeated Lewis 68-65.

The win improves the Lady Norse's record to 15-7 and 10-6 in GLVC play.

Jessica Brock led the team scoring 20 points. Karmen Graham pitched in scoring 11 points and grabbing 9 rebounds.

"I thought we played the best 20 minutes of basketball all season in the first half, and in the second half we really

turned the heat up," said head coach Nancy Winstel.

"We really had different players step up throughout the game."

Lewis cut the lead to 58-52 late in the second half but Jessica Brock hit a three pointer to extend the lead to 62-352 and helping the Norse secure the win.

The game also served as Senior Night for the three seniors on the team: Jessica Brock, Emily Phillips, and Mandy Sterling.

"We really wanted to win this game because of Senior Night, and you always want to

win the game for the seniors who are playing their last home game," Winstel said.

The Norse had a total of 50 rebounds to the Flyers 26.

"We were able to get a good home win after a couple of bad road losses last week," Winstel said.

"Hopefully this will give us some momentum heading into our last four games and our conference tournament."

In the men's game, the Norse beat Lewis in triple overtime 90-90 in what was Coach Ken Shields' final home game after 16 years at the helm of Norse basketball.

"This was just a great win for our team today," Shields said.

"This win gives us a lot of life heading into the final games and our conference tournament."

Jesse Rupe led the Norse with 25 points. Steve Purdon had 23 points, and Pat Cary contributed a double-double with 23 points and 18 rebounds.

"In the first half I thought Steve Purdon and Sean Rowland [who had 10 assists to only 3 turnovers] really played big for us," Shields said. "Then in the end of the second half I thought Adam Howell, Jesse

Rupe, and Pat Cary played really well."

The win over Lewis improved the Norse's record to 15-11 overall and 8-8 in GLVC play.

The Lewis Flyers, who came into the game ranked 11th in the nation and 1st in both the conference and the Great Lakes Valley region, dropped to 19-4 overall and 13-3 in conference play.

"With us getting this big win, hopefully it will serve as a confidence builder going into the last four road games of our season and the conference tournament," Shields said.

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Women's Basketball

•Thursday, Feb. 19 at St. Joseph's @ 6:30 pm

•Saturday, Feb. 21 at Indianapolis @ 5:30 pm

•Saturday, Feb. 26 at Bellarmine @ 5:45 pm

•Saturday, Feb. 28 at Kentucky Wesleyan @ 2:15 pm

Men's Basketball

•Thursday, Feb. 19 at St. Joseph's @ 8:45 pm

•Saturday, Feb. 21 at Indianapolis @ 8 pm

•Thursday, Feb. 26 at Bellarmine @ 8 pm

•Saturday, Feb. 28 at Kentucky Wesleyan @ 4:30 pm

hotseat



—with John Rasp

To celebrate Valentine's Day, I decided to interview two basketball players who are dating.

In the first week of this two-part Valentine's Day *Hot Seat*, I sat down with Betsey Clark.

You can see the results of Pat Cary's interview in next week's *Hot Seat*.

John Rasp: Playing a game of HORSE, who wins between the both of you?

Betsey Clark: Definitely me, as long as he couldn't dunk the ball. That would be unfair.

JR: Now that you guys are dating, do you cheer more for the

men's team?

BC: No, not really.

JR: If you guys were playing on the same team in a two-on-two game, which men's/women's players would give the both of you the most trouble?

BC: I'd have to say Rupe for him just because of his size. If he were guarding someone smaller, it wouldn't be as fun because he could block him. For me, it would probably be Connie Myers because she is really good. She's too tough to defend.

JR: Fact or Fiction: Love and Basketball is the best basketball movie ever made?

BC: Fiction. Definitely fiction. I like *The Sixth Man*. That's my favorite movie that involves basketball.

JR: What would you say was your best game this year?

BC: Probably the Saint Joseph's game. According to coach, that is the game that is the game that ended when I

went in.

JR: What would Pat say was his best game this year?

BC: Wayne State because he had 28 points.

JR: Men's assistant Dave Bezold versus women's assistant Brian Neal: who wins?

BC: Bezold would probably win. (Laughs) Neal's going to kill me for saying that.

JR: Who gets more mad after a loss, you or Pat?

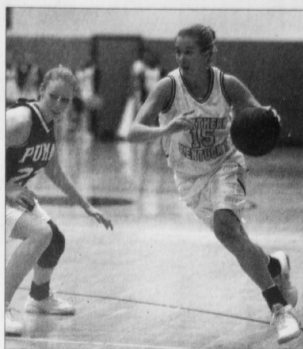
BC: Definitely Pat.

