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Student charged with rape

Woman reports sexual assault in Norse Hall

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A 20-year-old, male Northern Kentucky University student was charged and arrested Feb. 24, for raping a 19-year-old female acquaintance, also an NKU student, in his dorm room Feb. 23, according to a police report.

Michael Dwayne Powell, a resident of Norse Hall, was charged with first-degree rape and transported to the Campbell County jail by an NKU police officer.

The woman said she and Powell exchanged phone numbers Feb. 23, and later that day he invited her to his dorm room. According to the police report, Powell raped the woman to his bed and pinned her after she repeatedly told him to stop.

The woman said she returned to her dorm room and had a resident assistant call the NKU Police Department. Powell was arrested at 2:30 a.m., according to the police report.

Powell was released from jail March 1 after his bail was posted.

After being reached by phone later that day, Powell told The Northernner he is going through rough times and declined to answer questions.

Powell has a preliminary hearing March 10, according to Campbell County Commonwealth Attorney Jack Porter.



Powell

SGA vote reviewed, approved

Hixson reverses decision, appoints Brock to position

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After reviewing a recent senate vote, Student Government Association President Andy Hixson determined his recommendation to appoint Sen. Joshua Brock to a vacant executive board position was rightfully approved.

Hixson recommended Brock as the new vice president of student involvement at SGA's Feb. 21 meeting, where he needed a two-thirds concurrence of the senate as required by the SGA constitution. In an 11-0 vote, with 17 senators present, Hixson originally declared that his recommendation was denied, saying it needed 12 votes to obtain the two-thirds approval. However, at the Feb. 28 meeting, Hixson reversed that decision and announced that Brock would fill the empty executive board position.

"Six members of this senate simply refused to vote," Hixson said. "In doing so, they created what is called a blank. This is not to be confused with an abstention because no abstentions were called for."

Hixson cited Robert's Rules of Order, which states, "A two-thirds vote means two-thirds of the votes cast, ignoring blanks, which should never be counted. This must not be confused with a two-thirds of the members present." (Article VII, Section 48)

Taking this into account, Hixson said Brock received 100 percent of the votes cast Feb. 21, and therefore met the required two-thirds approval of the senate.

Many senators and students questioned the motives of the six senators who did not vote on Brock's appointment.

Desera Favors, president of Students Together Against Racism, was one of about 15 students outside of SGA present at the Feb. 28 meeting, and said she believes race was a factor in some of the senators' decision-making processes.

"I don't want to call anyone a racist," Favors said, "but it was looking into race."

Favors said she attended the meeting because



Brock

FIRST ANNUAL SPIRIT DAY CELEBRATION

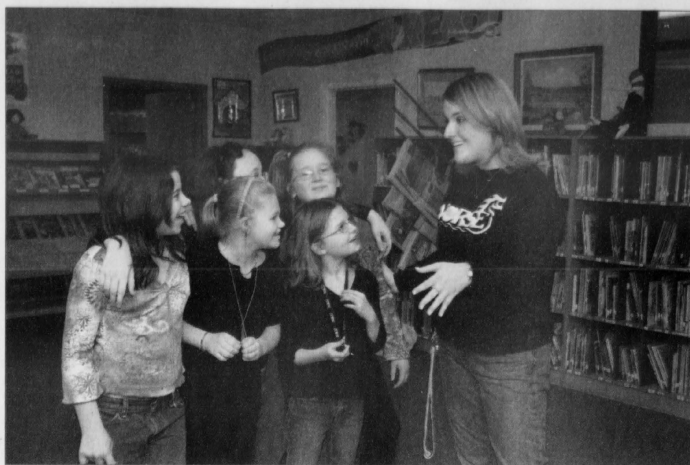


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NKU freshman Courtney Shaffer interacts with students from Bracken County Middle School during the first annual Spirit Day celebration Feb. 25.

Youth exposed to college

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In what organizers are calling a resounding success, dozens of Northern Kentucky University faculty, staff and students traveled to Bracken County on Feb. 25, performing for and educating about 200 elementary and middle school students in the first annual Spirit Day celebration.

Taylor Elementary and Bracken County Middle School students

experienced a full day of events designed to teach children about the arts, humanities and higher education. A wide variety of NKU faculty and student-led sessions on math, literacy, music, dance, physical education and art were sandwiched between two NKU dance and musical theater performances.

Barley Garza-Mappes, associate director of NKU's Community Connections and co-founder of Spirit Day, said the event was an opportunity for young children to keep up with core academic concepts. "Many students in the outly-

ing counties have little or no exposure to arts, humanities, college or its academic components outside of their normal classroom experience," she said.

She added that while many rural elementary and middle schools do not emphasize these areas, young students are expected to be familiar with them for standardized tests, usually given in April.

"We attempted to expose the students to arts, humanities, other academic components and the basic idea of available college opportunities," Garza-Mappes said. "We

planned this exposure in a fun, interactive format that met Kentucky core curriculum."

"The idea was to encourage students in elementary and middle grades to begin thinking about college earlier in their academic careers, rather than wait until they reach high school," said Linda Nesbitt, NKU's director of Community Connections. "At the same time, we want to introduce them to NKU and all that we have to offer," she added.

The day kicked off as all 200

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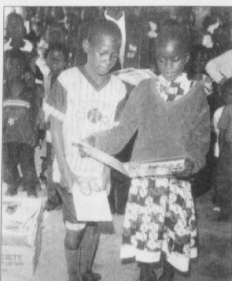


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Last year's AAC hunger campaign aided orphans in Teafina, Zambia.

Hunger campaign soon

AAC prepares for third annual fast to help orphaned children

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The Association of African Charities is promoting its third 30-hour fast to raise money and awareness for the children of Africa orphaned by famine and drought.

"We want people to know anyone can get involved," said Association of African Charities President Selina Oladapo. "You need not be familiar with the situation in Africa: we are raising global awareness, informing people there are millions of hungry people throughout the world."

Through fasting for 30

hours, Oladapo hopes people can better understand what it is like to be hungry, what many less-fortunate people throughout the world must feel on a daily basis.

The goal of this year's hunger campaign is to raise money for three orphanages in Africa: the Onyassi Orphanage in Cape Coast, Ghana; the Abebech Goben Orphanage and School in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and Kinbundu Trust in Gondor, Ethiopia.

"The money raised will be used to provide the children of these orphanages with food and water," said Association of African Charities Vice

President of Public Relations Corey Catton.

The fast, to be held in the UC Student Lounge, kicks off at 1 p.m. on March 18 and lasts until 7 p.m. March 19. Drinks will be provided for students participating in the fast.

Donation forms will be available at the UC Student Lounge throughout the fast. Following the fast will be a dinner for all involved. "Everyone has a great time following the fast," said Oladapo. "The food tastes great, not only because of your hunger, but because of the feeling that you earned this food by helping people."

Tribble back from Iraq

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Capt. Stephen Tribble, Northern Kentucky University's director of campus recreation, returned to the United States March 1 after reporting for duty in the U.S. Army Reserve Jan. 19, 2004.

Tribble arrived in Iraq in March 2004, where he was deployed with Facility Engineer Team #9 (416th Engineer Command) at Camp Taji. The team's main duties included the "reconstruction, renovation, modernization and maintenance of this former Iraqi air base." Tribble said in a message he sent to the NKU community in November, Tribble was personally responsible for designing, obtaining and installing signs for the camp, and made sure that NKU was represented when it was decided that the streets would be named after school mascots.

"I felt privileged to name a street after the NKU," Tribble said. "I hope the rest of the NKU community feels as honored as I do with this small recognition of an institution that means so much to so many."

