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Election 2003

Fletcher heads to Frankfort

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A group of Northern Kentucky University College Republicans were celebrating on campus Tuesday night as early polls put Congressman Ernie Fletcher ahead of Attorney General Ben Chandler by nearly nine percent.

"We knew that this year was going to be close. This is definitely a victory party," Michael Tobertga, chair of the campus events committee for the College Republicans, said after listening to Fletcher's victory speech on television in the University Center.

Tobertga said his group started a "very grassroots campaign" last spring, which included going door-to-door and spending 72 hours last weekend campaigning, to get voters to the polls.

"Voters have helped someone that is really going to help Kentucky," Tobertga said.

Fletcher said in his speech Tuesday, that he, and running mate, Lt. Col. Steve Pence, now Lt. Governor elect, want to unite Kentuckians and "restore hope and faith" in the Commonwealth.



Ernie Fletcher

"A margin of victory of this type is a mandate for change."

-Wes Irvin



Steve Pence

fight drug abuse, protect farmers and the tobacco industry, while making Kentucky more "business-friendly" to create jobs.

Wes Irvin, a spokesperson for Fletcher, said the governor-elect realizes the importance of the Northern Kentucky region to the future of the

Commonwealth and will work for both job creation and higher education. "He is a product of higher education and wants to make sure every Kentuckian has that opportunity," Irvin said.

Fletcher wants to bring a federal research lab to Kentucky. Irvin said a lab would be a magnet to the region as well as keep college graduates in the state.

"Ernie Fletcher is going to be a friend to Northern Kentucky and a friend to the whole state," Irvin said.

Fletcher is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Engineering and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He was an aircraft commander for the United States Air Force and now lives in Lexington with his wife, Glenna, and two children, Rachel and Ben. Amanda VanBenschoten contributed

Always a bridesmaid, never a bride



photo by Susan Netter

From left: Karie Miller, Tracy Welles, Greg Hillier, S. Kate Thompson, Rachel Rogers, Amy Schwegmann act in Alan Ball's "Five Women in the Same Dress."

Arrests prompt racial concerns

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A citation for a minor offense escalated into situation in which two students were arrested and one of them ran from campus police, highlighting what some see as a fundamental misunderstanding between law enforcement officers and minorities.

Two Department of Public Safety officers apprehended freshman LaQuita Monroe, an African-

American, after they saw her outside Norse Commons Oct. 14 with one of the dining hall's plastic cups.

Jerry Payne, also an African-American freshman and an acquaintance of Monroe's, attempted to intervene on her behalf and was arrested, according to the incident report, for failing to step back at Officer Ken Honchell's repeated requests.

Payne, who could not be reached for comment, ran from the scene before he was placed under arrest for interfering with police and disorderly conduct, but he was later

apprehended in his room in Kentucky Hall and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Sodexo, the company that provides dining hall services for the university, has asked DPS to step up its efforts to prevent students from taking dishware from their facilities, according to Jeff Butler, chief of DPS.

Matt Brown, director of residential life at Northern Kentucky University, said, "every year dining services experiences significant losses...that's a common problem."

Since Payne and Monroe were both charged with misdemeanors and this was the first offense for each, both were eligible and opted for diversion, which allows defendants and their attorneys the option of having the case heard outside of the court.

Monroe received five hours community service and must write a two-page essay on what she learned from the incident. Payne will receive Nov. 17 eight hours community service and must write a two-page essay explaining why

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Fair helps freshmen, others choose major

By CJ Fryer

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Nearly 600 students made their way through University Center Ballroom on Oct. 30, hoping to gain more information about Northern Kentucky University departments at the fifth annual Major and Minor Fair.

The event, sponsored by the Career Development Center, the Office of First-Year Programs, and the Academic Advising Resource Center, was an oppor-

tunity for students to learn more information about the majors offered at NKU, according to Marcia Miller, assistant director of the CDC.

"Where else do you get a chance to have all the majors in one area?" said "You can go table to table and find out what those majors do - what they're all about."

History professor Sue Deluca believes this day helps students who may be hesitant about going out and contacting people on their own.

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photo by DJ Carter

Frank Preston (left) and Kelly Jones work to get the air conditioning restored in University Center.

'Watt' happened?

The Fine Arts Building and University Center were left without power for several hours Nov. 3 after a university transformer blew.

Physical Plant Director Bob Bolece said the transformer was probably about 27 years old and that age was probably a factor in the outage.

"There was a glitch from Cinergy," he said. "The power dropped off."

He said they were able to restore power in the UC but the Fine Arts building still needed work Monday night.

Senior music major Michelle

McLane was one of several musicians locked out of the powerless fine arts building.

McLane, who teaches private flute to area seventh graders, took the opportunity to hold class outside, in the warm weather.

McLane said her students were "a little apprehensive" about playing outside in front of passersby.

The power outage caused the faculty brass concert to be cancelled as well as the orchestra rehearsal, SGA meeting and Meal of Fortune.

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OCT 31 2003
Friday-11:55 p.m.
Classification: THEFT-Theft
By: Unlawful Taking-Over
\$300
Location: PARKING LOT U
Disposition: Under investigation
Summary: Subject reported the theft of several items from his vehicle while parked at the listed location.

OCT 31 2003
Friday-02:05 p.m.
Classification: THEFT
Theft/Larceny From a Motor Vehicle Under \$300
Location: PARKING LOT U
Disposition: Under investigation
Summary: Subject reported the theft of currency from a vehicle while parked in the listed location.

