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SGA rejects constitution

The Student Government Association voted Feb. 9 against a new constitution that control over student organization funding and consolidated SGA power by eliminating three positions on its executive board.

The senate voted 18 to 14, with one abstention, in favor of which the control over the con

AMANDA VANBENSCHOTEN Vetos measure for increased control of funding

"I think this document is a sound one," said Dean of Students and SGA adviser Kent Kelso." If think where it fell short is that there wasn't sufficient time to sell it to the student body and to the specific constituents that It was important to RHA, APB, stumportant to RHA, APB, stumportant of the student body and to the specific constituents, where's some parts of it that will empower the 2.5 percent of the students that voted for these guys in

Senator Mike Tobergta, who wrote the first draft of the constitution, "but it's gonna come back."

SGA. That's roughly 400 out of 14,000," said APB Public stitution, "but it's gonna come back."

Relations director Jesse McDonald.

McDonald.

The constitution, proposed at the January SGA retreat, has been a topic of debate within SGA and among the campus community for several weeks. The bill presented for a vote was a third draft of the original constitution.

was a third draft of the original constitution. Vice President for Public Relations Andy Hixson announced before the vote that he, working with Kelso, has prepared a "competing consti-tution" after consulting with

"What I'm doing is taking a stand, and probably putting myself up for impeachment," Hixson told the senate. "What I want to do today is totally eliminate the political games that have been going on, and get what's right for the stu-dents," he said. "This constitution."

and get what's right for the stu-dents," he said.

"This constitution change is huge. I don't think that the people sitting here voting today completely understand what exactly is going on with it."

He asked senators not to

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Tony Redell / Photo Ed Laurie DiPadova-Stocks, founding director of Scripps Howard Center, explains a possible summit that would help foster stu-dent involvement in government.

Students speak out against tuition increase



nts from several Kentucky universities convened in Frankfort Feb. 5 to protest recent budget cuts to postseco

Budget cuts spark student outcry

EMILY CHALFANT

FRANKFORT — Over 300 college students from campuses across Kentucky, including 40 from Northern Kentucky University, gathered at the state capitol Feb. 51 portests higher education budget cuts.

The state of the state capitol Feb. 52 min from the state capitol Feb. 52 min from the state legislators before the rally, which TeamNKU organized in response to the proposed funding cuts for state public universities ordered by NKU's loss in the process could amount to \$4 million. Secretary of State Trey Grayson, R-Park Hills, was

one of the state officials who spoke to the students. Grayson as a caknowledged KNU's historic out the state of the state

omy.

The region's lack of representation in the capitol also poses a problem, according to Grayson.

as a whole doesn't get as much out of Frankfort because we don't participate, for whatever don't participale, for whatever reason, as much — we're not can be seen as a small — we're not can be seen as a small — think end're to a little bit too long to get people to be engaged.

"Our proximity to a border, that arguably we're part of a major metropolitan area in another state, works for a dissandwartage as well. We're not as visible as we need to be."

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many benefits to the campus and community.

Grayson said. "It's overdue."

"It's embarassing when you have to take a graduating class, take them across the bridge to a facility in Ohio, and ask the governor of Kentucky to come across that bridge and deriver a address in Ohio," Calibana said. "None of the other universities in this state have limitations to a facility such as we do." Callahan said Kentucky

should generate more money through new taxes before tak-ing future cuts from education. "I disagree with [Fletcher]

Youth lack civic literacy

By C.J. Frver

News Editor

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University celebrates students' creativity

April festival will allow NKU students from each college to display class projects and build collaborative experience for future employment.



dpsreports

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Monday 9:53 a.m.
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CAMPBELL DRIVES
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occurred at the listed location.
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FEB 9 2004 Monday 9:30 a.m. Classification: PROPERTY -Found/Recovered Property Location: PARKING LOT R Disposition: Closed

Location: PARKING LOT R Disposition: Closed Summary: An NKU Student ID Card was found at the listed location. Item was secured in the DPS Property/Evidence Room for safekeeping, until the owner can be notified.

owner can be notified.

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Shields' bids farewell to Regents Men's basketball coach Ken Shields will coach his final home game at Regents' Hall on Sat., Feb. 14. Shields will retire at the end of the season.

Shields will retire at the end of the season. He has couched at NKU for 16 years and led the Norse to 290 wins and 155 losses. The Norse have won three Great Lakes Valley Conference championships in Shields '16 years as head couch. His 40-year couching career began at St. Thomas and the came to NK bhoods before the came to NK bhoods before the came to NK bhoods before Lewis University at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 14.

campusbriefs

Swim meet to benefit handicapped

Northern Kentucky
University will hold a Special
Olympics Swim Meet Sat., Feb.

The College of Education and the Campus Recreation

NKU lends support

to arts
The 2004 Fine Arts Fund
(FAF) Campaign has begun,

with the support of a number of area business and organiza-tions, including Northern Kentucky University. NKU has given its support to the campaign as a host of sever-al performances by FAF arts groups.

al performances by FAF arts groups.
The annual campaign seeks to raise money for the FAF, an organization that provides "technical and financial support for the arts in order to enhance the region's quality of life," according to its Web site.
The FAF was founded in 1927 with a substantial financial endowment from Charles and Anna Taft.
For more information, visit

and Anna Taft.

For more information, visit www.fineartsfund.org.

'Superstar' makes NKU debut he acclaimed Andrew Lloyd berstar' will premiere on urs., Feb. 19 at Northern

Earth.

The musical, sponsored by the theatre and dance departments, will run from Feb. 19 until Feb. 29 in the Corbett Theatre.

Theatre.

Admission is \$6 for student and \$9 for faculty and staff Tickets can be purchased at the Theatre and Dance Box Officon the second floor of the Fin Arts building.

nationalbriefs

Mass, court rules in favor of gay marriage. The Massachusetts Supreme The Massachusetts Supreme The Massachusetts Supreme The Massachusetts Supreme The Massachusetts Have the Supreme The Massachusetts that the state is the north-amount of the Massachusetts the second U.S. state to permit same-sex couples to marry and enjoy full legal spousal benefits. Vermont was the first state to do so in 1999.

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sweep of the race for the democratic presidential candidate
nomination. He won in Main
on Jan. 8 with 45 percent of the
votes, according to the Washington
Post. Kerry also won in
Washington and Michigan Jan.
increase the amount of delegate
votes he is likely to receive
when the party-chooses a candidate
to run against President
Bush in the November presidential election.