Thanks to Tribble's gesture, Iraq now has a Norse Avenue.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for Steve and NKU," said Sue Roth, associate director of campus recreation and acting director during Tribble's extended leave of absence. "Knowing Steve for the year before he was deployed, it is not surprising that he looks for every opportunity to promote NKU and its students."

Tribble is scheduled to arrive home from St. Louis later this week. He is not expected back to work at NKU until April 4, according to Roth.

Tribble began as the director of campus recreation at NKU on July 15, 2002. He has been enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve for approximately 15 years.

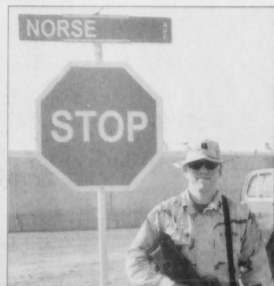


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Capt. Steve Tribble had a street in Iraq named Norse Avenue.

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policebeat

The following reports were filed with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department between Feb. 22 and 28.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

7:49 a.m. Officer observed a vehicle with expired registration plates in parking lot M. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for having an expired registration.

9:57 a.m. Subject reported a 2005 NKU parking permit was stolen from a vehicle while parked in parking lot J, under investigation.

12:03 p.m. Subject reported a 2005 NKU parking permit was missing from the vehicle. Subject reported that the permit was last seen approximately three weeks ago.

12:43 p.m. Officer located a vehicle displaying a forged NKU parking permit in parking lot V. The driver of the vehicle was issued a Kentucky State Citation for criminal possession of a forged instrument, third degree.

3:07 p.m. A minor non-injury accident involving two vehicles occurred in parking lot G. Both vehicles remained in service.

3:52 p.m. Medical assistance requested for a subject in the ASKT Officers and the Central Campbell County Squad responded. The subject was transported to Children's Hospital in Cincinnati.

4:03 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a textbook from Steely Library, under investigation.

5:25 p.m. Subject reported a found computer printer in Nunn Hall. Item secured in the DPS Property/Evidence room.

5:52 p.m. Subject reported damage to a vehicle while parked in parking lot R.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

10:17 a.m. Textbook theft reported from the FAC building, under investigation.

10:28 a.m. Subject reported that his vehicle, while parked in parking lot A, was struck by an unknown vehicle which left the scene. Subject stated that the incident occurred on Feb. 19.

12:20 p.m. Subject reported a lost 2005 NKU parking permit while involved in an accident in November 2004. He was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

12:38 p.m. A non-injury accident occurred at parking lot M. A tractor trailer truck struck three parked vehicles. Drivers of the parked vehicles were contacted. A Kentucky State Citation was issued to one of the vehicle owners for no proof of insurance. All vehicles remained in service.

4:33 p.m. Subject issued a Kentucky state citation for expired registration on Johns Hill Road.

7:53 p.m. Subject reported being sexually assaulted at Commonwealth Hall. Following an investigation, a suspect was located, arrested and transported to the Campbell County Jail and charged with rape-first degree.

11:36 p.m. Officer found a door unsecured at the Honors House while conducting a building check. The officer opened the door causing the alarm to activate. A building search was conducted with negative results. The building was re-secured and the alarm was reset.

Thursday, Feb. 24

7:58 a.m. Officer observed a vehicle disregard a stop light at Johns Hill Road and Kenton Drive. The driver was issued a Kentucky state citation for disregarding a stop sign and for failure to produce and insurance card.

8:07 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a textbook from the SC, under investigation.

7:53 p.m. Subject issued a Kentucky State Citation for speeding on Nunn Drive.

8:07 p.m. Driver issued a Kentucky State Citation for expired registration plates in parking lot M.

9:25 p.m. Subject in Norse Hall reported receiving harassing communications through cell phone text messaging from an unknown person.

Friday, Feb. 25

9:00 a.m. Subject reported finding an envelope with what appeared to be marijuana residue in a University owned vehicle. There was not enough residue to test and the matter will be handled internally by Physical Plant personnel.

1:29 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a textbook from Steely Library, under investigation.

4:40 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a backpack from the Fine Arts building, under investigation.

Saturday, Feb. 26

10:55 p.m. Subject found a camera at the Greaves Concert Hall. The item has been secured in the DPS property room and will stay there until claimed by the owner.

Sunday, Feb. 27

7:41 a.m. Officer reported damage to one of the yellow balusters at the Norse Hall.

Monday, Feb. 28

9:53 a.m. Megan Heck, 18, from Hebron, Ky., issued a Kentucky State Citation for speeding on Nunn Drive.

1:42 p.m. Video projector reported stolen from the BEP building. Subject reported that the projector was last seen on Feb. 24, under investigation.

2:33 p.m. Subject reported that a window had been broken out of their vehicle while parked in lot E and that a pack of cigarettes were taken. Subject stated that the incident occurred between noon and 2:32 p.m. on Feb. 21, under investigation.

4:30 p.m. Subject reported the theft of a backpack from the FAC, under investigation.

4:52 p.m. Jacob Allen, 24, of Edgewood, Ky., issued a Kentucky State Citation for expired registration on University Drive.

5:00 p.m. Subject reported the theft of two textbooks from Steely Library, under investigation.

5:12 p.m. Subject reported the theft of three textbooks from Steely Library. Subject advised that the theft occurred on Feb. 25, under investigation.

8:26 p.m. Tiffani Jones, 20, of Taylor Mill, Ky., issued a Kentucky State Citation for expired registration on Kenton Drive.

8:59 p.m. Jessica Frietch, 20, of Taylor Mill, Ky., issued a Kentucky State Citation for disregarding a stop sign at Nunn and University Drive.



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SGA President Andy Hixson presents U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell with a Hey-U statue Feb. 25.

NKU receives federal funds

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U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell presented Northern Kentucky University with \$1.5 million in federally funded checks he secured to support both a science and a technology endeavor.

Of the funds, \$500,000 will go toward the NKU Institute for New Economy Technologies (INET). The other \$1 million will fund a joint NKU/University of Louisville project—a Digital Science Center and a Stellar Science Center. The INET funds pay for new faculty training, coursework and

technology-rich teaching environments. The Digital Science Center, along with a new Stellar Command Center, will help educate college students, elementary students and high school students.

McConnell secured the funds while he served as senior member of the U.S. Senate's Committee of Appropriations.

"The research being conducted at Northern Kentucky University is helping prepare students to join the twenty-first century workplace," McConnell said in a statement. "NKU has earned this funding, and I am honored to deliver this appropriation for this fine institution."

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Othernews

Free speech protected on campus

First Amendment rights secured in designated areas, educational process cannot be disrupted

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Northern Kentucky University, as a state institution, has the obligation to allow free speech all over campus — with certain restrictions.

One of the ways that free speech on campus can be restricted is if it disrupts the educational process, according to Dean of Students Kent Kelso. "If an individual walks into a class and is spouting off, that would disrupt education," he said.

However, individuals wishing to assert their views are allowed to exercise their First Amendment rights where they wish. Kelso said that if a student wants to stand out in front

of Hume Hall and hand out flyers, they are free to do so.

Even when speech is controversial, it is still protected. "If students want to set up a booth in the University Center and hand out material that says that George W. Bush is a big idiot, they can," said Kimberly Vance, assistant director of Student Life. "We have to be considerate of the fact that students have the right to express themselves," she said.

There are some considerations involved in allowing rallies and demonstrations to take place, though. "If it's a rally, they have to get our permission first," said Kelso. "If it's a highly emotionally charged situation, he said, it has to be done in a way that respects the community," he said.

Kelso said that if a student

organization were to have a rally that would disrupt the educational process, the university would step in.

"That is the only time that an attempt is made to control the situation. Students then have to send a request to the dean of students office and we will suggest where to have it," he said.