OCT 31 2003
Friday-11:26 a.m.
Classification: THEFT
Theft/Larceny From a Motor Vehicle Under \$300
Location: PARKING LOT L
Disposition: Under investigation
Summary: Subject reported the theft of a 2004 NKU parking permit and a calculator from a vehicle while parked in the listed location.

OCT 31 2003
Friday-07:46 a.m.
Classification: PROPERTY FOUND/Recovered Property
Location: NATURAL SCIENCE BUILDING FOURTH FLOOR
Disposition: Closed
Summary: A set of personal keys were found at the listed location. The item was logged and secured in the DPS Property/Evidence Room.

campusbriefs

Winners of essay contest announced
NKU students Melissa Ann Hayes, Susan Goldberg and Lori Goetz and Walton-Vernon high school student Brandon Ray Webster each won \$100 for their essay on why citizens should exercise the right to vote.

Their essays were published in *The Kentucky Post* and recognized in an Oct. 30 award ceremony.
The essay contest is part of the Get Out The Vote for Democracy initiative sponsored by NKU, *The Kentucky Post*, and the Center for Civic Engagement.

As part of the initiative, President James Votruba has declared Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, "Democracy Day."

The project is intended to promote civic engagement in Northern Kentucky, especially among young people, by highlighting the importance of voting and community and political involvement.

Theft plagues campus
The theft of over \$8,000 worth of equipment from a "smart classroom" prompted Jerry Warner, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost, to urge faculty and staff take measures to ensure the thefts do not continue.

In a memo Oct. 31, Warner suggested that doors to classrooms remain locked when faculty aren't present and to be on alert to any activity that seems out of the ordinary and to report

it to the Department of Public Safety right away.

Equipment lost through theft January 2003 through August 2003 was over \$38,000, higher than comparable periods, Warner said in the memo. A total of \$112,060 in equipment was stolen January 2001 through August 2003.

Former Cincy mayor to teach at NKU
Former Cincinnati mayor Roxanne Qualls, 50, will begin teaching a master's program in public administration at Northern Kentucky University in Spring 2004.

Qualls will also help design courses to help address issues faced by elected officials. Qualls will be considered a vis-

iting professor but will be paid the same salary as a full professor.

Chase Law Library to host steamboat display

The Chase Law Library is exhibiting artifacts of the history of steamboats in its "The Steamboats Are Coming" display now through Nov. 15 on the second floor of Nunn Hall. The display contains photographs, personal diaries, posters and prints that chronicle the history of steamboats on the Ohio River.

The display is available 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Sundays.

nationalbriefs

First openly gay bishop consecrated Sunday

The Episcopal Church inaugurated its first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson, Nov. 2. He was elevated to bishop of New Hampshire. Robinson is the first openly gay man to hold such a high position in any major Christian religion. Thirty-eight bishops in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Church of Canada said Nov. 2 that they would not recognize Robinson as a fellow bishop. Controversy over the inauguration has spread discord among the church for weeks, as critics have denounced same-sex relations in the church.

California wildfires have victims out of control

Two people were arrested for posing as fire officials, after being forced out of their home due to the San Bernardino, CA, wildfires. The fires have taken at least 20 lives, burned over 800,000 acres of land and obliterated 3,400 homes. The two arrested they were trying to return to their home, before the evacuation had been lifted. Six others arrested for looting. President Bush will visit the area to assess the damage.

Violence still prevalent in Baghdad

An explosion late Monday rocked an area in Baghdad housing U.S. officials. The area has been a previous target for mortar attacks. Officials haven't said what caused the blast. No damages or injuries were reported. Another explosion occurred outside a hotel in Karbala. The hotel was empty, but some bystanders were reportedly killed. Sixteen U.S. soldiers were killed the prior day when their helicopter was hit.

Renovated space serves student needs

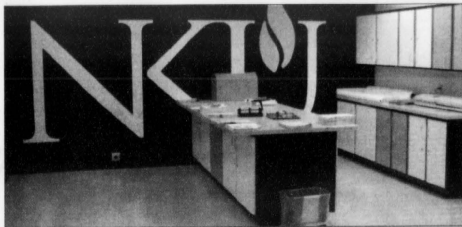
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As the amount of student involvement continues to grow at Northern Kentucky University, one of the more pressing needs on campus is added space for these organizations to gather and operate.

The vacant space available next to the Office of Student Life in the University Center has proved to be the perfect remedy for the problem. The university has transformed the space, left vacant after Delta Airlines closed their campus call center, into a new student involvement center for student organizations on campus.

Assistant Director of Student Life Tiffany Bellafant said the space is an asset for all student life organizations.

"The space can be used for all students involved in student organizations," she said. "It can be used for organizations to



A grand opening celebration for the newly remodeled Student Involvement Center will be held Nov. 12.

Tony Redell/Photographer

work on certain things, or just to hang out."

The space was remodeled to service the needs of the student organizations. New carpet and furniture was put in, a new conference room was built and a wall was knocked down, con-

necting the involvement center to the Office of Student Life. The room is set up as a lounge, with tables, chairs, couches and computers for use by the students.

"This was a huge need for our student organizations," said

Bellafant.

Although the center officially opened last Wednesday, a grand opening event is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 12.

This event will officially introduce the student organizations to the center.

Student Government

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Fall Elections

Polling Sites:

University Center Plaza Level Information Desk

Norse Commons Near Cafeteria Entrance

Wednesday Nov. 12th 10am-7pm

Thursday Nov. 13th 10am-7pm

Student ID required to vote

othernews

SGA Fall 2003 Election Guide

Amanda Bailey



- Freshman, psychology and marketing
- Kappa Delta sorority
- Student involvement and increased voice for Greeks
- "My first (issue) is to just get the Greeks...more of a say in the government...and to also get the students just more involved so they want to come to class and they want to come to more activities and in the long run that's going to help the university grow and get more revenue."