Fraternities fulfill terms of sanctions

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The Phi Kappa Tau (PKT) and Tau Kappa Egsition (TKE) fraternities at Northern Kentucky University are completing their sanctions as scheduled their sanctions as scheduled their sanctions as scheduled their sanctions in Cortober as a result of controversial recruitment activities that the Office of Student Life found violated "the roles and criteria for registance to the controversial recruitment activities that the Office of Student Life Found violated "the roles and criteria for registance" of Student Life Found Violated The University of Student Life Found Violated The University of Student Life Found Violated The University of Student Life Found Violated The Vio

Each fraternity was required to present the two workshops to the entire fraternity community, according to Tiffany Bellafant, assistant director of student life. Bellafant said that PKT completed its first workshop earlier this semester, and the TKE workshop is scheduled for Feb. 25.

25.
Women's Studies professor
Mari York will speak at the
TKE workshop, Bellafart said.
TKET adviser and Health.
Counselling and Prevention
Services staff member Bob
Wills spoke at the PKT workshop, according to Bellafart.
In order to fulfill the terms of
the sanction, the fraternities
must hold their second workshops this semester.

shops this semester.

The sanctions came in response to student uproar over Sept. 16 fraternity recruitment

activities.

PKT held a Jell-O wrestling contest on the UC plaza, which some students said was



Phi Kappa Tau's Jell-O wrestling contest received mixed reacti Students alleged that women were forced to participate.

meaning to women. students complained the TKE held a safe sex party in dom relay race of the UC Ballroom, and some women.

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SGA/APB animosity runs high

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Dean of Students Kent Kelso organized a meeting Feb. 4 with the Activities Programming Board to address the group's concerns with the Student Government Association's pro-

Government Association's pro-posed constitution.

The meeting, which lasted an hour and a half, covered a wide range of problems APB had with the constitution and was called in an attempt to revise the document before it was

voted on Monday.

"In theory, his is a good idea.
Many universities [practice shared governance] - their SGA, their programming and their housing associations all work together, said Sheena Masses for AB.

"But right now, the way this organization is running, their president has entirely too much power for this ever to work, and it seems like they ire not willing in real hard just to make it his; she said.

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"APB has a budget of \$100,000 that came from 14,000 students. That \$100,000 is spent by this group of students." Kelso soid. "Not one person in here was selected by the people who gave you the money. Where's the accountability?"
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"It might become a popularity of the people who was not to be a popularity of the people who was not to be a people when the people who was not to be a people w

earned that position," said APB adviser Stephanie McGoldnek. The student body doesn't Probe student body doesn't Probe student body doesn't Medical Stephanie Stephani

Dunn said the newly revised version was a "large leap forward," but that it did not address all of their concerns.

"There' no way you can just "There' no way you can just relationships to get better," she said.

"Just because you didn't get along before, overpowering and taking over isn't going to make things better, if anything you're going to fell stuck, with a situation of the stuck with a stuation of the study of

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on not raising any more re-enue." Both Grayson and Callahan praised NKU President James Votruba for his hard work and determination during this rough economic period in the state. "We've got a great university. We've got a famastic president. I mean, he is dynamite," Callahan said. "If he wasn't there, I don't know where Northern would be at right now."

Around 2 p.m., students from

now."

Around 2 p.m., students from other state universities met up with MKU students in the with MKU students in the rally, chanting "Two, four, six, eight Don't risk teutinion rates!" as they entered.

Not long after students began protesting, security issued its first warning to keep the noise level down, which only caused students to become louder. The common students to become louder as the common students of the common students to become louder as a students to become louder as a students of the common students of th government is] not going to run

us over."

McFadden came with a group of eight students and has personal convictions about the governor's decisions.

"If the governor's supposed to be so religious and so Christian-like, he must have forgotten the most important commandment of all – 'Thou

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shall not steal'—which is exactly what he's doing to all these
students,' she said.
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each other to try to get the money."
Chris Pace, SGA president at NKU, addressed the mass of students from a second-floor read-"Don't balance the budget on the backs of students."
"My goal today is to echo the message you have already sent so clearly this aftermoon: the future of this commonwealth ter of the sent of the future of the commonwealth er of the sent of the future of the sent produced the sent of the sent produced the sent of the sent produced the

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Although Pace noted that letcher had courage to make accuts during Kentucky's preent recession, he also criti-



Mark Bennett / Photographer Students made signs so their opinions were seen and heard.

adequately prepare for the stru-datequately prepare for the stru-"Tirbey! wished they had invested more swiely, and per-haps saved something for a rainy day, and it's raining today in Kentucky!" Pace shouted. "The reality is politicians get reelected on tangible things. We need to ask our leaders to be men and women of vision. If you want tangible things for Kentucky, give us a chance – have a vision for Kentucky, "Every dollar you don't treat on any future today will

"Every dollar you don't invest in our future today will be the millions of dollars you lose in an infinite tomorrow!"

may have been a little more aggressive than I would have preferred this early in the leg-

islative process," said NKU
President James Vortuba.

Vortuba was not upset with
the intensity of students' feelings, rather, he would have
liked a less "in-your-face"
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pleased with Paes' speech, but
thought some of the other
speakers may have went a bit
overboard with shouting at
politicians.

to Frankfort early to talk to legislators.

"I was quite proud our students cared enough to be engaged," Votrubs said, "and I give a lot of credit to our student government. They are strong advocates for MKU."

"I don't know how much we'll gain from it, but we got noticed," he said.
"I don't know how much we'll gain from it, but we got noticed," he said.
"As Grayson believes being visible is key, even if the rally does not affect current budget does not affect current budget with the said of the said opinion on the situation will help in future years and may prevent more cuts.
"I think coming down here is good," Grayson said. "Continuing to keep the pressure on is very, very important, seems to be more of antifert or to bring students here to talk to the General Assembly and talk to

SGA Senator Mike Tobergta agrees that even if there are no immediate effects, the day was not be a failure. "This by far sent a message, and if they don't react to it this year, and we keep sending the message each year, they're going to react,' he said. Ellen Bagby, a freshman at NKU, thinks this message could be better expressed with higher attendance."

could be better expressed with higher attendance. "I think a lot of the students either don't care, which they really should, or they had class-es and they really should, or they had class-es and they really didn't want to the students weren't there for support." Sheree Davis, SGA senator, was also disappointed with the attendance, but feels attendance does not directly correlate with success of an event.

does not directly correlate with success of an event. "I think we accomplished the goal we set out, which would be to get legislators' attention," she

to get legistators attention.

Signs were also posted around the capitol to remind legislators of sunders efforts around the capitol to the sunders around the legislators of sunders efforts. It is not to the annex reminded legislators that NKU has been "underfunded since 1968."