Kelso said that in instances when the university would step in to regulate speech, there is a time, place and manner test given. What that means is that the speech is not regulated according to content, but by the manner in which it is given.

Telling someone that they cannot give a speech because of what they are saying is unconstitutional. Speech can be regulated by manner, though. That is how the university can tell students that they cannot give a

speech at a certain time or place.

Disrupting the educational process isn't just when someone comes into class and physically commands the attention away from the professor. It can be something as simple as impeding other student's entry into a building for class.

Hate speech is a different matter in the eyes of many, but according to the Constitution, hate speech is protected. The First Amendment reads, "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech."

But some NKU students feel like hate speech should be regulated by the university.

"I think I would be very disturbed if I saw hate speech on campus," said sophomore nursing major Heather Long.

"There's a fine line between respect and free speech."

Public administration graduate student Tiffany Whalen feels like if the speech is too offensive then it should be regulated, but went on to say, "You never want to not allow a person's constitutional right to free speech."

Whalen feels like hate speech promotes negativity, and says that she wouldn't prefer to hear it, but "free speech is important."

Senior information systems student Chris Capek disagreed with both. "I don't like it, but it's their right," he said. "It's my choice whether or not to listen to it."

Capek didn't feel like the university had any right to regulate or censor speech on campus. "It's our right to free

speech," he said.

Like Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District, a famous case from 1969 that set precedent, the Supreme Court ruling says that students do not "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Writing the opinion of the Court, Justice Fortas said, "...in our system, undifferentiated fear or apprehension of disturbance is not enough to overcome the right to freedom of expression...Any word spoken, in class, in the lunchroom, or on the campus, that deviates from the views of another person may start an argument or cause a disturbance. But our constitution says we must take this risk."

New master's proposed

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Plant a rosebush, water it, give it sunlight and watch it grow. Some might say that gardening is a way to watch miracles take place right before your eyes.

What if I want roses or plants that you were growing? What if you were "helping people grow?"

If approved by the Kentucky Council of Post-Secondary Education, that's exactly what the Department of Social Work and Human Services said it will be offering students the opportunity to do this coming fall.

The Master's of Science in Community Counseling might be an alternative for those students who wish to become counselors but do not want to major in psychology.

At this point, Northern Kentucky University is the only university in

Northern Kentucky to offer this program. "Unlike a master's degree in psychology, the master's of Science in Community Counseling allows individuals to pursue private practice," said Dr. Jacqueline Smith, director of the master's of Science in Community Counseling program and assistant professor in the department of Social Work and Human Services.

Smith said that licensed professional counselors will be prepared for careers in a variety of other settings such as mental health centers, schools, government, businesses and industrial settings.

But many students are still concerned with job security and financial stability.

"I don't want to be one of those people who graduate and can't find a job, or don't make enough money to live off of," Tammy Scroggins, an undeclared junior at NKU said.

According to the "Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2004-2005 Edition," by the Bureau of Labor

Statistics and the U.S. Department of Labor, income varies greatly in the field of counseling. Income depends on factors such as whether an individual works for a facility or owns a private practice.

"With the increasing need for counselors in the tri-state, finding a job in this field should not be a problem at all," said Tonya Short, administrator at "Little Psychological Services."

The outlook is good.

In an effort to better meet the needs of NKU students, the program will be available on both a full and part-time basis. "The program will be offered year round exclusively during evening hours and weekends," Smith said.

Smith believes that the program will prove to be successful. "We're looking at the future of this program with bright-eyed optimism," Smith said. "We're not just offering a new program. We're actually meeting a need in this area."

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Taylor students gathered to watch NKU's Dance Troupe in a 25-minute series of performances that ranged from salsa, tap and jazz dancing to ballet. Afterwards, the Taylor students separated into individual "breakout sessions" where they took part in a range of interactive classes.

A session called "Enter the Dragon Chinese New Year," taught by NKU art professor Lisa Jameson along with four NKU students, showed the children how artistic concepts through the design and construction of colorful dragons.

In a class called "Hip Hop with NKU Dance Troupe," the Taylor kids learned hip hop steps and learned a short dance combination to the Britney Spears' song "In the Zone."

NKU's Director of Choral Studies, Dr. Randall Pennington, along with 11 NKU Jazz Ensemble students, led children through demonstrations on vocal ranges, microphone techniques and vocal percussion for the day's music class.

After the last session of the day, NKU's Associate Director of Admissions Melissa Lombardi and 11 NKU students spoke about being a college student. The

children were told what kinds of classes university students take, the range of NKU organizations and sports and some of the general culture of college life.

The day's grand finale was the Musical Theater Troupe performing a portion of "Once Upon an Island," a Caribbean-themed production featuring music, acting and dance.

According to Garza-Mappes, Spirit Day was a great learning experience for participating NKU students. "They are doing what they love best and receiving great feedback in the process," she said. "Once Upon an Island," a Caribbean-themed production featuring music, acting and dance.

NKU Community Connections Director Linda Nesbitt thinks that Spirit Day is important enough to young children to make it a regular part of their school year. "We hope to have some form of Spirit Day in Taylor Elementary and maybe other schools each year," she said. "It is a great event that I think has the potential to impact a lot of young lives."

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she wanted an explanation on why the six senators did not vote for Brock. She said she was "very displeased" with their reasoning.

Brock said he tried not to get "caught up" in all of the controversy that surrounded the vote on his appointment.

"It was neat to see that (students) came out," Brock said, "not so much to support me, but just support students in general — just to let student body senators, and even myself, know that as SGA we work for the students. They don't work for us."

Sen. Michael Tobergta, one of the six senators who did not vote on Brock's nomination, said that he was happy that students came to the SGA meeting to express their concerns.

Even though it took an issue

like this to bring them to a student government meeting, it was good to see students there," Tobergta said.

Tobergta said he thinks Hixson's ruling is correct and believes Brock will do a good job in his new position.

"I'm not questioning the individual who was appointed," he said. "I'm questioning the method and the process he was appointed under."

Tobergta said the way in which Brock was appointed did not comply with SGA constitution, which states that all applications for vacant executive board positions "shall be not only for review and (senators) shall have the opportunity to interview applicants on the date of their recommendation." (Article IV, Section 1, A.3.e.1)

Hixson said this discrepancy is a "gray area" up for interpretation because when she started accepting applications for the

"I've never seen student politics at such a nasty level... These folks need to grow up."

- Former Student Bar Association President Jon Wright

vacant position on Feb. 24, SGA was operating under a previous version of the constitution, that did not state this stipulation.

The new constitution, which was approved by the Board of Regents Feb. 26, added this clause.

"A fair process was followed in putting (Brock) into this position," Hixson said.

Tobergta said he believes there were other qualified

applicants for the position that were never brought forth to the senate.

Donnie Angel, one of the five applicants, for vice president of student involvement, wrote a letter that Tobergta read to the student senate Feb. 28.

"I was denied an interview," Angel said in his letter.

"Why? Because I am a white male? Or is it because I am a non-traditional student? You see it works both ways, yet I am not... suggesting that race is or ever should be a factor."

Hixson said Angel's letter

was unprofessional.

"(The executive board) felt that Jewish had the most availability and had the best qualifications bar none," Hixson said. Jon Wright, Salmon P. Chase College of Law student and former Student Bar Association president, spoke out against Tobergta and other senators at the student senate meeting, reminding them of their "agenda of obstruction."

Wright, who once served on SGA at Murray State University, said he is embarrassed of the actions of Northern Kentucky University's student senate.

"I've never seen student politics at such a nasty level," he said. "The adversarial nature in that room is unreal. These folks need to grow up."

Tobergta said students must

remember that SGA is a political entity.