Sheree Davis



- Freshman, education
- SGA, Team NKU, Tuition committee, committee for campus improvement and involvement, College Republicans
- Renovation of Albright Health Center, Sodexo, parking
- "I have a lot (of concerns)...working on the Albright Center. I'm concerned about Sodexo, their monopoly and why we should bring some more competition so that food costs go down."

Michelle Eviston



- Sophomore, secondary education/biology
- Delta Gamma sorority, Norse Nation, Campus Crusade for Christ
- Tuition, parking and Greek housing
- "I'd like to keep tuition down, better the parking situation and...Greek housing...at least something (on campus), maybe not actual houses but at least somewhere where meetings can be held."

Heather Flannery



- Junior, history/political science
- Secretary for College Republicans, Phi Alpha Theta, Team NKU, Writing Center tutor
- Student awareness in world issues, politics, world events
- "I'm really interested in working on campus to get students involved in political matters and current events...and that includes getting them out to vote."

Breanna Gaddie



- Freshman, journalism
- Norse Force, Freshman Services Leadership Committee, Phi Beta Lambda, RHA, BSU
- Student involvement and tuition
- "Tuition is on an increase and it needs to not be. I want to keep it from increasing."

Heather Gilmore



- Senior, communications
- Women's tennis team, Norator Society, College Republicans
- Tuition, give students a voice and more school spirit
- "I want to let students have an ear that normally don't."

Brett Hardeck



- Freshman, undeclared APB, Collegiate Entrepreneur Organization, Phi Beta Lambda, RHA, FSLC
- Promote NKU and tuition
- "I want to let students realize that there is a public school in the state of Kentucky and the Cincinnati Tri-state area that gives you a good education and it is a good price. I want to find creative ways to not raise tuition."

Jeff Iker



- Junior, speech communications
- Alpha Tau Mega, NLS, Speech Communication Club
- Residential life issues and give students a voice
- "(I want to) be an effective listener for what the student body is dealing with."

Kelly Keene



- Freshman, marketing
- Delta Gamma, Student Government Association
- Increased commuter involvement, being a voice for students, facilitate improvements to campus
- "My honesty, open-mindedness, and making decisions based on students' best interest."

Joseph Mayer, III



- Senior, political science
- Phi Kappa Alpha, College Republicans, SGA senator
- Tuition, Albright renovation and student involvement
- "I want to get on the ball with the renovations...in the gym. I want to...get general people who go to school here, and don't really get a chance to join organizations, really get them involved in NKU as well."

Heather Meeks



- Freshman, biology/pre-medicine
- Christian Student Fellowship, Health Professions Club, College Republicans, Student Affiliates of American Chemical Society
- Student involvement
- "(I want to) help students be viewed as individuals who are valuable no matter what their background."

Paul Myers



- Freshman, undeclared Honors minor
- No campus org involvement
- Give students a voice
- "I think the important thing is...to listen to the people, find out what they want and address those issues. I can find out what the people want and help them get that."

James Pollitt



- Junior, political science and history
- Presidential ambassador, Chief of Staff for SGA, College Republicans, Team NKU
- Tuition and students being heard
- "I want to make sure we keep tuition as low as possible. I want to make sure the voice of students is heard...not just one group...I want to make sure it's representative of all students."

Josh Ruth



- Sophomore, political science
- Norator Society, College Republicans, SGA senator
- Renovation of Albright Health Center and tuition
- "One of my main concerns is the further renovation and renewal of the (Albright) health center and also, tuition. (I want to) keep tuition as low as possible for students and...a fair system of parking appeals."

Ashley Scholl



- Sophomore, undeclared Honors minor
- Theta Phi Alpha sorority, RHA
- Tuition, resident issues and increased state funding from state
- "I want to work on getting the residents...a better meal plan...and I want to get more students involved on campus, commuters and traditional."

Christina Smith



- Sophomore, political science/international studies
- College Democrats, Team NKU, International Studies Club
- Give students a voice
- "It is important for students to feel like their voices are being heard in SGA and I will definitely bring the students' concerns to the table."

Michael Vaughan



- Senior, philosophy
- SGA senator, Native American Organization, Faculty Search Committee
- Sodexo and food quality, parking, tuition
- "Sodexo promised us...three years ago...a full menu in the Burger King and the Chick Fillet, obviously that's not the case. There's a lot of stuff that Sodexo has promised us over the years and just not followed through."

Jennifer Wallace



- Freshman, undeclared
- Not a member of campus organizations
- Lower tuition for out-of-state
- "One of my main goals is to be the voice for older students that are going back to school, to keep them more in the loop of what's going on."

The SGA elections will be held Nov. 12-13. Students can cast their vote from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at:

- University Center Information Desk
- Norse Commons, near the cafeteria entrance
- Online.

Visit www.nku.edu or
<http://studenthome.nku.edu/~sga/>
for links to voting.

Teacher Recruitment Fair

Teachers and Student Teachers are invited to attend the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) Fall Teacher Recruitment Fair on

Monday, November 17, 2003 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Recruiting representatives from the following

OVEC school districts will be on hand to interview for current open positions for the 2004 - 05 school year;

Anchorage Independent, Bullitt, Carroll, Eminence Independent, Franklin, Gallatin, Grant, Henry, Oldham, Owen, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble, and West Point Independent.

Candidates are encouraged to bring a resume and/or portfolio. The Fair will be held at the OVEC Office, 100 Alpine Drive in the Hi-Point Business Center just off KY 55, just 3 miles north of I-64 (Exit 35) at Shelbyville, KY.