Callahan offered a piece of advice to the students: "Keep doing what you're doing."

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consider the alternate constitution when voting, but to vote according to conscience. "When you write a constitution that includes other organization that of the other of the other of the other of the other organizations needs to stop," as aid Senator Joe Many 2018. The other of the other of the other organizations needs to stop," as aid Senator Joe Many 2018. The other of the other of the other organizations needs to stop," as aid Senator Joe Many 2018. The other of the other of the other organizations needs to stop," as aid Senator Joe Many 2018. The other of the other of the other organizations needs to stop," as aid Senator Joe Many 2018. The other of the oth

Hagler, "Is two months' planning! time really enough time to be controlling all this imoney!? I don't think that's enough time to make the big changes that we're looking to make."

"I receive the latest revisions within the past 48 hours some within the past 48 hours within the past 48 hours within the past 48 hours of the past of the past

Proponents of the bill also said it would benefit the student body with its policy of "shared governance," or combining the

body with its policy of "shared governance," or combining the operations and funding of stu-dent organizations under SGA. "It looks like something that probably would help students out in the future," said Joe Myers, vice president of admin-istrative affairs. "The helps SGA, APB, RHA all work together. Instead of being three separate autonomous the properties of the students of the second of the second of the second think this would bring us together a little bit," he said.

"This bill empowers the stu-dents," Tobergta said. "We invest our time and our money in [NKU]. The product that we want is a quality education, a quality life here on campus. And this bill will help ensure that for every student."

And this bill will help ensure that for every student."

The first draft of the bill provided for sole SGA control of the funding for student media, the Activities Programming Board and the Residential Housing Association.

Housing Association of the proposed and by three members and the creation of a Student Funding Panel, com-

After several student organizations raised concerns over the body of the content of the content

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democracy prevents youth from fully comprehending what their country is all about.

from fully comprehending what their country is all about. "We ask our young people to fight for our representative democracy on foreign soil," Westwood said, "but more often they know better what they're fighting against that they're fighting against the Senior Katle Herschede, a business management major, recognizes this problem. "Understanding our country's founding documents is critical to understanding documents is critical to understanding our country was founded on." "Our schools, our communities and our country was founded on." The summit's committee would be comprised of representatives from K-16 education, media, civic organizations and elected officials.

Both Westwood and

DiPadova-Stocks indicated that students would also be a part of the process.

"I think students will play a key role," DiPadova-Stocks said, "We need students to tell us why this is important [and] how we can gather students where the process of the process of

way that will be engaging to others."

The committee would evaluate current voluntary and required civic literacy programs within Kentucky engains eng

sity has been given the oppor-tunity to be an instrumental part of this summit.

"We have been recognized in the top five colleges and universities for civic engage-ment and elucution," Hercheele said.

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Responsible to understand this issue and help develop a strat-egy for future knowledge." Grayson also sees NKU's community outreach efforts, pell of what Northern has done as a stewart to the community, but our state as a whole."

"Something that I think will benefit fino tonly! the school and the community, but our state as a whole."

"Younger generations has and many don't see it." DiPadova-Stocks said.

"With this summit and with this initiative, our path is to help them see that, reasure it this,

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What are you doing for Valentine's Day?

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Letters to the editor

Arena funds earmarked for university

This letter is in reference to Jeff Foster's protest of the state funding of a potential arena on the NKU campus. While I feel Mr. Foster's pain

While I feel Mr. Foster's pain as far as increasing utilion costs go, Mr. Foster also needs to have a better graps of how state funding works. In the case of Gov. Fletcher's budgetary allocation for the NKU Arena (Sheilda-Winstel Arena, perhaps?), the university does not have the authority to redirect these funds. They are carmarked by the state for a specific purpose; in a long time coming to the university.

editorialnote

EDITORIAL vaukee Journal Sentinel

It is ironic that the USA Patriot Act, enacted just six weeks after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, contains some provisions that seem to abridge certain constitutional rights:

abridge certain constitutional rights.

These flaws either were ignored or trivialized when the measure was enacted, and the need to correct them remains a matter of great importance. Instead, as he said in his State of the Union address, President Busk wants Congress to renew the act as is rather than permit several of its provisions to "sunset" at the end of next year.

sions to "sunset" at the end of next year.

There's no good reason to make a decision on sunsets quite yet; Congress would do better to reasess the act in an open debate sometime in early 2005.

Meantime, several of the flaws contained in the original measure do deserve the prompt attention of Congress, beginning with the House Judiciary in the property of the pro

I didn't like the fact that I had to go through graduation exemonies in another state. His outcry is no different than the person who goes to a city council meeting complaining that they can't understand why property taxes have to be raised to cover a shortfall in the general fund when there are millions of dollars in the road fund.

state didn't give that money to the city to pay its bills; the money was allocated

pandering to voters promising no new taxes. Voters need to recognize that services cost money, and that money has to come from some-where, whether directly or indi-rectly. Unfortunately, those costs get passed on to city/county

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Patriot Act needs reform

'SAFE' bill would ensure constitutionality of act

"The reform

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The FBI is not required to upply any reason for believing hat the target of the investiga-

ple the fight against terror-ism; instead, it would require the FBI to focus

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its attention on
criminal suspects, not lawabiding citizens.
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addresses "sneak
and peek"
searches authorized by Section

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require a showing that such stealth is required to satisfy common-sense goals - to pre-

common-sense goals – to pre-serve evidence, for instance, or to prevent the escape of a crim-inal suspect.

In essence, the reform would reinstate provisions that existed before the Patriot Act was enacted.

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The United Act was the Act was a series of long-overduc changes in law enforcement, one of which saved the life of an elderly Walworth County woman whose kidnapper was traced to cell phone records, reports U.S. Attorney Steven Biskupic.

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on.
The SAFE bill does not chal

The SATE times and the lengthese changes.

Rather, it addresses blatant flaws that resulted from the hasty drafting of the Patriot Act and that probably would have been deleted had the measure been fully scrutinized by Congress.

for.

Rebuking the opportunity to so would render my life the same as our modern Valentine Day: all sickly, sweet fluff an no substance.

We are pre-disposed to love You can't convince me other wise.
It's all that we're supposed to do with our lives.
It's all that gives our lives

It's all that gives our lives meaning.
So...shouldn't we celebrate this word, this outpouring action verb?
I say we should.
And you know what?
Feb. 14 seems like a great day to do it.



Bradley Heller Sophomore, comp more, computer science





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Freshman, construction mgt.

