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NKU grad remembered for hard work, enthusiasm

By Jay Berry
Copy Editor

Northern Kentucky University has lost one of its own.

Carlie Schulenberg, a 1997 graduate, was found murdered in her Orlando, Fla. apartment on New Year's Eve. After hundreds gathered in St. Pius X Church to pay their final respects, she was laid to rest last Thursday in Mother of God Cemetery in Covington.

Randy Montgomery, a 21 year-old maintenance worker at the apartment complex where she lived, has been charged with first-degree murder and is being held in the Orange County Jail without bond, according to a recent article in *The Kentucky Post*.

Carlie, a theater major during her time here, was heavily involved in the theater program and the sports development office. She is highly regarded by friends, professors and co-workers alike.

Carlie was always working toward a goal, according to close friend Kristen Clark. "If Carlie took something on, it was done," she said. They worked together at the Albright Health Center and were nearly always seen together, eventually becoming known as "Frisk and Frack," Clark said.

Carlie was a very loving and giving person, said Mary Jo Beresford, one of her professors in the theater department, as her voice choked with emotion. She spoke of how Carlie brought small treats to the cast of whatever production she happened to be working on. She said that Carlie was "terribly efficient" in her stage management and was a delight to have both behind the scenes and on the stage.

"She was a very talented actress and one of the best stage managers I've ever worked with in a production," said Suzanne Fleming, a senior theater major who worked with Carlie on a few department productions. With her great organizational skills and quick thinking, she had the ability to take control of a situation that may have gone awry, Fleming said.

Joe Conger, chair of NKU's theater department, said that Ms. Schulenberg, a scholarship student, was a good example to other students in the department. He said the classes she took within her major crossed the entire discipline and that she was involved in all aspects of the theater, including acting and stage management. "She was appreciated by the faculty for her hard work and industriousness," he said.

Beresford said that Carlie was involved in one way or another with numerous productions during her college career. Some of these

included *Pajama Game*, *Play It Again, Sam* and *Bilbao Blues*.

NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier describes Ms. Schulenberg as a hardworking, driven person who was constantly busy. In the athletic department, according to Meier, she worked with the Norse Athletics Club and was involved in fundraising and organizing events such as Gus Macker tournaments. She also had a hand in ticket sales and game management. "She was such a positive person. This is a personal loss for all of us," Meier said.

Clark said that Carlie was a strong person who "always held it together." She was always smiling and laughing and never seemed to have a bad day. "All she ever wanted was to be successful," Clark said.

Carlie had a deep love for children. Beresford said that Carlie often babysat the children of faculty members. She was a nanny for a family down in Orlando, where she had been living for the past seven months. "She was an everyday part of those kids' lives," said Clark.

Carlie will be missed by those who were close to her. "It's hard to imagine life without her because no one will ever be able to replace her," Clark said. Beresford said that she has only good memories of Carlie. "We'll think about her a lot."

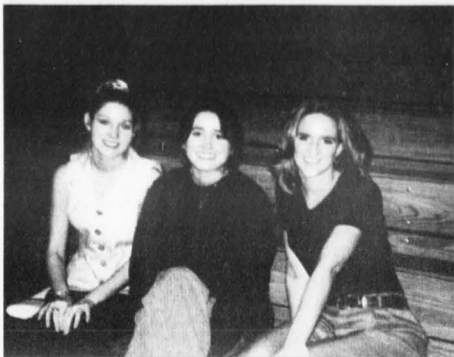


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NKU graduate Carlie Schulenberg (left) will be remembered as "a shining light, loved and never to be forgotten," by her family and friends. Schulenberg was found stabbed to death in her Orlando apartment New Year's Eve.

NKU on Ice



Erin Vandell/The Northerner

NKU's ground staff working to keep up with mother nature's winter fury. The first storm of 1999 hit Northern Kentucky around the first of this month.

Suspect identified in attacks: arrest pending further evidence

By Forrest Berkshire
News Editor

A suspect in the Woodcrest attacks last semester has been identified, according to Don McKenzie, director of Public Safety.

The suspect has been questioned by investigators but has not been charged with any crime. McKenzie said that the suspect definitely knows he has been targeted.

"It all comes down to whether we can get enough (evidence) against him," McKenzie said.

No detailed description has been released, and DPS is not legally able to release his name at this time.

All McKenzie could say about the description of the suspect is that he is a male student at Northern Kentucky University.

For some students, however, it does little to ease their worries.

"It seems like they would at least release some sort of description,"

Annie Laib, a graduate student that attends night classes at NKU, said. "It would just make me feel safer walking to the parking lot after dark."

McKenzie said the suspect's access to campus has been "restricted."

What that means, according to Dean Lamb, is that he can only come onto campus for anything "necessary to conduct business with the university or class related."

Any other access would have to be cleared through Dean Lamb and/or DPS.

"It's typical of students who have accused of serious allegations," Lamb said. "If he violates these parameters that we've set, I'll have to see if we want him as a student here."

"That's all we can do legally while the investigation is going on," Lamb said.

He said that the probable course of

action that if he is charged, he will no longer be a student here.

The investigation is still ongoing, McKenzie said. They are still in the process of gathering evidence.

"A lot of good investigative work went into this," McKenzie said, "and a lot of time was spent by our people on this case."

"Maybe some people that know this individual will come forward with more information," McKenzie said. He said that is a possibility once classes begin and people are back on campus.

If he is charged, McKenzie said that as far as the school is concerned, he would be charged with burglary.

He explained that burglary is a felony, compared to the other charge that could be brought against him, sexual assault, which is a misdemeanor.