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(502) 647-3533, ext. 216 or visit the website: www.ovec.org

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Thursday, November 13th
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for more info.

College Dems regroup, move forward

By ROBYN PONTNER

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After a year of inactivity, the College Democrats now have new leadership and a plan for promoting political activism at Northern Kentucky University.

"Since we have reformed recently, almost every meeting has focused on how to get new members, how to get exposure for our group, and how to assist in the local campaigns for the election," said executive director Zach Wells.

The organization has focused its energy on the campaign for Kentucky gubernatorial candidate Ben Chandler since reforming earlier this semester.

"After the Kentucky election, we can start to get focused on a broader picture by communicating with the College Democrats of Kentucky and the College Democrats of America," said president R.J.

Group seeks student political involvement

Simpkins.

They also plan to expand across the Ohio River and communicate with fellow College Democrats at the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University.

"We want to broaden our base and increase support for the Democratic platform," Simpkins said.

In the coming months, the organization will begin to campaign for the democratic presidential candidates in the 2004 election.

Simpkins decided to reform the College Democrats this semester when he found that student interest was in favor of a comeback for the organization.

Since the beginning of the semester, 95 students have joined the organization. "When the College Democrats were inactive, the

College Republicans were still out there, and I saw them recruiting members and wondered where the College Democrats were," Simpkins said.

The organization consists of NKU students from a variety of different majors.

"We have a very diverse group," Wells said.

"We are not limited to people from the Democratic Party," Simpkins said. "We have had Republicans and members of the Green Party in our meetings before."

The College Democrats held its first fundraiser on Oct. 29. Students could have "pizza for a buck," get voter information and join the organization.

"It was very successful for our first event," Wells said. "If this is only the beginning, I can't imagine what it will be

like down the road for us."

"We have seen such interest and enthusiasm just since our reformation that our hopes for the future are high," Simpkins said.

"We can bring the message of economic opportunity, total equality, and security both at home and abroad that the Democratic Party promotes to the student body of NKU."

The College Democrats also want students to know the importance of voting. "Some students do not realize that their vote actually matters and that politicians make decisions that concern them," Simpkins said. "We can be a bridge between a candidate and a student."

The College Democrats are excited about the organization's future as a bridge between a candidate and a student.

"I would like to see us maintain a strong member base, be



BREE CULAN/Photographer

Scott Miller, Zach Wells and R.J. Simpkins campaign for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ben Chandler and seek to recruit NKU voters.

very active in local and national elections, encourage young adults to have an interest in politics and world affairs, and do all possible to get young people to vote," Wells said. "(and) last

but not least, promote the values and platform of the Democratic Party."

For more information, contact the College Democrats at nkudems@yahoo.com.

No action taken by SGA on ethics issue

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Despite student response that questioned the ethical implications of a letter published last month in *The Northerner*, no action has yet been taken to address the Student Government Association officer who submitted the piece, which contained previously published material.

Some senators have expressed frustration at what is seen as a lack of priority placed on confronting the issue, which has prompted numerous student letters to the editor.

Daniel Moore, senator and member of the Ethics and Funding Committee, said, "I've been looking into the issue to try to get people to understand

how important the issue of plagiarism is, but it has been met with almost universal resistance."

Trey Orndorff, an SGA executive board member, wrote a letter to the editor of *The Northerner* protesting a visit by author Barbara Ehrenreich, who he accused of being a socialist. After publication, it was discovered that approximately 60 percent of the piece was lifted directly from a column published July 22, 2003 on FrontPage Magazine.com by author Michael Tremoglie.

"I'm not taking action one way or the other," said SGA President Chris Pace. "No one has come to me directly. If a senator came forth and wanted it to be pursued, I would direct it to the Ethics and Funding Committee."

Joe Myers, chair of the Ethics and Funding Committee, said the committee would have to look at whether or not Orndorff's letter constituted plagiarism, and if the action discredited SGA, Myers confirmed that no action has been taken by his committee at this point.

Pace said there is probably a mixture of attitudes within the senate, some who believe Orndorff's actions constitute plagiarism and some who do not.

"The senate is the arbitrator in my mind," Pace said. "If the senate wants to take action, they're more than welcome to. If they don't want to, they're more than welcome not to."

Pace said it is not his role to instruct the senate or committees on the Orndorff issue. The

typical process in SGA is for the senate to bring to the committees any issues they want to be addressed. The committees would then investigate the issue, make a decision on how to handle it, and bring their decision back to the body for a vote, Pace said.

"It is my belief that the senate should deal with any matters outside the scope of, let's say, the attendance and GPA, which are in the constitution," Pace said.

Senator Brandon Hill said there has been discussion with the senate on the Orndorff issue. He said he felt it would be appropriate for senators to address the situation with the ethics committee, but he is not sure that will happen.

"I am concerned, but I don't want to pass judgment on him as a person... everybody's made

mistakes," Hill said. "The first responsibility, I would think, would have to come from Orndorff."

Although the issue has not been discussed formally, it has been discussed within the confines of SGA, according to Pace.

"They talked about it, sure," he said. "I think the question in Trey's mind is whether or not you need to cite in letters to the editor, and maybe he does. I don't know."

Pace said he is not an expert on plagiarism and doesn't feel he is in a position to judge the situation effectively, but that the letter Orndorff wrote was not reflective of the overall views of SGA and doesn't fall within the confines of his position on the Executive Board.

"So far as Trey's performance

as vice president is concerned, he's done everything he's been asked to do," Pace said. "I don't think that Trey was trying to do anything wrong. I really think he had the best intentions with his letter."