Jennetha Murphy

"Go spend time with my boyfriend. He was taking me out to dinner."



"Hopefully, I'll go out date."

A worthy reform bil called the Security and Freedom Ensured Act would rein in the federal government's immense power under the Patriot Act but wouldn't undermine the effectiveness of law enforcement. The SAFE bill has united activists on the political left and activists on the political left and activists on the political left and Act but wouldn't undermine the effectiveness of law enforcement. The SAFE bill has united activists on the political left and activists on the political left and activists on the political left and services. The SAFE bill has united activists on the political left and Larry Craig. Re-Idaho, and Carlo Larry Craig. Conservative Union and the American Civil Liberties Union. Perhaps the most odious feature of the USA Patriot Act is a control of the Carlo Larry C

Feb. 14 for 'upper-case-L' love Valentine's Day should celebrate love, not sugar-coat romance It's accepting the uncontrol-lable vulnerability of possibly feeling pain, as well as perhaps feeling pain, as well as perhaps letting the guard down and allowing ourselves to be loved. We are all born into that ten-sion and vulnerability. As an adult now, I choose to live in that vulnerability. I want to be "in love" with the people I surround myself with and things I find myself doing and studying and hoping for.

ANGELA BALINBIN
The Seattle Times/NEXT (KRT)

"I'll never let go, Jack. I'll neceever let goooo!"
OK, fine.
I'll admit it.
As Kate. Winslet uttered those Oscar-winning words, I sniffled.
Really, though, any girl.

niffled.

Really, though, any girl ould get Titanic-ly teary at the thought of Leonardo icaprio's frozen carcass drift-

How heart-wrenching.
Romantic.
Emotional.
Yes, this is what rur culture
calls a "love story."
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Ahem, but in describing the
Alem, but in describing the
It's a romane.
Or a story about love.
What's the difference?
Love, real love, itself, isn't
supposed to be simply a story.
It's supposed to be the most
real thing we know.
And lucky ducks that we are,
our society has its very own
holiday to celebrate the big "L"

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ord. At least, it thinks it does But does our modern Valentine's Day really cele-orate love?

brate love?
Or just a titanic bombardment of emotional mushy-

ment of emotional mushygushyness?
Clearly, it's the latter.
Once Christmas is over, up
go the pink and red hearts, and
people start grumbling that
marketers pesh holidays too
Day was only invented by
Hallmark, and that not having a
Valentine is one February-cold
Self-esteem killer.
Wow Feel the love: 's Day
Our modern Valentine's Day
Our modern Valentine's Day
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"Love," and not simply romance.

rized by Section
213 of the law.

This section authorizes government agents to sneak into a person's home when the occupant is away, conduct a search and remove evidence, yet not have to inform the occupant until away later.

Can we maybe realize that this is a day when we get to tell the people we care about that we love them?

tant.

Even more important is real-izing that love doesn't corre-spond with our pleasure/pain

ationality.

Isn't it true that we can be ur most brutal and the least atient with those we say we've?

love?
Aren't we the quickest to judge and often the slowest to listen to those we say are most important to us?
Loving isn't a pretty and perfect science that can be summed up on a happy candy heart.

The Northerner welcomes letters. Letters should be legibly written or typed and should include the author's signature, year in school, major and telephone number. Faculty and staff should include title and department. Unsigned, anonymous letters will not be printed. Submit letters to The Northerner at northerner@nku.edu

Event allows students to showcase work in public, build job experience

Every year, students put hours of hard work into class projects, but receive only a grade as payment for all their hard work. This year, students will have the opportunity to take their receive a little recognition for receive a little recognition for the Celebration of Student Research and Creativity at Northern Kentucky University. Any work that students have done throughout the year can

be presented at the celebration.

Students can present in five different ways: with poster and oral presentations, interactive and presentations, interactive consists of the presentation of the presentation

the extra step in their educa-tion, and that many students of creating who partici-pate enjoy the experience. "Students" solution of a forceating of creating "They feel the excitement

"Students and the opportunity to do research/ereative projects almost unanimously rave about the wonderful experience, he feel the excitement of applying what they learn to the solution of a novel problem" a novel problem" a novel problem" and the celevation of a novel problem and the celevation of the celevation of

others."
Martines
said an added
benefit of
participating
in the cele-

in 2002, the College of Arts
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In 2002, the College of Arts
And Sciences was the first NKU
cocording to Martine.
"It turned out to be such a
great program and was recognized as being so valuable for
students, that in 2003, Arts &
Sciences agreed that faculty
and students throughout the
university should be encouraged to participate," she said.
Any student can participate,
including graduate and under-

graduate students, and students at Chase College of Law. Last year, Martines said there were a total of 120 students who gave 95 presentations (standents can present research or group projects together), and the standents of th

Participants will represent each of the following colleges at NKU

College of Professional **Studies**

Jeff Snyder is a radio television major finishing his third year at

will be presenting at the event.

Q: What are you presenting?
A: For this event, I'm going to be showing, and discussing the showing, and discussing the showing, and discussing the showing and the showing and the showing and the showing and the showing the s

College of Education

Michell Huang is a post-bac student who transfered from Hong Kong. This is her second year at NKU. Her major is early childhood

College of Business

Brianna Adams is an alumna from NKU. She graduated in December 2003. She majored in Political Science and Economics. She works at Procter and Gamble, and will be one of the students from the College of Business to attend.

O: What has inspired you?

Q: What has inspired you?
A: There is an overwhelming sense of pride that I feel when I know I have accomplished something from working hard.

College of Arts and Sciences

Kate O'Toole is a biology major, minoring in chemistry and honors, in her third year at NKU. She will represent the College of

Q: What are you presenting?
A: I am studying Biology here at NKU, with my main interest in Molecular Biology. I work in mesearch on campus and I am completing my Senior Thesis project this semester as the final requirement for the Homors program. My analysis to characterize a malysis to characterize a malysis to characterize a malysis of characterize as ison of my faculty mentor, Dr. Patrick Schultheis.

Q: How has attending NKU fos-tered your creativity? A: The honors program at NKU...the opportunity to be so involved in research as an undergraduate.

Q: What has inspired you?
A: "[D]iscovery that scientific research entails. Every day there is an opportunity to learn something completely new and novel that no one else has learned.

College of Law

Jason Burgett is Vice-Justice of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Moot Court Board.
He is a fourth year law student at Chase.

Q: What do you plan on present-

Q: What do you plan on presenting
A: As far as the "Celebration"
goes. I'm trying to coordinate
multiple student works that might
be appropriate for presentation at
the Celebration.