"The individual women can charge him with sexual assault," McKenzie said.

Proposed student fee could mean increase by at least \$46

By Forrest Berkshire
News Editor

A restructuring of the current student fee that students pay as part of their tuition is being presented to the Board of Regents for approval during their Jan. 27 meeting.

If approved, the new plan named the "Invest in Success Initiative," could mean a substantial increase in the amount that some students would pay.

The proposed new fee would add three dollars to the current \$10 per credit hour Mandatory fee.

The current fee is capped at \$110 per semester. Under the new proposal, the \$110 cap will be removed, to a flat \$13 per credit hour.

The increase for a student enrolled in 12 credit hours will be \$46, for a total of \$156 per semester.

The biggest increase will affect those students enrolled in over 12

hours. For example, next year a student enrolling in 15 credit hours will pay \$195 per semester, an increase of \$85.

The revenue from the increased fees will be supplemented by the allocation of an additional \$2 million from inside the university, according to President James Votruba. It is yet to be determined where those funds will come from, he said.

The new fee is aimed at improving student services at NKU, according to Votruba.

"Right now we are under-invested in the success of our students," Votruba said.

According to a memo from the office of Student Affairs, the "Invest in Success Initiative" has four goals:

- Improving academic advising and academic planning programs
- Improving student developmental services and programs
- Expanding first year programs

and services and learning communities, and

- Increase funding for student organizations to improve the quality of student life outside the classroom

Votruba cited advising as the main concern behind the fee.

At a picnic he attended last summer with student leaders, he said he asked the students present there to raise their hands if they felt advising at NKU was inadequate. He said that it was unanimous as over 80 hands were raised.

He said that in the University 101 class he teaches a student came to him and told him about having to wait four weeks to meet with her adviser.

"That's just not good," he said.

He said it is the administration's intent to sit down with students and determine what to do with the money.

The increased fee will put NKU above most other regional universities in Kentucky. Currently the total

of all student fees at NKU average \$172, which includes the Computer and Technology fee. Only Murray State and Morehead University have higher fees than NKU.

If the new fee is approved, NKU will have the highest fees in the state.

The "Invest in Success Initiative" is still not a done deal. It still has to be voted on by the Board of Regents.

SGA president Greg Mecher said that he is interested in hearing from the student body.

"People need to talk to their student senators," he said. "They are their elected officials, and it's their job to bring the student's concerns to the administration."

"I will not vote for this if I don't feel I have the support of the students," Mecher said.

He said that he is interested in feedback from the students, so that he can make a case for or against it to the Regents.

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Total per semester \$172

**Source: Office of Student Affairs*

This is the current breakdown of student fees at NKU. If the Invest in Success Initiative is passed, it will add \$3 to the Mandatory fee, and remove the \$110 cap that is now in place.

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Millions of dollars lost each year to fraudulent ad scams

By Jay Berry
Copy Editor

Northern Kentucky University students are not immune to falling prey to scams and fraudulent ads.

Channon Moore, a freshman human services major from Covington, saw an ad in a local newspaper for a credit card for those who had previously been turned down for credit and applied. The credit card for which she applied offered \$10,000 in guaranteed credit, flexible payments and guaranteed approval.

Each year, millions of dollars are lost by businesses and consumers due to advertising scams and fraudulent ads, according to information obtained on the web site of the Federal Trade Commission.

According to the Better Business Bureau and the FTC, there are several business opportunities and offers with which

consumers should exercise caution. These include credit card offers, credit repair services, vacation certificates, overseas job scams, work-at-home schemes, online schemes, mail order scams, envelope stuffing schemes, multi-level marketing scams and chain letters.

The order form that Moore filled out and sent in stated that applicants with bad credit, no credit, no job and/or no income would be guaranteed credit without a parent signer or security deposit. She then received a notice saying that the credit card issuer needed a \$39 processing fee and a copy of her NKU student identification card. She sent those in and they sent her another notice, saying that they needed an additional \$20 for a "priority express fee."

Just a few weeks ago, Moore received yet another notice from the card issuer, saying that they

needed another \$59 fee and copies of her current student identification, last term's grade report, and paid tuition receipt.

She tried to call the credit card company through telephone information and they put her in touch with information in Atlanta Ga., where Moore sent her order form according to the address on it.

They showed no listing of the name of the contact person or any company bearing his or her name. The contact person referred to himself or herself as a credit referral agent.

Moore is currently in the process of reestablishing her credit and thought that this offer was yet another opportunity to do so. "The \$39 fee is not odd because on the other two (cards) that I had, they also requested fees," she said. I didn't have any problems with them. I have both of those cards and I use them and they're helping me get my credit back in

order."

Moore wrote the credit card company a letter informing them that she had sent them the information they requested form her, telling them in addition that the financial aid office advised her against sending them her paid tuition receipt and requested a refund of her \$59 if they could not help her. She is still awaiting a response and thinks she is a victim of a scam. "They're basically asking for the same things over again," Moore said.

"I did a Visa from here and it didn't even ask for anything like that, it just asked that the financial aid office said that I am a student here. As far as the paid tuition receipt, I'm not naive enough to send that kind of information anywhere. That's too much information," she said.

In the event that you feel you have been scammed, the BBB advises that you contact your local

BBB office, the FTC and the appropriate law enforcement authorities, along with the attorney general's office and the district attorney's office in your state. Be sure to provide them with detailed information in your complaint on the company in question.

The BBB can be contacted via its web site (www.bbb.org).

The address of the FTC is Room 200, 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

They also can be reached on the Web at www.ftc.gov/.