Hill said the situation may have been different if it had been kept at a private level. "If... he had done it behind closed doors - sent it to a couple people as an e-mail - that's one thing," he said.

"But, if you put it out in a public forum, then you should accept public criticism... you should accept that the repercussions will be a more exaggerated than it was on a more personal level."

-Travis Gettys contributed to this article.

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he chose to run from officers.

"Diversions offers a perfect opportunity for a second chance," said Sarah Sidebottom, NKU vice president of legal affairs and general counsel for legal services.

Monroe claimed she initially cooperated with the Officers Honchell and Rob Yelton, both of whom are white, but said she felt threatened by being approached by officers of a different race.

Jeff Butler, chief of DPS, said the incident report showed that the officers intended only to ask Monroe to return the cup, and she panicked.

"She initially refused to stop and talk to the officer about it," Butler said, "and the officer detained her. She just fell apart."

Monroe said she became upset after Yelton grabbed her wrist to prevent her from leaving the scene and, according to the incident report, she began "screaming and becoming combative."

Second-year freshman Adam Marshall said he was sleeping in his Norse Hall dorm room when he was awakened by a woman's screams outside.

"I looked and saw a girl being held by the arm by an officer and she was flipping out," Marshall said, adding that he believed Monroe overreacted. Monroe said she didn't realize taking the cup to class was in violation of the posted policy, but she said her reaction was spurred by emotion.

"When [officers are] coming towards me, you're scaring me," Monroe said, "and when you're grabbing me, you're gonna scare me. So you're gonna trigger off some emotion - some alarm is gonna go off in my body."

Michael Washington, history professor and director of Northern Kentucky University's African-American studies department, said that Monroe's response is not unusual.

Phobia of police is very, very common in the African-American community," Washington said. "The general perception of African-Americans in the United States is that police does not serve and protect them."

Butler said he sees the incident as indicative of societal problems. "The perception that this young lady brought forward in saying that being stopped by two officers of a different race created a problem for her is a real perception that she has," Butler said. "I don't doubt her veracity in that regard, but at the same time, it is a terrible indictment of the society we live in."

Dr. Mark Shanley, vice president for student affairs, said that as the university succeeds in its effort to attract a more diverse student population, administrators must address this perception by African-American students.

"We're experiencing a larger critical mass of students of

color and that probably introduces new dynamics into the campus," he said. "I think we learn that those perceptions are there and then we'll have to formulate ways to address those concerns."

Monroe said she didn't go into the incident believing that the officers were racist toward her, but after the officer grabbed her, she said she thought entered her mind.

"When students come up here, come from different places, or even African-American students," Monroe said, "we come and we run into things like this, we see stuff like this TV... blacks getting beat up by police officers, so we already have a certain... I don't know how to say it. They just need more training."

Brandon Hill, a Student Government Association senator and vice president of Students Together Against Racism (STAR), believes such problems of perception should be addressed with anti-racist training, as opposed to general diversity training and should include both officers and community members.

Programs such as STAR's ongoing racism workshop, planned for next semester, that deal specifically with the way groups such as African-Americans, Latinos and Appalachian people perceive police could go a long way toward improving social relationships, Hill said.

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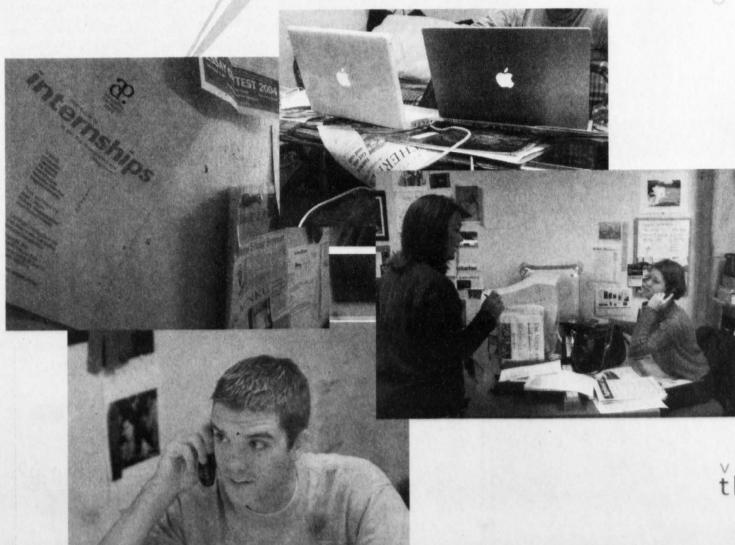
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"It takes a lot for someone to actually go to a professor's office or make an appointment," she said. "Here, they're right on the spot."

Peg Adams, faculty member in the Office of First-Year Programs, led the planning committee for the event.

Adams said the event was a collaboration between many people.

"The whole staff is on board," she said. "They created an inviting atmosphere where students feel welcome. (This event) is such a huge collaboration between many people."

Miller also stressed the importance of the faculty's

cooperation.

"We can't do this without faculty support," she said. "This event relies heavily on their involvement, and we've been real fortunate."

Although Miller thought there was a good distribution of students present, the majority of attendees were freshmen. "I want this event to be open to everybody," she said, "(but) I have to admit it's a little tailored to the freshmen because they're such an easy market to advertise to."

Adams and her committee targeted UNV 101 classes, providing sheets with questions for them to ask.

"(Students) can go in there

feeling a little bit more secure about what to ask," she said.

UNV 101 professor Elizabeth Harris brought her students over during class time.