It is to display
appellate briefs and perhaps ficitious court opinions written by students involved in most court competitions across the country.

A most court competition is a
fictitious appellate case with a
lengthy and other complicated set
of facts that gave rise to the lawstudent consider what consider what

Student reaps benefits of Pentagon internship BY JENNIFER GRAMMER

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Imagine getting the opportu-nity to work inside the Pentagon and earn up to 10 credit hours. Jamie Reese, a NKU senior majoring in journalism, had just that opportunity in the fall of 2003, when she spent a seemester interning in Washington, D.C. Reese worked as a writer and editorial assistant for the Armed Forces Press Service.



again and again on different Web sites," said Reese. Reese said her most memo-rable event was an interview she conducted with a soldier at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Reese said she will keep the Washington job offers in mind as she shoots for her dream job as an anchor at ESPN Reese's articles and those concerning the military can be found at DefendAmerica.gov.

campuscalendar

wednesday

Academic Advising Council Meeting from 3-4:30 p.m. in AC 722. Meetings are held

*Books are Fun Sale from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the UC Lobby until Feb. 12.

thursday

Norse Visitation Day in Steely Library Welcome Center from 12:45-3 p.m.
 Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.

•The Nose Force will be having a Luau Night at the Basketball Games in Regents Hall.

*Developing a Marketing Plan seminar in BEP 461 from 6-9 p.m. RSVP is required and can be made by calling 572-6524.

friday

saturday

sunday

The Amernet String Quartet will play at 4 p.m. at the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati. Tickets are \$20.

monday

· President's Day! No Classes!

tuesday

W. Jonathan Gresham and David Dunevant Faculty Recital in Greaves Hall at 8 p.m.

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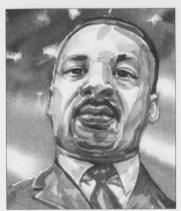
To place an event : contact Amie Vogt at 859-572-5859 Overlooked icons honored

BY AMIE VOGT

Campus Events-Editor vogtmarie@yahoo.com

n celebration of Black History
Month, chapter Alpha Beta Rho of
the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
will host its Black Greek History
Program on Fee Ig.
To commons room If on the Idea of the Idea
Commons room If of a 81.4 p.m.
To celebrate the month and
noner somewhat overlooked, but
memorable (people in black history), the fraternities and sororities in the
National Panhellenic Council to
showcase a black history icon from
the past who was also a member of
Some people they may present
are George Washington Carver, a
scientist who developed many
amazing uses for peanuts.
Also in the lineup is Huey P.
Newton, the cofounder of the Black
Panther Party.
During the program, each organation of the propent is icon in a
Powerpoint presentation, a speech,
even dressing up like the person,

nization will present its icon in a Powerpoint presentation, a speech, or even dressing up like the person, said Carleon Robinson Sr., the historian for Phi Beta Sigma. "These icons] have done things for the world and for the black History Movement," Robinson said. He said the program will commemorate their achievements and success.



Valentine's Day can be painful for some

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Once a year people are given a day to eclebrate the ones they love by giving flowers, candy and cards. Valentine's Day is an excuse to rejoice love, but what about the single, londy, or broken-hearted?

It can he obnoxious to be bombarded by all those cheesy price of the control of the cont



Some people dread this holiday so much that they have even started Anti-Valentine's Day Web sites in an effort to show their disdain.

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Some people have gone to extremes to show their disdain for upiris day by even crude to quiris day of the people to the p

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Or treat a friend!

Take a close friend or relative out to dinner to show them how much you care. Second, plan on being with friends.

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'Poets Against the War' continues its tradition

'A Letter to the Dead'

The outpost trench is deep with mud tonight. Cold with the mountain winds and two week's rain.

I watch the concertina The starlight-Scope hums, and rats assault the bunkers again.

You watch with me: Owen, Blunden, Sassoon. Through sentry duty, everything you meant Thickens to fear of nights without a moon. War's war. We are, my friends, no different.

- R.L. Barth

By JONATHAN DIVITA divitaj@nku.edu

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Feb. 13 in Budig Theater the
department of fiterature and language
will present the one-year anniversary
poet. Victnam veteran and NkU
alumnus RL. Barth.
Associate professor John Alberti
said the event had an interesting
beginning.
Originally, First Lady Laurin Bush
wanted to start a program honoring
beautiful bush of the program of the program
and Langston Hughes, at a national
symposium on Feb. 12, 2003.
"When several of the invited poets
turned down the invitation in protest
of the upcoming wat." Alberti said,
NKU and many other universities
around the country took part in the
National Day of Poetry Against the
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National Day

cellation.

"We had to rush to set up our event at NKU," said Alberti, "but we managed to it done and were pleased and moved at the results."

Alberti admits that tpe stress well as apprehensive about the overall response from students. But, those involved received only positive reactions throughout the whole process, he said.

"The poems were so moving and "the readings were so hearflet that the spirit dish" in the spirit dish" is the spirit dish. I were so the said of the spirit dish. I were so hearflet that the spirit dish were so hearflet that the spirit dish the spirit dish that the spirit dish the spirit dish the

to development of the past to mother the past to months. "Whereas last year for months of the past to months of the past to mother the past th

said.

The program will run from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. and students are encouraged to come read a poem – original or somcone clee's – or just listen to others.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the theater to determine the order of presenters.

artsentertainment

February 11, 2004

aebriefs.

The 46th Annual Grammy Awards took place on Feb. 8 in Los Angeles. Here are some of the winners:

- Album of the Year 'Speakerboxxx/The Love Below' by OutKast
- New Artist:
- Best Female Pop Vocal Performance: 'Beautiful' by Christina Aguilera
- Best Male Pop Vocal Performance: 'Cry Me A River' by Justin Timberlake
- Best Pop Vocal Album: 'Justified' by Justin Timberlake
- Best Male Rock Vocal Performance: 'Gravedigger' by Dave Matthews
- Best Metal Performance:
 'St. Anger' by Metallica
- Best Rock Song: 'Seven Nation Army' by The White Stripes
- Best Female Rap Solo Performance: 'Work It' by Performance: Missy Elliot
- Best Male Rap Solo • Best Performance: Yourself' by Eminem
- Best Rap Song: 'Lose Yourself' by Eminem
- Best Rap Album: 'Speakerboxxx/The Love Below' by OutKast

Source: grammy.com

Music Review

'Sparks': No one-trick pony

Cincinnati-based Nice Guy Records is testing the local waters again by releasing Dayton natives When Sparks Fly's "We Who Are About To Die" EP.