Here are some tips provided by the FTC to take into consideration when pondering any offer or opportunity:

- If an advertiser does not want to answer your questions, it may be an indication that deception lies ahead.
- Trust your instincts when you feel that you should check out an ad.
- Be on the lookout for outlandish copy. If the ad sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Check out the fine print in an ad.
- Get the street address and phone number of the advertiser.
- Watch out for ads that use international phone numbers or ads which imply a government agency endorsing, testing or approving a product.
- Do not give out your phone number, Social Security number, account numbers or any other important personal information until you are certain you are dealing with a legitimate organization.

Homeless cats to be removed from dorms

By Margie Wise
Production Manager

Due to complaints about stray cats living behind Woodcrest apartments at Northern Kentucky University, the office of Residential Life is planning on trapping the animals and having them taken to the Campbell County Animal Shelter, said Patty Hayden, director of Residential Life.

Currently, plans regarding the cats have been put on hold. According to Ron Young, superintendent of grounds and transportation services, all available grounds crews are busy cleaning up snow and ice. Residential life has no plans to go ahead with the trapping until the weather improves. Hayden said the traps have been returned to the shelter until later this year.

"It's been a problem on campus for a long time," Hayden said. "The problem has existed since we built apartment-style housing."

The problem probably stems from students who live in the apartments, she said. Students (who are not supposed to have pets) abandon them when they

graduate or go home for a break.

"It comes from people...telling us 'I remember that gray cat's been here and so-in-so had a cat that looked like that and they left,'" she said. In turn, the animals breed with the wild cats in the area, increasing the cat population.

She said the complaints have been coming for at least two years, and usually increase during winter.

Because of the cold weather, she said, some residential students have had a problem with cats trying to enter their rooms. Hayden gave an example of one cat which kept hiding under a resident's bed and refusing to leave.

"We think the cat probably lived there at one time," she said. This is an issue because she said the cats can carry diseases and fleas.

Another problem with the cats Hayden said was that some students may have a phobia about cats. She has heard of a student who is so scared of cats they refuse to leave their room when one is outside.

She said, "We've had people who have been afraid of snakes coming up to their room. It's just the same thing."

Hayden said the cats are like any

other pests.

"We have someone who goes around and sprays for roaches or ants in your room, but we don't have someone whose pest control includes cats," she said.

According to Donald McKenzie, director of the Department of Public Safety, Sgt. Don Staudenger, a DPS officer, has been working with the shelter.

McKenzie said, "My officer spent quite a bit of time with the Campbell County Animal Shelter about removing them because it is a health hazard."

However, McKenzie said most of the removal of the cats will be handled by the roads and grounds crew.

Young said he was notified of the situation this fall.

"Our only role is after they trap the cats [we will] transport them to the Campbell County Animal Shelter," he said.

At the shelter, what happened to the cats would depend on their age and the amount of space available at the time they were received.

Erin Means, an animal technician at the Campbell County Animal Shelter, said "We would probably hold them for at least

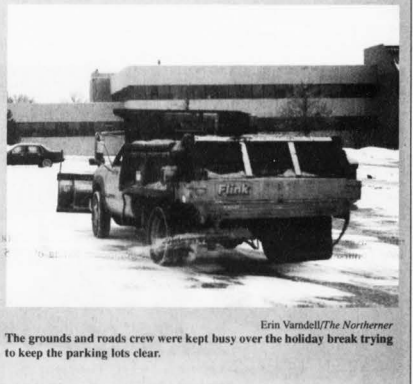
seven days. The youngest and healthiest would be kept longer. It depends on how they looked and their health. It's really hard to adopt out adult cats...Even cats that are seven or eight months. Everyone wants a tiny little furball they can hold in the palm of their hand," she said.

Means said just recently they had about 30 cats from an old man who died, and that all those animals were put to sleep.

"I haven't noticed any problem. When I have noticed [the cats] out they have not presented themselves in a threatening manner. No one has been bitten or attacked," said Jerome Bowles, a education graduate student who lives in Woodcrest. "I wish they would come up with some other alternative rather than putting them to sleep."

Hayden said the office has not considered taking the animals elsewhere, she said, "Any of the domestic cats that are just not here

Fighting the Ice



Erin Vardell/The Northerner

The grounds and roads crew were kept busy over the holiday break trying to keep the parking lots clear.

at the time we start trapping are just not an issue. Anyone who is concerned about a particular cat that is domesticated and...would like to find it a home, please do."

There is also a list in the

Residential Life office of people who have offered to take the animals once they have been trapped and find them homes or take them to one of the no-kill shelters in the area.



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Due to the recent attacks on campus, residential life is considering ways to increase security in the dorms. This may include a new lock system, mesh covers for windows and a volunteer student escort service.

Attacks prompt increased security

By Anna Weaver
Executive Editor

Three assaults in the Northern Kentucky University Woodcrest Apartments have prompted an increase in security for the residential village.

According to DPS Director Don McKenzie, patrols have increased in the dorms to two officers during the hours of darkness. In addition, the way that officers patrol (by bike, car, and foot) has been varied to give the officers more of an advantage by using alternate methods.

Also, McKenzie said that DPS will be working with Residential Life in matters like key control, and there is a new officer substation in the Kentucky Hall dormitory.

Patty Hayden, director of Residential Life, said that she is always investigating new ways to improve safety in the dorms.

Right now, Residential Life is investigating three methods to increase safety in each room. The first is locks that automatically lock

every time the door is closed. The second is a metal mesh screen for all the windows that are accessible at the ground or breezeway level. And the third is chain locks for efficiency units.