"There are going to be times where it seems like there is a group of students in there who are just simply stonewalling an issue, who do not vote or vote in a negative way on everything," Tobergta said. "The thing (students) need to realize is that the reason we vote the way we do is because of our principles. It's not personal..."

For someone to imply that there is a personal agenda has no place in a personal agenda has no place in a personal agenda.

Tobergta said he is planning to file an appeal on Brock's appointment, but said he would back someone if they wished to make an appeal.

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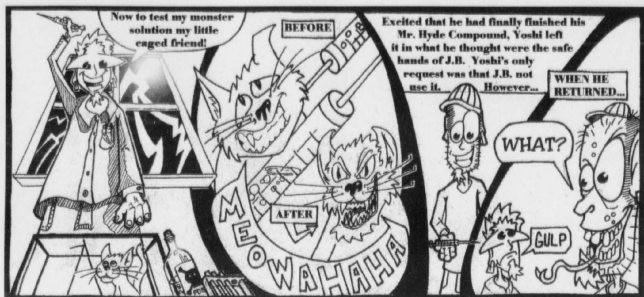
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Social Security main issue

Entitlement programs require changes to improve quality of life

Social Security has been a buzzword since the election, used by both sides of the political spectrum for their goals. Do these people really care about it or are they just using it as a scare tactic for the elderly?

Some people, like President Bush, see a broken system and are taking "preemptive" steps to ensure its long-term viability for those of us who want to take care of ourselves. But there are others who are always looking for some-

The way I see it
with Steve Fumero

thing free. You know the type: no motivation to better themselves or do more than the status quo. These people are exactly the type who want Social Security and the rest of the entitlement programs left as is. There is a growing anger towards this type of attitude. As people have started looking around more since Sept. 11, they have seen something that is a nasty by-product of the new deal: extremely lazy people. People wonder why they

should save for retirement when they have Social Security. Why get a job when you can get free food and money through the government? I am not saying we shouldn't take care of people who cannot take care of themselves — we should. But there are perfectly healthy people out there who aren't working because they are comfortable with their no-work, all-play lifestyle.

It isn't just Social Security that needs an overhaul: Welfare, food stamps and WIC need help too. Some people say we don't spend enough money on taking care of the poor. If you add up all of the money spent on social

issues in the 2006 proposed budget, you get almost \$55 billion. I'm not sure how much people expect the government to spend taking care of them, but I would say we have about reached our limit.

American society has mutated into something FDR never intended it to be. The sooner we fix Social Security and other entitlement programs, the sooner people can learn a better way to make a living — working for it.

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Compiled by Rich Shiverer
& Amanda DavidsonDo you feel safe
on campus?Lauren Maloney
Freshman, biology

"I actually feel really safe. I don't think anyone is going to harm anyone."

Nick Griffin
Freshman, undeclared

"Yeah, there's not much crime going on."

'Dank' Flowers
Freshman, business management

"Yeah, there isn't a lot of scary dudes walking around."

Lindsay Fetter
Freshman, nursing

"I feel safe because it's always lit up, and there's always people around."

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"I feel safe sometimes. I won't walk in certain parking lots at night."

Holiday should be observed

Campus must make appropriate schedule adjustments to honor presidents

By JUSTIN ROBERTS

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On Feb. 21, students at Northern Kentucky University were asked to prepare for a normal day of classes — but should that have been the case?

It was Presidents' Day. Historically this is the day Americans celebrate the birthdays of both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Throughout the years however, this holiday has evolved to become a day to honor these men and all others who have served the country in the office of the president.

Presidents' Day is a nationally recognized holiday, so shouldn't we pay a little more attention?

Only a month ago students at NKU and across the country enjoyed a day off of school to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. People took time to pay homage to the great American leader. Anyone that has attended school as far as the first grade would be able to recognize the impact and the improvements that Martin Luther King has had on American history and the American way of life. King was a prominent political, religious and cultural leader throughout the Civil Rights Movement in the United States and should be honored with a day off of school.

Either way, Martin Luther King was not a president.

So the reason students must get his holiday off of school is because he was a great religious leader, right?

Actually they shouldn't, because as we know, one of the

most basic government traditions of this country stresses the separation of church and state. NKU is a state-funded institution and therefore cannot legally take a day off of school to recognize Martin Luther King as a religious leader.

If Martin Luther King Jr. Day isn't a day to recognize the religious aspect of King's life, then it must be a day to recognize the cultural impact that he had on the country. King gave African Americans and other minorities the opportunity to enjoy the freedoms that they, along with all others, are promised in the U.S. Constitution, making his impact on American culture a great one indeed.

Since when, did this country start taking days off of school and work to recognize cultural leaders?

Culture can be affected and manipulated by almost anybody. A actor, musician or author can impact the way our culture changes and grows, but do they deserve a national holiday? I mean, imagine what's next. In 10 years will students across the nation get Aug. 16 off of school to celebrate Elvis Presley Day? This would seem a bit ridiculous.

Either way, it's obvious that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not observed because of his cultural impact.

So, we must presume that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated because of King's

impact on the American political system. Unlike Washington and Lincoln though, King was never a president.

So can we really justify getting a day off of school for a holiday that celebrates a man who wasn't a president and was never elected to public office, while at the same time not taking off the day that celebrates the country's two greatest presidents?

I don't think that there's any mystery about what the accomplishments of Washington and Lincoln were. Without Washington, would this country ever have defeated the British in the Revolutionary War? Would

the country have developed from the fledgling nation it was in its beginnings to the international power that it is today without the leadership of its first president?

Lincoln was the glue that held this country together during its darkest Civil War hour. Lincoln was also the man that signed the Emancipation Proclamation, the document that freed the slaves in America. Would Martin Luther King's great-grandparents have been set free, enabling King to spark the Civil Rights Movement, if Lincoln had not defeated the Confederacy?

Presidents' Day is observed by other state institutions but not the schools. Why should that be? The professors that teach the classes at NKU are paid by the state; doesn't that

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Schiaivo case generates concerns

One lesson arises from tragic conditions: Living will needed to guarantee last wishes

By JOHN FOLEY

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The case of Terri Schiaivo may be coming to an end. The court ruled Feb. 25, that at 1 p.m. on March 18, the feeding tube keeping Schiaivo alive may be removed.

It all started in 1990 when Schiaivo's husband heard her fall and called 911. Efforts to revive her were successful, but she suffered severe brain damage from being deprived of oxygen. Her cerebral cortex had been replaced with cerebral spinal fluid, and most doctors agree she will never recover from her vegetative state. Even the most optimistic doctors feel she can only gain a limited sense of awareness.

It is a very tragic story — a quality article taken from such a young woman and the family doing all it could to help in her

recovery. They moved her from one hospital to another in search of hope.

Schiaivo's husband filed a lawsuit claiming medical malpractice. Before her collapse she had visited a doctor many times for various symptoms, and he had failed to recognize the signs of bulimia. The eating disorder caused a potassium imbalance leading to her collapse.

Schiaivo's husband successfully won a \$1 million judgment. This is where the trouble all started. The judgment gave him \$300,000 for loss of consortium and \$700,000 for Schiaivo's guardianship. The money for her guardianship was to be used only for her rehabilitation, and after her death, any money left would be passed to her legal guardian.

Schiaivo's parents felt they deserved half the money her husband won for loss of consortium, and he disagreed. The husband had lived with her parents after the accident up

until the time he was awarded the money. The parents, feeling him slighted, began to chase him with abuse and asked him to divorce her so they could become her legal guardians. To support their claim, they argued that a 1991 bone scan showed signs of abuse and was the real cause of the collapse. It was not brought up during the malpractice suit but arose after he was refused half the money.

Her husband's actions raise concerns also. He has found a new girlfriend, with whom he has two children. He would like to marry her but cannot as long as Terri is alive. He stands to inherit the money in her estate if and when she passes. Both parties seem to have other interests than the welfare of Terri Schiaivo. Greed seems to be the common factor on both sides.