JR: What are the big plans for Valentine's Day?

BC: We don't really have any yet. We like to play it by ear. We're not the kind of couple that plans things too far out in advance.

JR: What player/players give you the hardest time about going out?

BC: (Kevin) Schappell and Sean (Rowland). The girls are



Tim Downer / Assistant Photo Editor
Freshman Betsey Clark plays guard for the Lady Norse.

Look for Timberwolves and Mavs to win

Football Picks



—with Dominic Wise

Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Dallas Mavericks
Wednesday Feb. 18

This is the first game between these two teams this season. Can Lebron James and company match up with one of the best starting line-ups in the

league? Dallas' goal for the second half of the season is to make the playoffs. So far, they are in good shape, with a record of 33-19. The Mavericks will have to start playing one defense if they want to advance further into the playoffs. This will be a very exciting game for them against the Cleveland Cavaliers. The question surrounding this game is: who will guard Lebron James?

James should have a big game against Dallas's horrendous defense.

However, the Cavs' defense isn't really shut down anyone this season. They are a young team that has gotten a lift from a very young superstar. Not many people thought James would be playing this good. He averages 20.8 points per game and shouldn't have a

problem raising that average. He will get a good shot on Wednesday night. Look for him to score 25 points or more.

This should be a very exciting, high-scoring game. With its offense, I look for Dallas to put up just a few more points. I think point guard Steve Nash and power forward Dirk Nowitzki will be too much for James and company to handle.

Prediction:
Mavs 113 Cavaliers 101
Sacramento Kings at Minnesota Timberwolves
Thursday, Feb. 19

This is my game of the week. These two teams have split the season series

at 1-1. Last time these two teams met was on Dec. 5, 2003, when the Timberwolves handed the Kings their first home loss, defeating them 112-109. The Kings will definitely be looking to get some revenge in this one. Both teams lead their divisions and have the best records in the Western Conference.

The Timberwolves have to be one of the most surprising teams this year, led by the big three (Kevin Garnett, Sam Cassell, and Latrell Sprewell).

If they keep playing the way at this pace, they might finally get out of the first round of the playoffs. Its about time KG finally has a supporting cast. The Timberwolves are also getting healthy at the right time. Troy Hudson has just come back from an injury and

Wally Szczerbiak should be back real soon.

The Sacramento Kings are the highest scoring team in the league, averaging 104.7 points a game. One of the main reasons is the play of Predrag Stojakovic. Stojakovic has averaged 25.1 points per game this season.

This game should be very entertaining and should have a thrilling finish. I think it will come down to the last possession. I look for KG to have big game with another double-double with Stojakovic scoring his fair share of points. I think KG and the Wolves will be looking forward to protecting their home court and will prevail in the last minute of this close game.

Prediction:
Wolves 107 Kings 103

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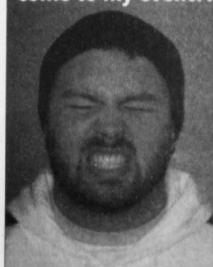


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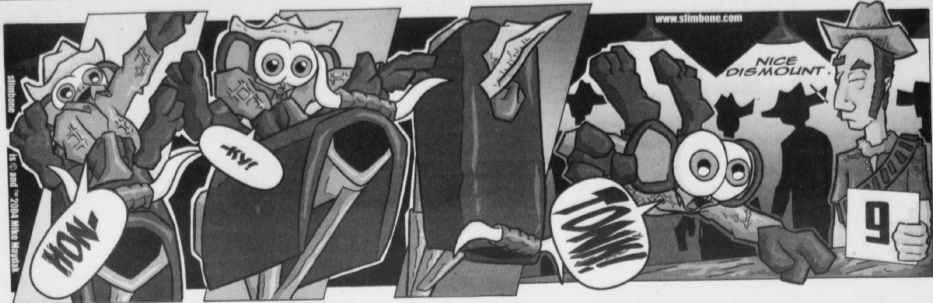
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For the week of Feb. 16-22, 2004

By Lasha Seniuk, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

Aries (March 21-April 20)