Hayden said that if they change the lock system that is currently being used, it will have to be better or as secure as it is now.

Because the recent attacks on campus were made by an unforced entry, the restriction on sub-master keys has been increased.

Before, there was access to sub-master keys by Residential Advisors at all the hall desks. Now, access to master keys is only available in the Residential Life office during business hours.

Hayden said that master keys can only be used by members of the professional staff and that Residential Life will reexamine the key policy.

Jerry Wallace, a graduate student and apartment manager for Woodcrest is on a new safety committee headed by Assistant Director of

Public Safety Leo Calderon.

Wallace is currently trying to implement a student escort service. To start the program, there must be at least 25 student volunteers.

"Whether or not this is a service depends on if we have 25 people who are available one night a week. Once we hit that, we're operational."

The new escort service cannot be enacted until there are student volunteers. Hayden stressed that initiative to increase security must be made by the students themselves. She said that students should always be aware of their surroundings and always secure the windows and the locks in the rooms.

"Always notice when there are people in the area that look like they don't belong. It's important to take an active role in the safety of your neighbors. If you see something, report it," Hayden said.

If you are interested in volunteering for the student escort service, contact Jerry Wallace at 572-7504.

NKU now 80-85 percent compliant with year 2000

This is the first story in a series about preparations and precautions for the year 2000 problem.

By Kelly Sudzina
Managing Editor

As of this publication date, there are 352 days left to prepare for the Y2K dilemma.

Garry Casson, the director of administrative computing and the head of the Year 2000 Project Task Force, anticipates that Northern Kentucky University will have no trouble meeting the change-over next year.

The change-over from Dec. 31, 1999 to Jan. 1, 2000 may cause some problems in anything with embedded computer circuits that is date-dependent, such as microwaves, clocks, elevators, cars and, of course, computers.

The problem is that most information systems use only two digits in records for the year, so that when it becomes 2000, it will read as 00. If your computer is not Y2K (year 2000) compliant, it may register "00" as meaning 1900.

The Year 2000 Project was initiated by NKU in 1996 to ensure that all aspects of the university would be compliant before the date change, Casson said.

A comprehensive listing of all centrally maintained hardware and software resources was compiled and information was obtained from vendors to document current status for Year 2000 compliance on each piece of hardware and software. The documentation tells whether each item is year 2000 compliant or not and, if not, schedules when necessary upgrades will be made available.

"We have a composite listing of all of our hardware and software.

We've contacted vendors on all of these products. We've established whether these are already year 2000 compliant, or we have the upgrades in hand and scheduled to be installed, or we have a date when the vendor will be supplying the year 2000 update," Casson said.

"Every single piece of software on every device, we have to meticulously go through with every vendor," Casson said.

As of Monday, Jan. 4, the Student Information System is year 2000 compliant. The Student Information System contains all the information on students and encompasses records, registration, financial aid and billing/receiving. "With the completion of the Student Information System year 2000 upgrade, we're probably 80-85 percent done," Casson said.

Other things that are now com-

pliant are human resources, financial accounting system, billing, financial aid, registrar and bursar, among others, Casson said. "We support virtually all of the offices on campus."

"On every floor of every building, there's networking electronics. And that has to be year 2000 compliant," Casson said. The campus networks are compliant too.

"Many things we've purchased are already compliant. Companies have known about this for years," Casson said.

If things were not compliant already when they were purchased, vendors will supply a patch to make it compliant. "Year 2000 upgrades come to us from the vendors as part of our maintenance agreements, so we don't have to pay any more to get them," Casson said.

NKU's current mainframe is not

year 2000 compliant. "The mainframe is a central computer used to manage and maintain NKU's information resources. The mainframe is capable of simultaneously responding to inquiries from hundreds of users while doing batch processing in the background," Casson said.

The mainframe is being replaced because it will save money for NKU. "Our annual recurring costs will go down \$260,000 per year in terms of reduced cost of hardware maintenance and reduced cost of software license," Casson said.

It will also provide NKU with more up-to-date technology. Casson said, "Keeping pace with technology also helps you resolve the obsolescence problems."

Besides saving money, the new mainframe will also be easier to ensure year 2000 compliance.

Casson said, the old IBM main-

frame was bought 9 or 10 years ago for \$700,000. But the new system that has been purchased to replace it cost under \$200,000 and is much faster and much smaller than the old one. The new mainframe is already paid for and is at NKU waiting to be installed.

Casson said the problems that do occur after the change-over will be insignificant. "I think there will be problems. Our expectation is that we minimize those," Casson said. "We're going to keep addressing the issue up until the year 2000 because you just can't assume things are done."

Casson said, "My greatest worry about year 2000 is individuals that have purchased standalone software packages and the worry of whether those individuals have taken the steps with their software vendors to ensure that they're year 2000 compliant."

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A Hole lot of Love

D.J. Jeb shares his views on popular music

By **Jeb Holbrook**
Staff Reporter

This is D.J. Jeb jamming the top modern rock hits from Northern Kentucky University's student run radio station WRFN 810 a.m. radio free Northern. D.J. Jebby Jam is the man, because he plays all the best bands that are in demand.

Courtney Love, whose first claim to fame was her marriage to former Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain, has stayed in the public eye as the lead singer for the band Hole.

Hole is the feminine version of Nirvana, with its grungy guitars and Generation X attitude.

Love, like Madonna, has been able to reinvent herself which keeps fans interested.

Love has gone from a skank groupie junkie to a clean glamorous actress.

The album "Celebrity Skin" and its title track seem to tell the story of that makeover and its cost of a "pound of flesh", a reference to Shakespeare's

"Love has gone from a skank groupie junkie to a clean glamorous actress."