Schiaivo's parents admit in court records that she did not wish to be attached to life support but that she made those

comments when she was a minor. Her husband argues that she did not wish to be on life support, but the only proof he has is private conversations between the two. To be able to convey her wishes. Before the malpractice award, both parties agreed on seeking treatment, and no money was made or her desire not to be on life support.

Greed seems to be the only motivation for both parties. It is tragic that both parties that claim to love her, are putting her interest aside to further their own agendas.

I do not claim to know which party is right or wrong, or if the court decision is right or wrong. The only lesson learned is that a living will is needed. Every person 18 years or older should have one. It can be amended if you should change your mind, but it guarantees that you have a right word. You will not be left a pawn in an ugly game of greed.

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• Military History lecture presented by NKU professor Terrence Anthony Fleming, "What is the Relationship? The History of Anglo-American Relations in War and Peace." The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. in BEP 200.

• Spring Break Mocktails in the UC lobby at noon.

• Criminal Justice Career and Graduate School Fair from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. UC Ballroom.

• "The Truth is Still Marching On" at 8 p.m. in the University Suites featuring freshman Joshua Harris as the guest speaker.

saturday

• "Re-Careering Day: By Choice or By Chance," a lecture for adults interested in changing careers or beginning their college education. The lecture will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Budig Theatre.

sunday

• The Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers present a class about fly-fishing from 7:30 to 9 p.m. AS&T 254.

monday

thursday

• Women's History Month keynote lecture with speaker Professor Adrienne Davis, "Making Waves: The Politics of Periodization and Race in Feminist Theory" The lecture will be from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in BEP 200.

friday

• Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Alpha Rho Chapter presents "Pamper Yourself with Mary Kay and Origins" at 7:20 p.m. in Norse Commons.

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Speaker hopes to 'thieve the past'

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Runaway slaves first said it, and now because of Black History Month lecturer Dr. J. Herman Blake, Northern Kentucky University students can apply it.

"Thief the path" is one example of the advice Blake offered NKU students in his lecture Feb. 24. Blake is the Director of African American studies and a professor of sociology, educational leadership and policy studies at Iowa State University.

His lecture, titled "The Underground and the University's Railroad to Freedom," encouraged students to travel the university's "railroad" to success.

Runaway slaves would use the phrase "thief the path" when they were escaping from their masters on the Underground Railroad, Blake said.

A modern definition of "thief the path" would be students taking advantage of the opportunity to pursue their dreams and achieve their goals traveling the "path" of the university, in the same way the runaway slaves took advantage of the Underground Railroad 140 years ago.

All people have someone in their ancestry who decided to "thieve the path," someone who decided to find a new world where true freedom could exist, Blake said.

The significance of Black History Month, Blake said, is to understand that we're not here today without an understanding of yesterday and the ancestors who made it possible.

In order for students to turn the university into a greater railroad to freedom, Blake recommended embracing a liberal education with enthusiasm.

He believes students need to have high expectations of themselves, set a goal of a 3.5 grade-point average every semester and ask themselves, "What can I do to take advantage of this place?"

Blake conducted a sociological study and found that minority students were happiest with their universities when the professors at the university took responsibility for their students' failures.

"The faculty has to adjust to the students and the students, in turn, must study diligently," Blake said. "I expressed his wish for a true 'university,' where the history of each culture is treated equally. However, most colleges are 'Euro-versities,' teaching the history of European peoples more prominently than other cultures, Blake said.

"Although this may be Black History Month, the real lesson and message is that you cannot have American history without black history, and you cannot have black history without American history," he said.

Blake also posed a question to the audience that he said has not yet been answered, but he hopes one day will be, asking, "How do we take the best of a good education and merge it with revolutionary fervor in such a way that two could become a new dynamic and transform society?"

Blake said that he would like to see a new dynamic and transform society.

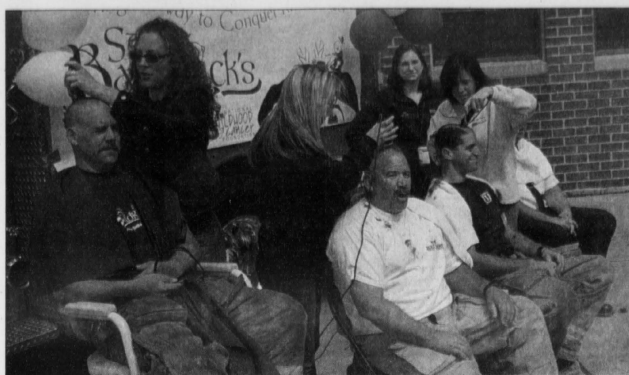


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A fire department celebrates St. Baldrick's Day in the typical fashion: shaving heads and raising money for local and national cancer patients.

Volunteers will shave heads to raise money

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Writer Will Rogers once said the only thing that can prevent hair loss is the floor, but for those who are ready to sacrifice their vanity to support a good cause, the upcoming St. Baldrick's Day celebration could be the place to be.

Volunteers who participate in the St. Baldrick's Day celebration exist to recruit those willing to shave their heads in public in return for donations to fight children's cancer. The event will take place March 20 on the second floor of Jack Quinn's Irish Pub in Covington, where the stage will buzz as participant's heads are shaved in front of a crowd of cheering friends and supporters.

Local organizer Stephanie White, a student at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, said that

while it supports a serious cause "the event itself is a lot of fun."

St. Baldrick's Day began six years ago as the brainchild of these charitable Irish businessmen in New York City, and is now a national event held in more than 200 locations across the country.

In the area, anyone interested can become involved either by sponsoring or participating in the head shaving.

White encourages anyone interested in joining the fight against children's cancer to collect donations from friends and family in the weeks leading up to the event. Those willing to shave their heads can solicit donations or sell \$1 donation certificates.

All of the certificates purchased will be displayed on a giant poster the day of the event.

Proceeds from the event will primarily benefit the CureSearch National

Childhood Cancer Foundation, a national organization focused on childhood cancer research.

Worldwide, an estimated 8,500 participants are expected to shave their heads. While the celebration has become more popular across the world, White emphasizes that some of the impact from this year's event will be felt locally.

White said Children's Hospital in Cincinnati is one of the research facilities funded by the program.

"(The event) will affect who knows how many little kids here in the area that have to go through chemotherapy treatment - treatment that no little child should have to go through," she said.

For White, who organized last year's event, participating in St. Baldrick's Day is a personal commitment. "I continue to organize it because of a little girl that I knew that passed away from leukemia about

eight years ago," she said.

While she couldn't bring herself to shave her head completely, White cut more than 10 inches of her hair at last year's celebration and said that any one willing to part with seven or more inches of hair can raise money for the event through a sister program called "Locks of Love."

The hair is either sold or made into wigs for children under 18 years old who lost their hair because of chemotherapy treatment or other medical conditions.

At this year's event, raffle tickets and door prizes donated from local businesses will also be available, as well as food and desserts from local restaurants.

"We just want to let people know that they're invited to come and either participate or just watch and buy raffle tickets and have a pint," White said.

Unique artist 'ever-changing'

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With a multi-colored head-dress towering two feet over her head, artist Chakaia Booker discussed her daily routine. "I get up every morning and sculpt myself, then continue to work," Booker said.

As Booker discussed her life and artwork with Northern Kentucky University students on Feb. 25 in the BEP auditorium, attendees couldn't help but gaze at the intricately placed cloths covering her head. It was as if one of her sculptures had come to life. Booker gained fame by transforming discarded materials, most notably tires, into artwork. Everything from goat bones and decaying metal comprised the sculptures skillfully crafted by the famed artist.