Die EP.
This is the band's first Nice
Guy Records release. It manages to assemble seven-tracks
of melodic guitart flying over
tempo-changin beats, showcasing two singers.
The versatile barrage of
music that smashes your ears
throughout the EP is nothing
groundbreaking. Nevertheless,
When Sparks Fly manage to
create their own niche in the

punk music.
From the opening notes of
"Finding the Weapons of Self
Destruction," it is apparent that
the band's rhythm section is the
driving force. Gruff guitars,
accompanied by the melodic
tone of singer Justin Roseberry,
lead the band in an all out sonic.
Constant tempo

lead the band in an all out sonic assault. Constant tempo changes and a guitar solo from Rosenberry solidify the track as it comes to an end.
"Now the Healing Starts" continues in the same fashion as the previous track. The urgent barking of guitarist and vocalist Lobel Lewis provides a yamphonic offerings. Blended together the vocals reate a for-midable balance, which allows

the band to avoid annoying, whity vocals that often overtake bands of the same popunk genre.

The next three songs blaze by in energetic fashion giving the listener a sense of the band's namesake. These are hard-hitting anthems with a message almost guaranteed to produce a resiction from fans. Singing or thrashing along to the music, one can almost imagine sparks of energy emanating from the band and into the crowd, both feeding off the vigorous tunes. An acoustic ballad, "... And All I got was this Lousy T-shirt," closes out the EP in melanchoile fashion. Although short, the vong features guitarist Justin Roseberry on vocals

after achieving the nationwide change of pace showcased here allows the listener to see the diversity When Sparks Fly possesses. This band is definitely expensed to the second can be found as the road to spread their gospel sesses. This band is definitely expensed to the second can be found as the road to spread their gospel to five the road to spread their gospel the road to spread the road to spread

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Team of masticators dig in at Nick's

Contributor northerner@nku.edu

Trying to find an intimate restaurant to take your sweet-heart to this Tuesday?

Let us help.

I've gathered a crack team of

I've gathered a crack team of professional masticators (well, people that know what they like to eat when they have the "munchies"), and we are giving the tri-state a culinary exam. Our first victim was Nick's Chops and Chasers, located at 3355 Madison Rd. in Oakley.

The atmosphere at Nick's

was outstanding. The lights are dimmed low and the dining rooms are small and cozy. Alas, finally a break for the forth and had a crackling fireplace and large, comfortable tables.

Heineken for me was ice-cold and the perfect aid in battling my hangover from the The appetizer list is fairly small, but the shrimp cocktail was excellent and the horseradish sauce was a zesty blend. The entree list was pretty standard, but the menu reflectives

ed the nostalgic atmosphere.

I ordered the 12-ounce N.Y.
strip, which was seasoned well,
cooked to perfection, and
cooked to perfection, and
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date upon arrival.

Masticator JC ordered the
Chicken Nicola, a baked breast
stuffed with sausage and
cheese, served over a spinach
fetticen in alfredo sauce.
The Chicken was stuffed
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Although the prices were higher than Tommy Chong (entrees ranging from \$8.95 cm.) \$28), the service and the atmos-phere definately made up for the crater-sized dent in my wal-let.

Maxicator Sansterdam had the Pork Chops Normandy, which can be provided to the Pork Chops Normandy, which can be can assured and saufed apples, and topped with raisins and walnots. Samsterdam was pleaseantly surprised with the pork chops. "The chops were thick and meaty and the sauce was inferesting." "Very different than my usual nightly meal of ramen and Doritos," he said Doritos," he said and the provided provided the portion of the provided provided the portion of the portion of the provided provid

the crater-size usen to impress your little lady, try Nick's Chops and Chasers for a stroll down memory lane. Remember to treat yourself, not cheat yourself. And after eight Heinekens you'll forget about your budget. I know I did.

16" Extra Large



CAMPUS RECREATION

Are you . . . "Talking but not being Heard?"

Join the Wellness program and Professor Zach Hart, of the NKU Communications Department, as he demon-strates how our communication skills can help us with relationships, jobs and school. FREE



When: Tuesday, February 3, 7-8:30pm

Where: Show up at the University Suites Multipurpose room (Housing) Questions: Call 572-5197



Test your Skill

Free Throw, 3-point & Hot Shot Tournament

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00pm in the Campus Recreation Center (CRC)

Entry Form Due: Tuesday, February 10th

QUESTIONS? - call 572-5728





Race raises money

at NKU.

The race has been held at NKU for the past four years, although it was the 24th year the race has been held in the greater Cincinnati area.

The race is a joint venture to raise money for the Runners Club of Greater Cincinnati, and the NKU Track and Field

Approximately 160 runners took part in the event, and according to NKU cross-country coach fister Kruse, about 80 percent of the runners were ""I's fun." said Kruse, "there are married couples, boyfriend/girlfriend, friends, and even some of the cross-country teammates coupled up for the race."

The race took place with the

for the race."

The race took place with the men and women racing simultaneously along the two-mile

taneously along the two-mue course, was sheld afterwards in Regents Hall, where awards were handed out and everyone was fed. "One of our sponsors, Papa John's, provided the food," Kruse said, "and we gave out big mugs filled with chocolate kixes as the awards. No one walked out burgers kixes as the awards. Wo not read to the course of the course of the training event for the NKU Track and Field Club. It is very important for the

Track and Field Club.

It is very important for the club to use this as a fund-raiser, since track and field isn't a

er, since track and field isn't a university sponsored sport, the members of the club have to pay for all of their expenses throughout the season. "This event really helps us out," Kruse said. "With all of the members having to pay their own way it gets a little tough, so this really helps us." The race has been held numerous different places, including downtown Cincinnati and Thomas More

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Cincinnati and Thomas More College.

Without this race, the Track and Field Club would have a hard time finding enough funds for its indoor season.

The club consists mainly of members of the cross-country team who use the club to train and stay competitive in the offseason.

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"The university gives us its full support for having the club." Krone said.

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The support for any of the expenses that are involved."

This year's race drew a little below what was expected, but it didn't damper the spirits of those involved.

Last year we heat no postLast year we heat of postLast year we heat of postdependent of the postlike the postlike the postLast year we have because of bad weather, and actually hold it after Valentine's Day." Kruse said.

aid. The Track and Field Club vill compete in two indoor competitions and several out-toor track and field meets. The meets consist of teams from Division I and Division II

schools.

The Club also competes in the GLVC track meet every year, in order to see how they stack up against other schools in NKU's conference.