-Jeb Holbrook

Merchant of Venice. This song, like others on the record, was written by Billy Corgan, lead singer for the Smashing Pumpkins.

This song is about the price one has to pay to become a celebrity in Hollywood. Bottom line: this song rocks.

The second hit song is Du Hast, from a band straight out of Germany: Rammstein.

First off, "Du Hast" translated from German means "You Hate".

This is a dark song which will not make its way into Tipper Gore's CD collection any time soon.

The video is violent and scary. This song is very industrial and techno.

This band is reminiscent of those early German techno pioneers, Kraftwerk.

Save Tonight by Eagle Eye Cherry is a very poppy catchy tune.

The song's message is to seize the day right now because you may not be here tomorrow.

This song is about a guy telling a girl that she had better carpe diem and make love to him tonight because, "tomorrow I'll be gone".

Eagle Eye Cherry is the brother of Neneh Cherry who sang Buffalo Stance.

New 'Prince' of animation

By **Kelly Sudzina**
Managing Editor

Disney's animation market reign just might be coming to an end with the release of "The Prince of Egypt" by DreamWorks SKG.

A spectacular work of artistry, the story focuses on Moses' younger years and how (under God's command) he led the Hebrews from Egypt to free them from slavery.

Artistically, this movie was incredible. What better way to present a plague of locusts, the Burning

Bush and the parting of the Red Sea, than with animation, where the boundaries of possibility nearly don't exist? I thought the special effects were breathtaking.

And the range of expressions the characters displayed went way beyond "The Little Mermaid."

You could see the pain on Moses' face each time something that God directed him to do hurt his "brother" Rameses.

I applaud DreamWorks for breaking the established animation traditions and gearing this "cartoon" more toward adults.

"In live action there is an incredible variety of movies—dramas, comedies, big effects films, intimate romantic comedies," said Jeffrey Katzenberg, the executive producer of "The Prince of Egypt" and co-founder and principal partner of DreamWorks SKG. "I don't see why animation can't be as varied in

the types of stories it tells. I hope and believe that we can use animation as a cinematic tool to tell many different kinds of stories...that today's animation can be something more than movies for children."

But I think they hit a flaw in that they didn't go far enough from animations established norm. For example, the opening scene was very Disney-esque with a song sung by just about the entire opening cast, that also included quick, cutesy, gags that seemed geared toward children.

I don't think this movie required an

I think they should have gone totally astray from the public's expectations and created a totally serious cartoon. Not a musical. That's too expected of an animated feature. What even moderately successful full-length animated feature has been made in the past 20 years or so, that wasn't a musical? I don't remember any.

Not that the music wasn't good. The soundtrack was excellent, and fit the mood of the film. The movie worked well as a musical too. I just think they should have went a little

more out on a limb and staying in the safe comfort-zone of the animated musical. (I don't think that Val Kilmer could've become a hand-drawn Charlton Heston, but it could have had that type of impact.)

I think the best part of this movie is that it's so

good that it will have Disney and others shaking. And competition provokes better quality in the end product. That means we might be seeing some really excellent animated films in the very near future.

Bottom line: I think it was incredible animation, and an admirable retelling of the story of Exodus. It really got me into the film. I cried and I laughed (and I cried some more). But I wish, just for once, that someone had done something so completely different that it would create a whole new genre. I would like to see a lot more "adult cartoons."



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Tziporah (Michelle Pfeiffer), Moses (Val Kilmer), Miriam (Sandra Bullock) and Aaron (Jeff Goldblum) lead the Hebrews out of Egypt.

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Wednesday, January 13, 1999

THE NORTHERNER

Somethin' to talk about

By Kelly Carson
Features Editor

It's the beginning of a new year and what better way to make a change than by making a New Year's resolution. If you want to lose weight, quit smoking or make some other drastic change about yourself, now is the time to do it.

Most of you probably make a New Year's resolution each year, but how many of you actually stick to it?

My guess is that most people, including myself, give up and quit pursuing their resolution, mostly within the first few months of the year. Why do we give up so easily? After all, we are trying to make a change to better ourselves.

In my opinion, I think most of the time we set our expectations too high. We get frustrated when we don't see results right away then we fail to follow through with our resolution. I think we are people who want instant gratification.

If you want to lose 20 pounds, for example, you want to see results quickly. If two weeks pass, and you've only lost two pounds, you probably will feel discouraged and angry. Instead of working harder at your goal, you might feel you can't do it, so you give up hope. By this time, some chocolate cake and ice cream sound really comforting and you are back into your old habits again.

It is very important to have goals in life, but we must realize that change doesn't happen overnight.

To change even a small part of ourselves is to change something major in our lives.

After several failed attempts at sticking to my New Year's resolutions, I have learned to take a different approach. Instead of only focusing on the big picture or my ultimate goal, I focus on the smaller steps I must take to reach my goal.

If your New Year's resolution is to lose 20 pounds, make small goals that will eventually help you to lose the weight. At the beginning of the year, you are gungho on the idea of losing weight, and you might make some rash and drastic decisions. From personal experience, going on crash diets or not eating is the worst thing you can do to your body.

Think sensibly. Don't try to alter your life completely. Tell yourself you are going to exercise 2-3 times a week, cut chocolate out of your diet Monday through Friday and eat more servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

These changes are not drastic, but at the end of the week you will have accomplished these small goals and you will feel confident about yourself. If you make a mistake one week and forget to exercise one day, don't beat yourself up. Everyone makes mistakes, but the worst thing to do is dwell on them.