Booker, who was influenced by Romare Bearden, Jacob Lawrence and Mark di Suvero, has received numerous awards for her work.

One of her pieces, "Repugnant Rapunzel," was exhibited at the White House in 1995 and 1996.

Living in New York City, Booker has made a career out of transforming the old into new again. "I would wait 'til car fairs subsided, and then take the material back to my studio," Booker said.

In order to attain materials, she desired a simple walk through New York City, which posed more difficulty than the first thought. Booker had, and has, no car; therefore she would



Nicole Jones / Photo Editor

Chakaia Booker lectures about transforming discarded materials into art.

spend hours searching for materials by foot.

The eccentric artist would then spend another four hours strapping the discarded material to her body, before having to walk back to her studio to create her vision of art.

Working out of a studio, Booker many times has materi-

als stacked wall-to-wall. "Sometimes I can barely make it through the door into my studio," she said.

Booker's artistic talents were cultivated at a young age. She remembers watching her cousin paint the walls of her grandmother's house, and the beauty of it transfixed her.

Before using discarded materials as her medium, Booker used her artistic talents in other endeavors.

She loved to cook and sew. A sibling began to mock her face as Booker said, "I religiously sewed."

Booker graduated with a sociology degree from Rutgers University, all while exploring her artistic side. Later, Booker earned a Master's in Fine Arts from the City College of New York.

As Booker weaved the tale of her life, pictures of her sculptures were projected upon a giant white screen. The pictures expose how her artwork varies from piece to piece.

"My work is who I am at that moment," Booker said. "However, who I am is ever-changing, and so is my work."

There is a definite challenge to working with discarded materials. Tires and metal do not offer some of the benefits of paint and a white canvas. In painting the brush moves around with great ease, creating the image to be expressed. Tires and metals are not quite as flexible, Booker said.

Booker walked closer to the audience as she discussed the materials that bring her artwork to life.

"In working with metals it is imperative to be flexible with your materials," she said.

While her canvases may not be traditional, Booker has gained fame from the raw emotion that exudes from her work.

"I believe every artist has a palate," said Booker. "My palate is the texture of my materials."

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Festival modernizes rare, classic play



Photo contributed by the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival
 Ajax (played by Sylvester Little, Jr.) shows his passion towards war during a monologue.

By AMY EHREITER
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The Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival is undertaking the rarely performed "Troilus and Cressida" as a three-week special production.

The tale of the love of war, and the wars of love, opened Feb. 17, with a cast of 10 actors who portray twice as many characters.

Artistic Director Brian Isaac Phillips said in a statement, "Our production will define what 'Troilus and Cressida' is for many of our patrons because we are both, as artists and as a community, experiencing this glorious play for the first time."

The production opened with army-dad, nameless characters playing with little toy soldiers and a Barbie doll which represented the cause of the war in Helen. They reenacted the start of the war between the Greeks

and the Trojans by stealing the doll from one side and fighting with the toys — one that lasted seven years because of each side refusing to stop fighting over Helen.

After Prince Paris of Troy seduced Helen, represented by the doll in the beginning, her Greek husband launched a war against Troy.

Set in the seventh year of the war this production showed the time frame when Trojan Prince Troilus, played by Rob Jansen, fell in love with the daughter of a Greek soldier, Cressida, played by Corinne Mohlenhoff.

Soon after, the politics of war tore the Troilus and Cressida apart when she was traded to the Greeks in exchange for a Trojan prisoner.

In this production, the audience

learns about the characters through monologues. Troilus became the central character because of the amount of time he spends directly with the audience.

Through his character, Jansen was able to accurately portray one of Shakespeare's well-known love-sickened, emotional males.

The Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival transformed this play from a script to a well-adapted dialogue adding minor sex changes in characters Pandarus and Therites, modernizing the overall mood of the play.

"Troilus and Cressida" will run Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. until March 6.

Tickets are \$16 to \$20 and can be purchased at the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival Box Office.

Phillips said, "Cincinnati is in for a revelatory experience this February with what may be the Bard's greatest play."

Steamy Shadowbox act keeps love, laughs alive

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A sexual rendezvous between a groom and a bridesmaid, a phone-sex-crazed married man and a collection of impersonated cameos filled the Shadowbox Cabaret stage for its "Sex at the Box" show.

With the usual combination of sketch comedy and enticing songs performed by the house band, this show captured not only the Valentine's spirit, but also the dirty side of love.

In "Check to Check," actors Mark Kelley and Stacie Board spend the entire sketch dancing with each other at a wedding reception. The two reveal the

secrets of love affairs, flings and marriages to each other, as well as the audience.

This fast-paced comedy piece drew in the audience for the next sketch, "Telephone Gigolo by Grant Gotschall," performed by Michael Pizzuto. He exposed the intimate details of his phone sex experience with his traveling wife in a relaxed bar-like atmosphere. At first, his sketch began slow and awkward, but as Pizzuto became more comfortable with the audience, he became bolder with his mannerisms, choice of words and volume.

Pizzuto also mastered the voice of radio personality, Casey Kasem, in the spoof of "American Top 40 Valentines." In this sketch, various

celebrities are imitated including: Clay Aiken, played by Mark Kelley, Beyonce, played by Michelle Daniels, the Dixie Chicks, played by Lori Hunt, Erin Spears and Alea Shaffner, and infamous Michael Jackson played by keyboardist Brian Westbrook. Each artist performed renditions of popular songs with love-laced lyrics — transforming well-known songs into funny parodies.

Westbrook didn't just attract attention with his Michael Jackson parodies; while performing with the house band, his dance moves and eccentric playing style made him stand out from the rest of the musicians.

The band members adopted

their own sense of character and style while they performed. Songs such as "Let's Get it On" allowed the band to play sensually, whereas "Pur Some Sugar on Me" let the musicians explore their sexual side.

Shadowbox Cabaret did some exploring of its own during the second half of the show which features original material. One such sketch, "Demented Family Feud," linked locally known events and personalities.

In "Valentine's Day" is in the past, this show will keep the love and laughs alive.

"Sex at the Box" is in its last week of production before the new show, "Dirty Little Secrets," which begins its run March 16.



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 Mark Slack, Allan Talbot and Brandon Anderson perform a skit titled "Femme TV" at Shadowbox Cabaret's "Sex at the Box."

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Flies in the Pine Tar

→ with Matthew Daniels

Coach's actions become more bizarre

John Chaney is turning into a crazy old man. Not the kind that wanders up and down the street pushing a grocery cart and howling at invisible six-foot rabbits – well, maybe a power forward or two – but the kind that approaches Woody Hayes territory with his complete inability to curb his violent emotions.

Last week, Chaney, Hall of Fame coach of the Temple Owls, sent a “goon” into a game against St. Joe’s to combatively protest illegal screens that he felt were being ignored by officials. The seldom-used “goon,” Nehemiah Ingram, fouled out hard in four minutes and injured two St. Joe players. One player, senior John Bryant, left the court with a broken arm that ended his college career. Chaney appropriately lost the game.

After the game, Chaney took some time to reflect on his actions and suspended himself from his team’s next game. I found this act a bit disingenuous. Let’s say I rob a liquor store. As long as I house arrest myself and only watch “The View” for hours on end, that should be punishment enough, right?

Temple University didn’t find Chaney’s self-imposed punishment appropriate either and barred him from coaching the rest of the regular season – a whopping three games. Chaney then countered by banning himself from the A-10 conference tournament and offering to pay for Bryant’s medical bills. Prompting me to say: don’t pity him, he loves his job.