"Most of my students are undeclared, so this is a really good opportunity for them," she said. "Most of them, by this point, have decided where they want to start as far as a major, but they haven't talked to anyone in that particular office, so this gives them a chance to do that."

The registrar was available at the fair for the first time, enabling students with questions to declare a major on the spot.

"It's gotten bigger and bet-

ter," said Fran Zaniello, faculty member at First-Year Programs.

"There's some really cool stuff (here) that make the majors seem a lot more interesting than they do on paper," added Miller.

The presentations are much more impressive than in the past.

"It's more festive - the people have gotten into it," Adams said.

"I think (the turnout) has been fabulous," said Director of First-Year Programs Vicki Sticha. "I haven't noticed any dead time. It seems like the students are really interacting."

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Fraternity *Continued from page one*

which is similar to a warning, in that harsher penalties will be enforced if either fraternity again steps out of line.

"They need to carefully examine all of their activities, and they are on notice," Mulkey said. "If there are additional concerns brought forward from other activities, there will be further and more severe

sanctions."

"What we have said to them is that any further behavior that's incongruent with the values of the university can result in additional and more severe sanctions. They have a lot to lose at this point," she said.

Mulkey said the Office of Student Life made the decision of how to sanction the fraternities, and the Dean of Students

Kent Kelso approved it. The decision was then handed down to the two fraternity chapters.

"They have the right to appeal it," she said. "Should they choose to appeal it, they will appeal it through the Dean of Student's office."

Mulkey said the Interfraternity Council (IFC) plans to examine its policies in

terms of what information the chapter must submit when it requests university space for fraternity activities.

IFC President Luke Groeschel declined to comment.

"We're gonna have a conversation with IFC about whether it serves them well to have women at recruitment," Mulkey said.

"I think that they would save themselves a lot of anguish if they did their recruitment more like the sororities, where it's just them," Mulkey said. "We could at least make some compromises in that area."

"This has been a teachable moment for, hopefully, all student organizations," she said.


"They have to carefully think about these things. They are

allowed to function here as guests of the university."

The sanctions come after students complained that the fraternities' Sept. 16 recruitment activities, including a condom relay and Jell-O wrestling, were inappropriate and demeaning to women.

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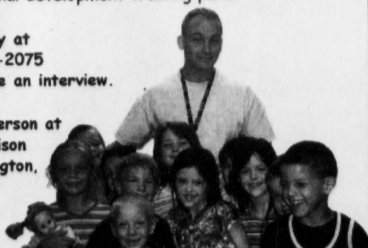
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viewpoints



Handshakes, watch it

Worry



by DJ Carter

I think the Japanese have really got something.

Like most folks they've got a surplus of good, across the board, but the tradition of bowing and not shaking hands, that's extra fine.

I like the idea of a handshake as everyday physical endorsement. But when people use that

handshake to try to size me up, spin me, win some advantage, or to play some dumb joke, I've a gut reaction to break their teeth.

False and skuzzy everyday handshakes. The death grip. The investigational shake.

The old "down and in", and it's degrading little pocket of a shake. The confrontational shake, to surprise and control.

Trust me there is a nasty world behind our handshaking institution. Just think of the germs.

So I'm on campus, on the job. A fellow enters the adjacent stall. He handles himself noisily. Moderately uncomfortable. I'm thinking about journalism and how the theater department's doing "Jesus Christ Superstar" this year.

I can't fault the guy that his natural noises resound and disturb me.

Toilet paper roll spins in plastic container. Stall-shaking around WHOOSH! flush.

He just walks out without washing his hands.

The National Center for Infectious Diseases says it's estimated, that nearly one out of three people don't wash up after using the restroom. This is consistent with my experience. I make it a point to notice when people don't wash.

I want to believe that we are rushing ourselves so much that we don't have the time to wash but I fear the phenomenon is more sinister.

I imagine people leaving the restroom in a bit of a driven rush, yes, but with a sick inner

smile, excited about spreading bad microbes with effects ranging from sore throats and diarrhea to meningitis. They are excited about getting away with it, a psychotic selfishness.

Don't get me wrong, I'm down with filth as personal expression.

I live in heaps, a packrat sort of nester. I give with dirt and grime when it's truer and more comfortably human than alternative.

But, hell, people, we're shaking with fear and throwing money at terrorism while nurturing everyday terrorist acts with domestic everyday terrorist hearts! Please wash up.

From now on you'll have to excuse me if I skip the b.s. and war-bare handshake and just bow, or maybe nod to ya.

Letters to the editor

Lifestyle choice put on pedestal

"Why is it important to create a safe space for homosexuals, bisexuals, and transgender youth to educate themselves?"

To the editor,

My name is Joshua Grooms and I'm a sophomore here at NKU. I work hard and am proud to be a student at this fine institution. I'm writing you today to express my concern over the article that came out on Wednesday October 29.

This article was entitled "NKU opens doors for gay youth summit." As I read this article I slowly became concerned that the school in which I attend is supporting the GLBTQ summit. I have a few questions I'd like to throw your way.

I have tried my best to remove any doctrinal references from this letter and hope that I am being impartial.

If homosexuality is an alternative lifestyle, then we can assume that it is definitely not a cultural norm. If it is not a cultural norm, then why do we need to "build gay leadership within the community." If being gay is an alternative that it makes no sense to have a leader who is an alternate.

Why is it important to create a safe space for homosexuals, bisexuals, and transgender youth to educate themselves?

Shouldn't they be able to educate themselves with the same amount of space as all the others do. They are putting homosexuality on a pedestal.

They are trying to compare homosexuals with people who are actually handicapped and require extra space.

The main thing that really got to me is that they included high school students.