Maintaining a New Year's resolution is difficult for almost everyone, but if you make attainable goals, stay focused and think positive you can achieve anything!

Finance Student Association offers real world experiences

By Tony Casnellie
Copy Editor

If you are a finance major and want to get to know other finance majors, or if you just really love money, you may be interested in the Finance Student Association.

The Finance Student Association has approximately 23 members.

The purpose of the association is to create networks, form study groups and set up meetings with guest speakers involved in finance.

Members of the association got to experience finance in action on a recent trip to Chicago.

They visited the Chicago Board of Options Trading, the Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board of Options Exchange.

Dr. Anju Ramjee, a finance professor, explained that the trip was beneficial to the students.

"They visit the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Trade and see the actual theory in practice in terms of the Trade Center. That is the best way for them to learn and it gives them real world perspective rather than just being in the classroom and learning about it from a theoretical point of view."

Senior finance major, Stephen Pfeiffenberger said some of the members were right in the middle of the action while in the Trade Center.

"Three of us went on the floor of the Exchange. We stepped right behind a Fidelity trader in one of the pits. That was pretty interesting to see that," Pfeiffenberger said.

Darren Kuntz, also a senior finance major, is the president of the association.

He said the trip to Chicago was a great learning experience.

"We watched the process on the floor. We were given a little bit of input on what exactly they're doing down there, what the hand signals mean, what goes into being a trader, why they are there and what are their rewards," Kuntz said.

The Finance Student Association meets at least once a month.

The members bring in speakers who focus on finance and marketing.

Kuntz said that even those students who are not finance majors



Photo Contributed
Members of the Finance Student Association pose for a group shot during their recent trip to Chicago.

may benefit from what the speakers have to say.

"They're basically salesmen, so they're geared toward people without an understanding of what's going on. They don't come in throwing out all these complex algorithms. They come in and they're like, this is what you need to know. This is how we can make money. This is how I can help you. This is what you will be doing in this type of job," Kuntz said.

The first meeting of the semester will be on Jan. 28 in the Business, Education and Psychology building in room 342 at 4:30 pm.

Kuntz encourages students to join the association.

"It's pretty much open to anyone that's in college, anyone that has any interest in finance, financial markets- if they would just like to meet finance students and maybe get a little investment advice," he said.

The Greenhornes: Not your average band

By Aimee Mercer
Staff Reporter

One part rock-n-roll. One part blues. Separately, these categories capsule the average

Cincinnati band, but mixed together create the musical dish, The Greenhornes.

The Greenhornes are a local band that specializes in a departure from the trendy, main-

stream music oozed by popular bands today.

Stephanie Rogg, a senior English major, has seen The Greenhornes in action.

"They really are worth checking out," she said.

"Their music is bluesy and refreshing. It's something different than the average indie-rock style, like Matchbox 20, that's popular now."

"Their lyrics are simple. It's not what they say though, it's how they say it," she said.

The Greenhornes—Patrick, Jared, Jack, Brian and Craig frequently perform at The Comet and Sudy's in Cincinnati to crowds of various size and ages.

The Greenhornes will be releasing a full-length record this month.



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The Greenhornes plan to release a full-length record later this month.

Campus Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 14:

- March for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 7 p.m. Norse Commons.
- "Inner Visions," an exhibition of works by NKU art faculty. Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Fine Arts Center, main gallery.
- "The Journey," an installation by Barbara Houghton. Opening reception, 5-8 p.m. Fine Arts Center, Third floor gallery.
- Phi Beta Lambda meeting, 3:15 p.m. UC 303.
- Students Together Against Racism, 7:30 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.
- Women in Transition support group meeting, 12:15-1:30 p.m. UC 232.

Wednesday, Jan. 20:

- "Secrets to Starting a Successful Small Business," seminar, 6-8:30 p.m. BEP 461. For reservations call 572-6524. Fifteen dollars per person.
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NKU basketball brings winning records with new year

By Chad Aulick
Sports EditorBy Elden May
Assistant Sports Editor

As many celebrated the dawn of a new year, the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team was left searching for answers.

After gaining a spot in the USA Today coach's top 25 poll, the Norse were promptly upset at home by the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

NKU rebounded from the loss as it swept all three games against Great Lakes Valley Conference foes this week.

NKU began the streak on Monday, January 4 with a home appointment against Quincy University. The Norse forced 42 turnovers and coasted to a 74-48 victory over the Lady Hawks at Regents Hall.

NKU controlled nearly the entire game and led 42-19 at halftime.

Michelle Tuchfarber scored 14 of her team-leading 18 points in

the first half.

NKU played its reserves for most of the second half. In fact, no NKU player saw more than 29 minutes of action.

Senior center Shannon Smith scored 12 points. Katie Kelsey, Michelle Cottrell, Julie Stanley and Jessica Jensen each added 9 points.

The Norse took to the road for games Thursday at St. Joseph's and Saturday at Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne.

The St. Joseph's Lady Pumas led the GLVC with a 7-0 conference mark while NKU had a 5-2 mark.

After giving up 20 first half points to St. Joseph's sharp-shooter Angie Hupfer, the Norse

"Michelle Cottrell is the best freshman I've ever seen play college basketball."

-Michelle Tuchfarber

turned up the defense on the Pumas and won, 91-75.

Michelle Cottrell was the star for NKU. In addition to her scoring,

she matched up against Hupfer in the second half and held the St. Joseph's star to 10 points.

On Saturday, NKU traveled to Fort Wayne for a match-up with



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Norse fans cheer for their NKU team.

the Mastodons. The Norse led by as many as 29, but settled for an 11 point win over IPFW.