The club competes against other schools that have university sanctioned teams.

somer schools that have univer-sity sanctioned teams.

The Valentine's Day race each year proves to be more than just a fund-raising event.

The race serves as a good way for couples, young and old, to have fun and be togeth-er around the holiday.

Kyle Burch is the Sports Editor for The Northerner. You can e-mail Kyle at kibnku@yahoo.com

Men struggle without Kelsey

ST. LOUIS - Ronnie Banks and Jonathan Griffin combined for 31 points Saturday as the University of Missouri-St. Louis defeated Northern Kentucky University, 82-62, at the Mark Ivani Building.

Banks finished with 18 Missouri-St. Louis won its third straight game and improved to 9-12 overall, 5-9 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Conference.
Griffin added 14 points and six assists for the Rivermen, who built a 44-29 halftime lead and coasted to the victory.
Jesse Rupe scored 20 points to lead NKU, which dropped to 14-10 overall, 7-7 in the GLVC.

GLVC.

The Norse shot just 32.4 percent from the field and were 4-for-22 from three-point

range.
"When you shoot 32 percent from the field and 18 percent from three-point range it is hard to win," said NKU head

NKU's men's basketball game against Lewis University next Saturday (Feb. 14) in Regents Hall has been switched to a 4:30 p.m. start. The game (which was originally scheduled for a 3:15 p.m. tip.

ne (which was originally scheduled for a 3:15 p.m. tip mark the final appearance in Regents Hall for NKU h Ken Shields, who will retire at the end of the season. It will play their final four games of the regular season

A limited number of general admission seats are still available for \$7 for Shields' home finale. Call (859) 572-6639 or (859) 572-6639 in ticket information.

The game will also be televised live on Insight Cable Channel



Twenty points by Jesse Rupe (above) couldn't save the Norse from dropping its seventh conference game

Women lose in game's final seconds

layup.
After a timeout, Missouri-St.
Louis held the ball for the final
shot, and Deborah Dibella
worked the ball inside to
Birkey on the right side of the

lane.
Birkey banked in a 10-footer

Birkey banked in a 10-footer to give the Riverwomen a 59-57 lead with just 4.3 seconds on the clock.

NKU hurried the ball down the court, but Nikki Perkins' desperation attempt was off target and Missouri-St. Louis collected just its second win in 14 meetings with the Norse.

Birkey finished with 16

points for Missouri-St. Louis, which improved to 5-16 over-all, 2-12 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Crystal Lambert led the Riverwomen with 18 points.

We're no tplaying well, and I'm not happy with our effort, "We're not happy with our effort," White I'm we're playing not to lose, instead of to win.

NKU (13-7 overall, 8-6 GLNC) held an eight-point lead three times in the second half, but Missouri-St. Louis used a 9-0 run to take a 44-0 advantage with 13:33 remaining when Lambert drained a 18-dischent Harbert drained a 43-41 lead with 13:17 left in the game, and the Norse eventually took a 50-46 advantage when Karny Creager finished off a conventional three-point play with 8-33 on the clock.

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Sharell Snardon missed a short jumper in the lane, but Myon grabbed the offensive rebound and scored to tie the game and set up Birkey's last-second heroics. Jessica Brock led NKU with 15 points and eight rebounds, and Perkins added 12 points. NKU, however, short just 35 percent from the field in the second half and lost for the first time in history in the Mark

percent from the field in the second half and lost for the first time in history in the Mark Twain Building.

Twain Building.

Twain Building.

Going into Saturday, NKU was 7-0 all-time against the Riverwomen in the Mark Twain Building.

NKU, which is ranked No. 5 in the latest SCAA Division II Great Lakes Region political to the Southern Historic University of the Southern Historic University at Edwardsville this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

*Article by Sports Information



Tim Downer / Assistant Photo &
Sharrell Snardon earned GLVC co-player of the week honors last
week. Snardon finished with eight points in the loss to UMSL.

Softball team has high hopes for 2004

Lindeman, Breitholle, Owens, Lorenz and Lewallen lead list of returnees from last season's tournament team



Emily Breitholle (above) is expected to shoulder much of the pitch ing load, along with Krystal Lewalien, for the Norse this season.

By KYLE BROWN kbubba4@yahoo.com

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After making two consecutive NCAA Tournaments.

White NCAA Tournaments.

The North Control of the North Control of

first ever victory.

NKU swept the season series with conference rival Southern Indiana and split with Southern Illinois University-Ewansville, Lewis, and Wisconsin-Parkside.

Bown believes that with added power in the lineup this season they will be more effective in close games.

The team was picked to finish second in the GLVC Coaches' Poll behind two-time defending

conference champion SIUE.

Bown expects this year's squad to be much improved, having a group of players who have experienced success, winning 72 games the past two seasons, as well as a group of new-comers who will contribute the property of the past of the

Junior third baseman Sara Becker transferred from Kishwaukee Community

College and is expected to pro-vide the team with added power at the plate. The pitching staff will be a strong point this season. Krystal Lewallen won GLVC Freshman of the Year and made Second Team All Region last year.

year.

Lewallen posted a 16-9 record last season, with a 0.82 earned run average, while holding opponents to a .170 batting average.

Emily Bericholde who went 13-7 with a 1.42 ERA last season. Sophomore Sarah Newland appeared in 13 games last season and recorded a 6-0 record with 20 The ERA last season. As a construction of the Charlest Competition in the GLIVC this season.

Aside from top-ranked SIUE, other top teams in the conference include Wisconsin-Parkside and Southern Indiana.

The team begins the season Alabama, against another highly touted GLVC team, Lewis. Coach Bown enters her sixth year at NKU as the all-time winningest coach, going 145-94 in her first five seasons.



This week John puts Lady Norse point guard Elizabeth Burrows in the *Hot Seat*.

Burrows in the Hol Seat!

J. B.R. You went from a freshman averaging around three points a game, to the starting point guard on the national runnerup. What changed during the transition from your freshman year to your sophomore year?

EB: Coach Winstel hated my freshman year. She said she was going to write the NCAA baback since I was to bad. A lot of it was confidence and

hotseat adjusting from high school to college. I had more confidence in my teammates than I had in myself.

JR: Coming to NKU as a shooting guard, how hard was it for you to adjust to becoming a point guard. To always rather pass the ball, think it was a shooting guard, I'd always rather pass the ball, I think it was a big change on my responsibility. I had to de exactly what Coach Winstel wanted me to do, like making sure I went to the other side of the court when passing the ball, instead of looking for the pass back like I did in high school.

basketban. Do you age.
this statement?
EB: Definitely not! All of or
freshman came from Ohio
Ohio is the best by far!