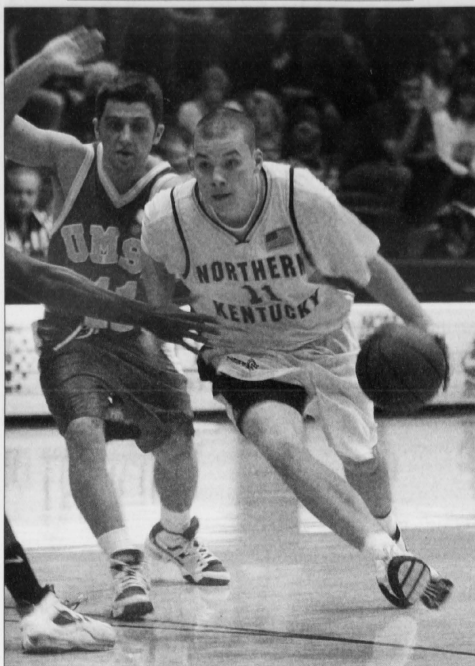
John Chaney has long been known as a man with hard-line principles. He was active in the Prop 48 debate and always pushed to give down-on-their-luck kids another chance to achieve. He cannot be allowed to continue talking out of both sides of his mouth. He cannot on one hand champion the terms of fair-play and righteousness and turn around and tell a bunch of kids get out of here and hurt someone. It destroys his credibility, and it makes him a danger. Shouldn’t it, Bill Cosby?

Sure, coaches will sometimes initiate a player to commit a hard foul, but this went too far. Chaney was winning the game and sent out the “goon.” I mean what’s next, is he going to go into an opposing coach’s press conference and try to attack him while screaming “I’m gonna kill you?” Oh, wait he already did that, didn’t he? Or maybe he’ll go into a political trade, screaming about the president at a press function. College basketball coaches are known for their unique insight into the geo-political affairs of the world. Ooops, he did that one too.

John Chaney is definitely sliding down the slope of reason. He loses his job over this (and he should), maybe the NCAA can help him out with a brand new grocery cart to push around while howling for hard fouls from his six-foot rabbit buddy.

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NORSE SEE 91-79 VICTORY



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Senior Mike Kelsey scored 15 points in his final game at Regents Hall Feb. 26.

Senior Day ends season with win

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It was Senior Day for the Northern Kentucky University men’s basketball team Feb. 26, and it was only appropriate that the five seniors were key factors in helping the Norse defeat Missouri-St. Louis 91-79.

Senior Jordan Stowers created excitement at the start of the game with a steal that he took coast-to-coast for the layup. As the Norse came back down the court, senior Pat Cary received a backdoor pass and threw it down, setting the tone for the game.

The game sawsawed back and forth in the opening minutes of the game until the Norse picked out to a 25-16 lead. The Rivermen of Missouri-St. Louis would not let this game get out of hand that early and answered with three straight three-pointers to tie the score at 25.

The Norse went on to a 15-2 run that led them to a 20-point lead

at halftime. The biggest play of the half came when senior Mike Kelsey took a three-point shot and was fouled for the chance at a four-point play.

At halftime, the Norse were out-shooting, out-rebounding and outplaying the Rivermen. The Norse were shooting 63.3 percent from the field. NKU forced nine turnovers that translated into 15 points.

NKU started the second half continuing to outscore the Rivermen but the fouls began to stack up against them. After seven minutes of play, NKU had eight fouls compared to UMSL’s two.

“We don’t blame anything on the officiating because we knew that we were going to have to play the way they called,” Coach Dave Bezold said.

With 12:10 left in the second half, Kelsey nailed a three-point putting NKU up by 15, and Bezold called a timeout to regroup.

With about 8:09 on the clock, NKU center Derek Smith and

Missouri-St. Louis point guard Sherome Cole both went after a loose ball. Soon Cole was on the ground and Smith was above him, both pushing and shoving. According to Smith, things escalated after Cole hit him below the belt. After watching the replays the referees administered double-technical fouls.

With 5:17 left in the game UMSL pulled within five but could not get any closer. NKU went on a 7-0 run giving them an 81-74 lead.

Kelsey also added his own 15 points to the Norse victory, bringing his career total to 1,539 points and passing Shawn Scott for seventh place.

“We were fortunate with the great first half that we had,” Bezold said. “We knew that Missouri-St. Louis’s tournament hopes were on the line, and we knew that they were going to give us a good 40 minutes of basketball.”

The Norse now head to the GLVC tournament to play Indianapolis March 3.

Baseball team works for winning season

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The Northern Kentucky University baseball team looks to pick up where it left off last season. After winning the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament for the second time in three seasons, the Norse have been picked first in the GLVC Coaches poll and are ranked in the top 25 nationally.

The Norse return a strong pitching staff led by All-American Derrik Moves. Moves had a 7-4 record with a 1.74 ERA and struck out 102 batters last season.

“Moves is obviously the best pitcher in the region and the conference,” Norse head

coach Todd Asalon said. “He’s our hammer. He’s 1-0 right now and should be 2-0 if we could have scored more runs for him.”

Also returning to the pitching staff is senior reliever Justin Seiter. Seiter recorded nine saves last season and had a 0.75 ERA. Seiter has not pitched yet this season because of tendonitis, but he is expected to pitch during the team’s trip to California over spring break.

“We have the best pitching staff in the conference, and that’s been proven,” Asalon said.

Senior outfielder Alex Frank is the returning leading hitter for the Norse after hitting .290 last season.

Junior catcher Connor McGeehan is the leading returning power hitter for NKU

after hitting four home runs last season. Senior Keith Jackson returns, after hitting .288 and driving in 33 runs last season.

NKU will have a much younger and faster team this season. Freshman Jon Back is hitting leadoff and sophomore Kory Lonergan will bat second. Both are expected to use their speed as catalysts for the Norse offense.

In addition to Back, Drew Rushing is another freshman coach Asalon expects to make an impact. Sophomore Jim Volpe pitched for the Norse and has been moved to right field this season.

After going 1-3 in a tournament at the University of West Alabama to start the season, the Norse offense came alive, winning two straight on Feb. 26, play-

ing in Carrollton, Ga.

“We’ve finally had the chance to see live pitching,” Asalon said. “Our hitters have gotten more time in. Our defense was not good during the first couple of games (while playing in Georgia).”

The Norse will face a tough schedule before they begin spring practice on March 19.

The team plays in San Diego and Los Angeles from March 7-10, facing UC San Diego, Cal Poly Pomona and Azusa Pacific.

“UC San Diego was ranked in the top 25 the last time I checked,” Asalon said. “They’re going to be a real tough challenge for us.”

In the conference, Asalon expects challenges from

Wisconsin-Parkside and Quincy. NKU will host Parkside for four games on April 2 and 3, and travel to Quincy for a series of games April 30 and May 1.

“Saint Joseph’s could be a surprise team (in the conference),” Asalon said. “They might creep up on some people. They could get in to conference play and start using wood bats, everything becomes equal.”

The Norse are favored in the conference, but do have some things their coach would like to see worked on.

“We need to make sure to play solid defense,” Asalon said. “We need to keep the strikeouts down, and getting key hits will be important. We need to be able to get those two out-bits.”



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Senior Connie Myers scored 17 points in the win on Senior Day.

Lady Norse rally for win

Beat Missouri-St. Louis 72-58

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For some, Feb. 26 featured just another afternoon basketball game at Regents Hall. For others, it was the last time they would step onto the floor as a Northern Kentucky University basketball player. It was Senior Day for the Norse, and the 72-58 win over Missouri-St. Louis is one that will be in the minds of the seniors for years to come.

The Norse could have asked for a better start to the game when after five minutes of play the Norse found themselves on the losing end of a 10-4 run by the Riverwomen. Sophomore center Karmen Graham stepped up and nailed a huge three-point basket that ignited a 14-3 Norse run.