NKU led 72-43 midway through the second half before IPFW cut the lead to the final margin of 77-66.

The inconsistency of the bench is a matter of concern for NKU women's coach Nancy Winstel.

"I'm disappointed with the way the game ended. The starting situation is fairly settled, but the bench players also have a responsibility," Winstel said.

Michelle Tuchfarber led NKU with 18 points. The big scoring numbers from Tuchfarber are part of the team concept.

"Every time I go out there I want to do what's best for our team," Tuchfarber said.

Freshman Michelle Cottrell continued her impressive week with 17 points. Tuchfarber said she has been impressed with Cottrell's maturity.

"Michelle Cottrell is the best freshman I've ever seen play college basketball," Tuchfarber

said.

And whose the best men's team in Division II college basketball?

Well that hasn't been decided yet, but the Northern Kentucky University men's team has won its last 5 straight posting a 9-4 record through last Saturday's 72-69 victory over IPFW.

The win away was pulled out with the help of Brian Lawhon's three point shooting.

Lawhon went scoreless in the first half and NKU was down by

eight going into the second. Then things started rolling for the Norse. Player of the game Adam Norwell contributed 11 rebounds and Brian Lawhon added 18 points, all behind the three point line.

Before NKU's come from behind win at IPFW there was NKU's 20 point blowout against Saint Joseph's.

Craig Conley scored a career-high 30 points in the 107-87 win.

Craig Sanders added 21 points, and Norwell pulled down 10 rebounds.

Another career game was in order. But it wasn't Craig Conley and it wasn't against Saint Joseph's.

Mike Vieth scored a career high 18 points against Quincy.

He also added five rebounds, five steals and four blocked shots in the 84-65 victory.

"Over the break I got to practice more than usual," Vieth said. "Now it's starting to show. I've gotten in shape more. I was a step behind in the first half of the season. I didn't think I was in shape. The practices over the break really helped me out."

Sanders helped out the Norse effort with 26 points and seven rebounds against QU. The freshman forward lead the team with 18.8 points per game.



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The Northerner's players of the week



Michelle Cottrell: right

The Freshman from Boone County High school continues her impressive freshman campaign. Cottrell scored nine points in a win over Quincy and 17 in the NKU victory over IPFW. Cottrell also shut down St. Joseph All-America candidate Angie Hupfer, holding her to ten second half points in the 91-75 NKU victory.

Mike Vieth: left

The senior center padded his stats against Quincy posting a career high 18 points and five steals.



Upcoming events in the Great Lakes Valley Conference

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Saturday, Jan. 23 1:00 p.m.
SOUTHERN INDIANA

*All home games in bold caps

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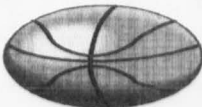
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Grow up or get out

By Kristin Wilson

I am part-time student at Northern Kentucky University, a 29-year-old mother of two, and a career woman. With the Spring 1999 semester around the corner, I began reflecting on a class I took last spring and decided it was due time I spoke up about that experience.

During that night class last spring there was a group of students that was very disruptive for most of the class, but especially for me. Furthermore, their sideline discussions regarding coursework from other classes, and their discussions surrounding post-class dinner and study plans, added to the nuisance they created more so than straining to hear the lecture over their static.

To make matters even more complicated, these students sat in the front of the class and received no warnings or discipline from the professor for continually being disruptive. Please note that these students were disruptive in a way that went beyond subtle whispers and note passing. They had outright conversations over the lectures, and while lab instructions were given, and made no bones about it.

For those of us who were bothered, asking them to be quiet was an invitation to rumble. In fact, I contacted the professor prior to a class and requested that he take action since my ability to focus in class was being hindered.

My request was made just as much to regain a peaceful classroom as it was to stop the petty remarks I would receive on occasion simply because I asked them to be quiet.

When he addressed the class, his approach was so ineffective that the students not only ignored his request to respect other students who are trying to hear the lecture and learn, but they also began harassing two classmates that they assumed addressed the professor.

By now, my circle of friends and a few other annoyed students were thoroughly disgusted by the whole situation.

Of course, everyone has their own idea of how to make them be quiet since the professor's actions were so ineffective. And when I heard that their harassment went beyond the classroom and into the

surrounding campus and community, I was infuriated.

Numerous discussions took place between the professor and I, as well as my classmates. How can students be so thoughtless and disruptive, I argued. Surely they are freshmen because no upperclassman would be this immature. (No offense to the freshman student body. I was a freshman at one point, too.) To my surprise, these students were not only seniors, but also education majors!

The behavior of these students, and the discipline (or lack thereof) from the professor, raised serious questions in my mind:

- Were these students really schooled in an environment that allowed them to be so disrespectful?

- Were these students really just a bunch of college bullies?

- What does the professor think of their behavior and why didn't he take action immediately? Isn't that also part of his role as a teacher?

I don't know why society today is so callous. For that matter, I don't know what was on the minds of the senior education majors who were so disruptive in my class and I sure don't know why they would choose to harass fellow classmates.

We have an obligation to each other to be respectful and to not make fellow classmates feel unsafe or threatened.