All: So far in previous Hot Seat articles, Jessica Brock and Comie Myers both said they would beat assistant coach Brian Neal one-on-one. Can you also beat him?

Ell: Brlan has a lot of height on me. You got to love Brian, neal one-every day in practice. Brian congratulated Quantia (Hailey) today because he said that she was the first player to block him in practice.

JR: Down by one, and given two free-throws, who on the team do you want to take them? EB: I'd say Karyn Creager. She's a pretty good free-throw shooter. In the preseason she would make something like 100 in a row. She just has to have the confidence in herself that we have in her.

JR: What player has the weirdest pregame routine?
EB: No one really has any thing that I know of. Bridget (Flanagan) was real superstituous last year, but we don't really have any players this year.



nning the Norse offer

Panthers and Pats both have hope for win

NBA Picks



New Jersey Nets at Cleveland Cavilers: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

The hottest team in the Eastern Conference has to be the New Jersey Nets. With its new coach, Lawrence Frank, the team has been playing out-

Byron Scott, the Nets were hav-ing a sub-par season,
Before the start of the season
most people thought the team
would roll through the Eastern
Conference, but that hasn't
been the case.
As the Nets' record indicates,
they were barely playing 500
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Jason Kidd has found his
rhythm and so has Kenyon
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Maybe the firing is just what the Nets needed to get motivated. No disrespect to Byron Scott, but he was kind of a laidback coach. Frank's coaching style seems to be very aggressive and more intense. He wants his players to play hard and give it their all.

Who would have thought Lebron James would be this good? Not too many people thought his play would be this outstanding.

James should have been elected to the All-Star game this weekend. The former high school phenomenon is averaging 20.8 points a game this season.

ing 20.8 points a game this sea-son.

The most improved player on this surprising Cavaliers team is Carlos Boozer. He went from averaging in the single digits last year to averaging 14.8 If the playoffs started today, the Cavaliers and the Nets would both be included.

This should be a very excit-ing game. Both teams have been playing good basketball lately.

Prediction: Nets 95

Cavaliers 87 Sacramento Kings at Detroit Pistons: Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

season and nas oeen exected to season and nas oeen exected to this weekend. It's hard to imagine this team playing so well without their leading scoter for the past three years. Chris Webber. Webber's return to play is still questionable. He hasn't played a guneable. He hasn't played a guneable. He hasn't played a guneable he hasn't played a guneable he hasn't played a guneable he hasn't play and solvey Jackson have both improved their play and scorring and some of the league's best defenses, and are holding their opponents to 86.2 points a game. Ben Wallace has been a big reason for his team's stingy defense, the is averaging almost librational problems.

has been very productive this year. Chauncy Billups and Richard Hamilton both average

And the milition founds and the milition in the milition is a gime. This will be a very intriguing game. The Pistons have shown that they can hang with a high scoring team. I think the Pistons will be fired up at home for this one.

They will play the Kings tough, but Just think the Kings have too many weapons for the control of the milition of the

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horoscopes For the week of Feb. 9–15, 2004

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

Aries (March 21-April 20) Expected debts, past v

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Taurus (April 21-May 20)
Early this week, long-term relationships begin several weeks of open discussion. After Tuesday, expect loved ones to no longer remain silent or avoid difficult subjects. Past one of the longer remain silent meet to be resolved. Ask loved ones for special permissions, revised expectations or new acceptance. Later this week, respond quickly to revitalized vitality in the lower back, ribs weeks, finess will steadily improve. Stay involved.

Gemini
(May 21-June 21)
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Ordinated in the compliments of public displays
of trust. Some Geminis also
util experience renewed sensuality and a returning faith in
long-term commitment. Stay
open to unexpected proposals.
Serious long-term intentions
will require discussion. Friday
through Sunday, family
finances may be temporarily
strained. Avoid excess spending. Budgets are vital.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

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Beginning Tinesday and lasting three weeks, work duties and family obligations will compete for equal attention. Although business relations are complex, loved ones need your honest support and continued dedication. Moddle through and wair for reliable change. Before mid-March, others will Later this week, watch also for a sudden increase in social invitations and group events. Stay balanced: friends will expect fast promises.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

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Loved ones may discuss home renovations or shared family goals. Over the next nine days, committed relationships may move to a new level of security, intimacy and trust, and the control of security, intimacy and trust, and the control of security, intimacy and trust control of security, intimacy and trust control of security and the control of security of security and the control of security o

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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Vague contracts, revised duties and moody officials may create strained communications. Although consistent rules and permissions will eventually be forthcoming, expect temporary delays. At present, private mation are strong influences in the workplace. After Friday, romantic passions will dramatically increase. Expect quick overtures from potential lovers and a series of exotic invitations. Trust your instincts. Attractions are deeply felt.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Unfinished relationships may reappear and demand resolution. Late Monday, watch for unique requests from friends or messages from he past. Before ones will ask for renewed dedication, public support and reliable decisions. Remain dedication public support and reliable decisions. Remain dedicated to present commitments, but expect ongoing social triangles. Thursday through Sunday clad obligations and renewed paperwork. Remain attentive to small details.

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Over the next nine days, controversial workplace methods may trigger silent tensions between colleagues. Previously trusted business tactics will prove useless. Avoid public discussion or group competition, if possible. Disputes may be unavoidable. In the conting demand diplomacy. Be prepared. After Thrusday, key relationships experience a powerful wave of rekindled attraction. Plan new events and enjoy private encounters. Sagittarius

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

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Withheld emotions and unique observations may chal-lenge a close relationship. Over the next nine days, watch for fast social reversals and bold once the next nine days, watch for fast social reversals and bold once may need to be publicly addressed and resolved. Don't be shy. Although unsettling, your insights will prove invaluable. Thurstay through home renovations are accented. Stay open, Relatives will press for fast changes.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

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Aquarius

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Before midweek, a close friend or lover may acknowledge your recent actions, support or accomplishments. For many Aquarians, unique forms of flattery will lead to increased trust and renewed intimacy. Listen to the wisdom of loved ones and accept all genuine invitations. Over the next nine days, social or family disputes can be easily resolved. Later this week, watch also for a rare financial opportunity. Renewed investments and long-term spending are accented.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)

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Financial discussions may demand special diplomacy over the next nine days. Pay close attention to the continuing expectations, and the continuing expectations of the continuing expectation of the continuing expec

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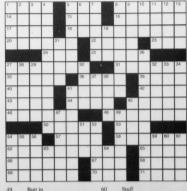
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