There was absolutely no need for this. If a high school student decides to be gay, he does so knowing that he will have to overcome obstacles. By including them at the Summit this "club" is teaching them to put their own lifestyle on a pedestal as well.

Homosexuality is not a race or creed. It is not a religion, philosophy, or subculture. It is a decision that an individual makes for themselves. By opening the doors for the GLBTQ we are ignoring the rights of the people who are not pro-gay by trying to promote a privileged lifestyle.

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Letter is just partisan promo

To the editor,

The letter written by student Noah D. Meeks sounded like a chessy political advertisement. I did however notice he is the President of the NKU student Republican organization.

Now don't get me wrong, I consider myself more of a conservative politically, and I vote for Republican candidates more than I do the Democratic ones. But crap IS crap and I question if Mr. Meeks is appropriate use of the Letter to the Editor space? Was he charged advertising rates?

I'm expecting next to see a letter submitted by the student president of the Campus Democrats, NKU Democrats, or whatever their group name is at this school. I'm equally as sure that it will be yet another chessy form letter full piece of work as the last one was.

Maybe this one will say "courtesy of the DNC" at the bottom of it? People appreciate honesty. Maybe we're on to something here? Both parties, as of late, seem to give us the same garbage when all is said and done. As voting Americans it's ultimately our fault, and we need to expect and demand real substance from our politicians regardless of party affiliation.

It's our duty and responsibility. Where are the independents?

Where are the students who want more than a form letter party statement thinly veiled as an authentic concerned student letter? Let's ask real questions and demand real answers out of our politicians and for that matter their junior representatives here on our campus as well.

I guess on that note my first question(s) to Mr. Meeks is what's your candidate really going to do about Kentucky's lack of education budget spending? What's he really going to do about good paying manufacturing jobs leaving the state and being replaced by \$9 an hour service jobs? Mr. Meeks, the ripple effect this has on other sectors of the economy, in addition to education, and public services? These are real concerns that demand real answers.

Let's talk about a plan, real answers to these pressing questions and not some chessy gloss-over that reads like a campaign advertisement that tries to spin itself off as a letter to the editor? You may not like what I had to say, but at least this letter is a REAL letter to the editor.

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north poll responses

Compiled by Rachel Ligon

What do you look for in an SGA candidate?



Tristan Tyler
Freshman, RTV

"Has to be someone that you can identify with."



Andrienne Roberson
Junior, history

"Someone who is committed to bringing about change on the campus."



Melissa Fields
Junior, photography

"What is an SGA candidate?"



Lisa Tatem
Senior, speech

"Someone who has knowledge of how the schools work as well as the student body."



Erich Black
Junior, RTV

"I look for someone with good leadership skills, aggressive, and one who knows their role and position."



Cindy Collins
Freshman, RTV

"Somebody that is honest, and that is going to listen to us and our opinions."

campuscalendar

wednesday

• NKU Rocks Bowling Outing 5-7p.m. contact African American Student Affairs.
• An "Evening with Delta" will be at 7:15-9 p.m. in Norse Commons.

thursday

• A Blue & White Study Night sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta will be from 6:30-8p.m. in Norse Commons.
• A Faculty Jazz Ensemble Concert will be at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.
• The Artist reception for Senior Exhibition will be from 5-8 p.m. in the Fine Arts building. The exhibition is open until Nov. 14, in the Main Gallery.

friday

• The departments Theatre & Dance, Literature & Language, African American Studies, and Women's Studies, along with the Office of University Outreach and Institute for Freedom Studies are presenting a lecture by the editors of *Strange Fruit: Plays on Lynching by American Women* from noon to 12:50p.m. in the Corbett Theater. Readings, discussion and a reception will be on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 3-5 p.m. The events are free and open to anyone.
• NKU Rocks will have a mentor meeting from 3:30-4:30p.m. and is presented by African American Student Affairs.

saturday

• The Black Women's Organization (BWO) will have a banquet at 6p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

sunday

• The 4th Annual Dr. Alain Leroy Locke Scholarship & Recognition Banquet will be at 6:14 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

monday

• The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be having a Thanksgiving Drive until Nov. 14.

tuesday

• Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will have a bake sale today and tomorrow in Landrum & the Old Science building from noon to 6 p.m.
• The NKU Honor Choir Concert is at 7 p.m. in Greaves Hall.
• A Multicultural Education Lecture will be from 10:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m. in Budig Theater.
• A Maulana Karenga Lecture will be in the Budig Theater from 10:54a.m. until noon.

Plays explore lynching through women's voices

BY AMIE YOGT

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The four-year book collaboration of *Strange Fruit: Plays on Lynching by American Women*, is being presented in a two-day event on Friday, Nov. 7 from noon to 12:50 p.m. in the Corbett Theater and on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 3-5 p.m. in the Corbett Theater Lobby.

On Friday, coeditors Kathy A. Perkins and Judith Stephens, will be conducting a lecture on the development of the book and on Saturday there will be a reading of a play and a portion of a few others followed by a discussion and reception.

This book is a collection of plays that center on the horrors of the history of lynching in American culture.

The book has a unique focus because the plays are written by black and white women and date back to the 1910s and most recently up until the early 1990s.

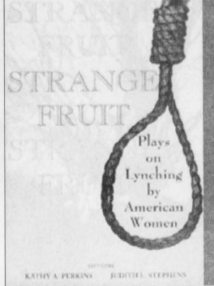
Many people are not aware of this type of play or that lynching is one of the most pressing issues within the African American community.

According to editor Stephens, there was no other book like this and she said that it uses "a literary and artistic tradition of struggle to orient ourselves towards contemporary realities."