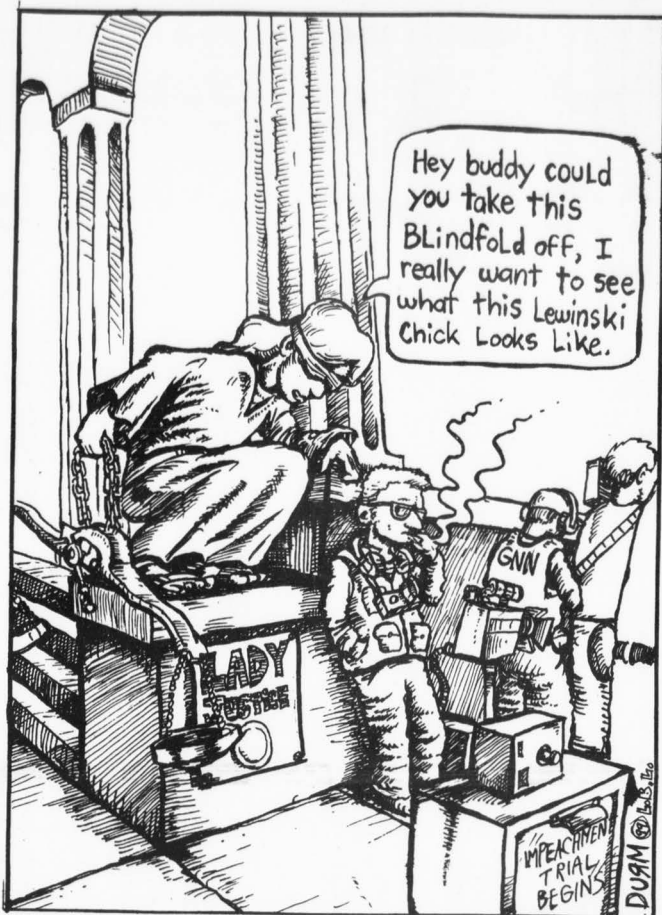
There's already enough tragedy in our communities. We need to work together, not against each other, to resolve differences.

Our campus should be an educational sanctuary where ideas are expressed freely and classroom participation begins with the topic at hand and does not include discussion outside that educational arena.

There's so much more I could relate about the class I took that semester, but I would like to remind all students of their responsibility in the classroom.

Please heed Northern Kentucky University's Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

And as for the students who disrupted my class that fateful spring semester, just remember this: What goes around comes around!



North Poll

Do you think NKU has done a good job clearing off walk ways and parking lots?



Tricia Miller
Senior
Social Work

"I think they are trying, although with each day this storm continues, the walkways and parking lots have become worse."



Aatir Barlos
Freshman
Computer Science

"Yes, I think they have done a pretty good job."



Kelly McCarthy
Junior
Communications

"No, parking lots are okay, but walkways are pretty bad. Although with no one here there really isn't much they can do."



Doug Grime
Freshman
Political Science

"Yes, they did a good job around the University Center."

CORRECTION: The outline in the features section of the Sep. 9 issue incorrectly stated that Crystal Steele was the Miss Black and Old Gold of 1998. The winner was Crystal Collins who is a political science and international studies major. She will be in the state competition in February.

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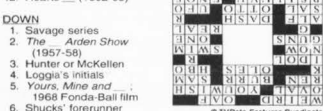
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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. To take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

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 5. Bumpkin
 8. Skating rink
 9. Series for John Ales (2)
 13. TV dog
 14. Perry Mason's portrayer
 15. Bakula's role in
 16. Olsen and others
 17. Premium cable channel
 18. Singer Billy
 21. Here and (1992-93)
 22. Emulate Spitz
 25. The ___ of Will Sonnett (1967-69)
 26. Word in the title of Bonnie Franklin's '75-84 series
 27. ___ Life With Jane Pauley (1990-91)
 28. 1986-90 Tanner family
 29. Punctuation mark
 31. Mr. Mineo
 35. Bulldog in the comic strip Beetle Bailey
 36. Eerie sighting, for short
 38. 1991-92 detective drama
- DOWN**
1. Savage series
 2. The Arden Show (1957-58)
 3. Hunter or McKellen
 4. Loggia's initials
 5. Yours, Mine and (1968 Fonda-Ball film)
 6. Shucks' forerunner
 7. Barney Miller spinoff
 9. Actor in The King and I
 10. Miner's find
 11. Title role in the top-ranked show among teen-age girls
 12. Kaiser Permanente, for one: abbr.
 14. Derek
 19. Jerry's portrayer on The Parent Hood
 20. On Our ___ (1994-95)
 23. Misfortune
 24. Place
 26. Cleopatra's downfall
 29. The Wilson Show (1970-74)
 30. Griffin's portrayer on Cosby
 31. Out bike, for one: abbr.
 32. The Erwin Show (1950-55)
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It may be difficult for you to understand why a loved one needs to pursue a dream. The important thing is for you to support him or her.
- Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**
You probably don't realize how essential your ideas are to a project. Voice your opinions without being derogatory.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
Insecurities are not very attractive qualities. Let go of all the baggage that is keeping you from what you most desire.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**
Sometimes it is best to tell people exactly what you want from them. That way, there can be no excuses.
- Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)**
Improve your mood with a little laughter. Rent your favorite comedy and let yourself enjoy the moment.
- Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**
Being a slave to a job is a lot less productive than you think. Sit down and find ways to better manage your time.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Make the most of what you have, and share it with those you love. Money isn't everything. A friend delivers happy news.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
Avoid making any financial decisions for a short time. You need to step back from a situation and look at it from a different angle.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
An authority figure may be taking his or her position a bit too seriously. Hold your tongue for now; it isn't worth the trouble.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
Stop holding back your affections where a loved one is concerned. Take some time to do long-range financial planning.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
It seems like the more you try to get ahead, the more work there is. Don't be afraid to ask for assistance.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
You want to make a drastic change, but don't do anything you might regret later. Step back and take a good look at what is happening.

Born this week:

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