After a timeout by Missouri-St. Louis at 6:44 left in the first half, the score stood with NKU barely leading UMSL 18-17. After the timeout, the Riverwomen controlled the game, closing the half on a 21-6 run and putting them up 34-24. The Riverwomen defense held the Norse to 36.8 percent field shooting and forced them into 11 turnovers that translated into 16 points.

“I was not happy at halftime, and I let [the team] know exactly how I felt,” said Coach Nancy Winstel.

However in the second half the Norse came out firing on all cylinders, starting with a 15-2 run. After Missouri-St. Louis took a brief 40-39 lead at 12:32 to go in the game, sophomore forward Brittany Winner hit a three-pointer and gave the Norse a 42-40 advantage. Winner’s three-point shot put the Norse ahead for good.

The Norse set the nets on fire in the second half shooting 76.2 percent from the field and 72.2 percent from the free throw line. This offense outburst was led by senior forward Connie Myers, who also led all scorers with 17 points, nine of those coming from the free throw line where she went 9-9. Myers added four assists and a blocked shot to help the Norse improve to 16-11 overall and 13-7 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Brittany Winner scored 10 points and had three rebounds to accompany Myers. Graham was another key player who scored 11 points, had three blocked shots and hauled in five rebounds. Karyn Creager added 12 points to the win and went 2-3 from beyond the arch.

Freshman Angela Healy had five blocks, helping the Norse accumulate 10 blocks in the game. Senior Elizabeth Burrows dumped in six points, had five rebounds and five assists in her final game at Regents Hall.

NKU was a force to be reckoned with down low, outscoring the Riverwomen in the paint 30-14 for four games over two rebounds. The game also proved how deep their bench is with all 10 players seeing at least five minutes in the game and having nine out of 10 players scoring.

After both teams cleared the court, the Norse came back out with Coach Nancy Winstel to boost their seniors, Myers, Burrows, Sarah Woods and Nikki Perkins.

“This may be the last game at home for these four young ladies, but we have a saying around here,” Winstel said, “and that is: Once a Lady Norse always a Lady Norse.”

Next up for the Norse is the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament in Evansville, Ind., at Roberts Stadium. The Norse are the fifth seed and will be facing off with Coach Nancy Winstel to boost their seniors, Myers, Burrows, Sarah Woods and Nikki Perkins.

During the regular season NKU and Bellarmine split their two games with each team winning at home.

hotseat



with John Rasp

In this week's Hot Seat, John interviews the four basketball managers: Andy Espelage (AE), Nathan Rutledge (NR), Zach Cook (ZC) and Joey Carter (JC).

John Rasp: What made each of you guys a manager?
NR: Because I love the game of basketball and I was probably the worst athlete in this whole entire area. Well, Zach may have me beat on the worst athlete, but I was probably the worst athlete in my school.
ZC: I agree with (Nathan) in that I love the game. But, I knew with my legs I wouldn't be able to play. So, just to be around everybody every game was pretty much what I was going for.
AE: I have a love for sports and a love for basketball so I just had to be around some

how.
JC: I have a love for sports and since NKU doesn't have a football or a hockey team so I decided to get involved with basketball.
JR: Who is the toughest basketball player to deal with?
NR: I'd say Sean (Rowland) because he's so intense during games.
AE: I'd say Sean because during the games he's so intense that he'll call us a few choice words.
JC: Sean isn't the most difficult. The most difficult is Schappell because he's constantly on you for things that

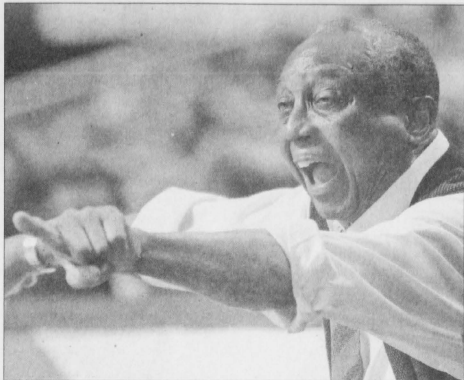
you know you have to do but he'll say it anyway.
JR: Which manager is the ladies' man?
NR: It's definitely Zach.
ZC: It would definitely be me.
JR: Who would you say is the best athlete among the managers?
NR: It's definitely Joey. He played high school sports. Zach is definitely a shooter, but he's one of the worst athletes I've seen in my life.
ZC: I'd have to say me because I'm the best basketball player.



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From left to right: Zach Cook, Joey Carter, Nathan Rutledge and Andy Espelage serve as NKU basketball managers.

St. Joe's accepts Chaney's suspension



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Temple head coach John Chaney yells as he points out a defensive assignment to his team.

By RAY PARRILLO
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — After a week of turmoil, St. Joseph's University finally seems satisfied now that Temple's John Chaney has suspended himself from coaching in next week's Atlantic Ten Conference tournament.

In a statement released before the 71-56 win at George Washington March 1, St. Joseph's president Timothy R. Lannon said the university accepts Chaney's self-imposed suspension as appropriate.

The statement also makes it clear that until Chaney pulled himself out of the tourney on Thursday after a self-imposed one-game suspension followed by a two-game suspension by Temple, the people on Hawk Hill were not pleased with the way Temple and the Atlantic Ten Conference had handled the matter.

The statement expressed St. Joseph's belief that either Temple University or the conference should have taken more immediate action against Chaney after an incident on Feb. 22, when Chaney inserted a player into a game against St. Joseph's to retaliate for what the coach perceived to be the Hawks' use of illegal screens. That player, Nehemiah Ingram, knocked St. Joseph's John Bryant to the floor, resulting in a broken right arm for the senior forward.

"On behalf of St. Joseph's University, I accept the measures taken in response to the events of last week," Father Lannon said in the statement. "The willingness of Temple coach John Chaney

to meet with John Bryant and family on our campus and later remove himself from the Atlantic Ten tournament is most appropriate.

"The overwhelming feeling within the St. Joseph's community is that the remedies first announced by Coach Chaney and Temple University did not fully address the severity of what occurred. We believe it is the role of institutional and conference officials, not solely an individual coach, to demonstrate the necessary leadership in upholding the league's code of conduct and assuring the safety of student-athletes in competition.

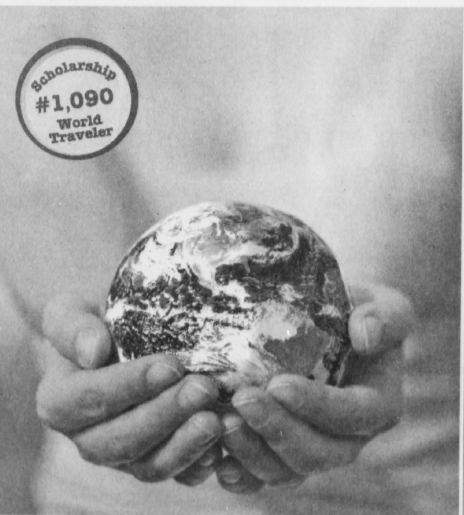
"It bears repeating that there was nothing in the conduct of SJU coaches or student-athletes intended to bring harm to an opponent. I ask the Atlantic Ten to foster a similar environment at the upcoming conference championships, and I encourage members of the extended St. Joseph's community to move toward reconciliation consistent with our Jesuit tradition.

"St. Joseph's has previously withheld comment while the Atlantic Ten and Temple University reviewed the situation. Coach Phil Martelli has further requested that he and members of the St. Joseph's team be excused from commenting on this matter so as to focus on the season at hand. I support that decision and applaud their restraint during a very difficult time.

"Finally, I ask the media to respect the wishes of John Bryant and his family to refrain from public comment."

Bryant, whose college career is likely over, accompanied the Hawks to Tuesday night's game.

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