Career options from approximately four months ago will resurface. Over the next few days, reclaimed business dreams will be a powerful and positive theme. Before March, key decisions may be necessary. Discuss all new ideas with loved ones and expect detailed plans to be presented. Wednesday through Saturday also accept private flirtations and unexpected romantic proposals. Remain cautious, however, and wait for obvious signals.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Before midnight, a close friend or lover may reveal a new aspect to his or her personality. Private creativity, sensuality and a strong respect for spiritualism are accentuated. Watch for a new wave of blunt honesty and emotional sharing to be irresistible. Thursday through Saturday highlight late financial changes, canceled payments and detailed records. Thoroughly finalize all contracts, firm deadlines are needed.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Power struggles in social and business relationships will become obvious before midweek. Over the next three days, many Geminis will resolve longstanding differences with officials and discuss key issues with friends. Don't hold back. Honesty will work in your favor. After Thursday, work officials or mentors may ask for added dedication. Vital assignments will need extra attention. Stay focused on financial estimates, joint ventures and complicated calculations.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Early this week, friends, lovers and relatives may introduce complex plans or unique activities. Let the past fade and trust all sincere proposals. Loved ones are strongly motivated to move forward. After midweek, financial information and daily work expectations may be exaggerated. In the coming weeks, key officials and trusted colleagues may uncover costly miscalculations. Remain cautious. Detailed records and clearly defined legal terms will prove invaluable.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Rekindled passions are almost unavoidable. Over the next eight days, pay close attention to newly inspired loved ones, joyful beginnings or fast home invitations. Romantic partners and potential lovers may wish to explore new intimacy, shared lifestyles or unique living arrangements. After Friday, a younger relative may request delicate marital or romantic advice. Be supportive. Family members are sensitive to your social guidance and opinions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Monday through Thursday, shared insight will motivate loved ones to plan future events, resolve social frictions or reveal important personal information. Integrity, group loyalty and romantic speculation may also prove important. Avoid excess gossip, if possible, and encourage bold public solutions. After Thursday, untold Virgos can expect a sudden increase in private proposals and romantic invitations. Stay open. New relationships will be quickly established.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Past differences and conflicting social values will be easily forgotten. Late Monday, watch for loved ones and long-term friends to begin a new era of public acceptance. For some Librans, a recently strained relationship will dramatically expand over the next eight days. If so, expect powerful feelings of attachment and sentimentality to evolve before the end of March. Thursday through Saturday, study new home plans. Mechanical repairs or renovations may be necessary.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Remain attentive to basic emotions and short-term romantic expectations. At present, loved ones or potential mates may need to reveal deep feelings of inadequacy or confront previously denied fears. Confusion will be temporary. Stay focused and avoid quick social judgments. After Friday, business relations may also be affected. If so, expect older colleagues or mentors to request special favors. Be forthcoming. Your efforts will not be forgotten.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Misplaced business information may cause unusual delays early this week. Pay close attention to shared responsibilities, legal documents and changing deadlines. A second opinion will help avoid difficult problems. If possible, ask colleagues to oversee delicate projects. After Thursday, social or romantic advice may be offered without warning. Take extra time for contemplation. By early next week, a new era of participation and group acceptance will take precedence.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

This week, many Capricorns will begin 15 days of increased public duties and renewed job contracts. After Monday, however, be prepared for minor conflicts between colleagues. At present, younger co-workers may need to feel included or appreciated by the group. Late Thursday, social relations may also be briefly affected. Use humor to express affection or address key issues. Loved ones and long-term friends will ask for added support.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Pamper the body and replenish energy over the next eight days. Even though work or family demands have recently been intense, a period of calm decision will help settle group concerns. Encourage loved ones to rest, contemplate family improvements or enjoy short-term vacations. Wednesday through Sunday, a younger relative may be socially distant. Don't be drawn into outdated dramas. At present, loved ones may respond only to firm statements and bold opinions.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)

Over the next six days, co-workers may not fully appreciate your creativity. Carefully describe detailed projects, shared goals or long-term social needs. At present, friends and colleagues may need to witness the obvious. Thursday through Sunday, subtle romantic attractions are compelling. Remain alert to private flirtations and expect gently seductive invitations. In the coming weeks, potential lovers will become steadily more expressive. Don't hold back.

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crossword

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

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6 Repair
10 Green shade
14 Clay or Frick
21 Toward shelter
16 Hertz competitor
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20 Tidal wave
21 Exaggerate

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23 Eyelash cosmetic
26 Bond creator Fleming
27 Literary bits
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30 "Olympia" painter
32 A few
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34 Headed up
36 OJ trial letters

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2 Greek wine
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5 Powerful explosive
7 Red Guard members
8 Santa's helper
9 Snare
10 Disarmed, as a bull
11 Quip
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13 Look down on
14 Neighbor of Latvia
15 FBI agent
16 Zsa Zsa Gabor's sister
24 Business bigwig
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31 Distinctive flair
35 Mournful, musically
37 Addictive, soporific drug

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54 Large cast
57 S-shaped molding
59 Rover's brother?
61 In favor of

62 Three in Trieste
Answers to this week's crossword will be published in next week's issue.