Daryl Harris, a lecturer with the theater department and the institute for freedom studies, said, "I think that it's a rare opportunity to learn more about the unusual topic, few people know anything about it."

He also said that it is exciting because of its multiple layers and the way theater is used with political views.

NKU's departments of theater and dance,



literature and language, African American Studies, women's Studies present the events, along with the office of University Outreach and the Institute for Freedom Studies.

The Saturday event is in collaboration with the Women's Theater Initiative and will feature readers from the School of Creative and Performing Arts, along with award winning actor Mahogany Scott.

Harris thinks this is a great event to have at NKU because each student is required to take a Race and Gender class and it really ties in with that.

Both events are free and open to the public. For more information about the events, contact Daryl Harris at 572-1472.

Apollo shows off NKU talent with style and flair

BY AMY EHRNETTER AND ALEXIS FLEMING

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Once again the lights, the music, the spectators, the performances and the help behind the scenes was a success for the 4th annual Apollo, held at Northern Kentucky University's Greaves Concert Hall on Nov. 1.

The Norsin 'Around event was sponsored by Black United Students (BUS) and featured talents performed by students from the school and surrounding area. The event was based upon the television show, "Showtime at the Apollo," and had many similarities.

There were ten acts that performed on stage. Each group brought its own personal flare to the theater. Some danced, sang, played instruments, or pantomimed.

The crowd which was made up of quite a mixture of people that consisted of family, friends, NKU students, faculty and staff members, visitors from various colleges, and children of all ages. Each person had the power to show his disapproval of a group by serenaded them with "boos".

The "boos" made some of the performers nervous especially Kim Lewis, one of the dancers

from a group that performed. "We were backstage watching the other groups, and when we were performing I was hoping for us all to do well and to not get booed," she said.

The crowd also had the power to choose the winner for the night's festivities. The lucky man was Jerome Johnson. His ability to play the piano and work the crowd with his rendition of Jaheim's "Forever" made him \$100 richer.

Apollo Night not only was a dancer's richer man, but it touched the heart of many people.

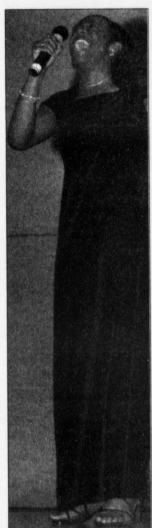
Renita Springfield, a participant of the Black United Students and a member of the Apollo committee, was nearly in tears because of the great support of the crowd, participants backstage, and her peers who added in preparation for Apollo Night. Springfield repeated many times, "This is so beautiful! I am so happy things turned out the way they did!" Indeed Apollo Night was a night to remember.

Kendall Yancy, the master of ceremonies kept the crowd intrigued as he presented each act on to the stage.

After the performance, Renita Reeder, president of BUS, acknowledged, congratulated and thanked everyone participating in Apollo Night.

"It wouldn't have been an Apollo Night without you. You are all winners in our book," Reeder said.

Reeder was very pleased with the turnout of the program, which, she said, was a success.



Tony Redell/Photographer
One of the many NKU talents showcased at the Apollo

THEATRE REVIEW

'Dress' not same

BY ANGIE HULL

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Weddings are happy times, where everyone shares in love, happiness and laughter. "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," might be about a wedding, but it's more about cynicism, bitterness and more genuine laughter than people experience at actual weddings.

Northern University's department of dance and theatre brought this feeling to stage the first time on Oct. 30 in the Black Box Theatre.

The play begins in an upstairs bedroom in Knoxville, Tenn., where five women are hiding from a wedding that is taking place downstairs.

Each of the five women is one of the bridesmaids for the wedding and each has a story. One is the bride's younger sister, another a Christian, a wise-cracking lesbian, a jilted woman and a jaded beauty. Although each is very different from the others, they do have one thing in common, they don't like the bride.

Allan Ball, creator of American Beauty and Six Feet Under, is also the creator of this wonderfully hilarious comedy. From the moment the lights

went dim and Frances, played by Tracy Weiler, walks into the room, the audience is thrown into fits of laughter.

This is a play in which its characters are not afraid to cut loose and say whatever they feel. Part of the thrill of the play is the continuous shock factor, in which you never know what the characters may do or say next.

While watching the play, remember to pay attention to all of the characters and not just what is going on in the center of the stage. Many times throughout the play I found myself laughing at the characters in the back of the setting as well as their expressions.

Be prepared there is a dark twist to the play, however it is not the end of laughter for the audience.

I recommend seeing this play and letting the cast, Tracy Weiler, Amy Schweigman, Rachel Rogers, Karie McLean, Kate Thompson, and Greg Hillner, know just how wonderful their performances were.

NKU's Black Box Theatre will be running "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" through Nov. 9. Student tickets are \$6 and faculty and staff are \$9. For more information contact the Theatre Box Office at (859)572-5464 or by email at boxoffice@nku.edu.

Water on the knee?

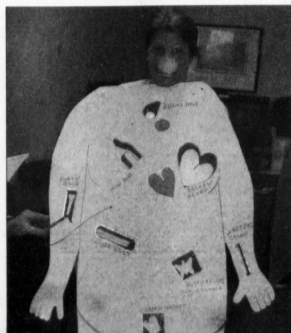


photo by D.J. Carter

Decca Buchel, coordinator for Human Resources, sported the Operation gameboard as her costume for the Oct. 31 holiday.

College fine hiding place from age

BY BRYAN ASHCRAFT

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It occurred to me the other day when I was looking at our vacation pictures and noticed the large amount of gray hair poking out from under my baseball cap, but it really hit me when I was at the doctor this week. I'm getting old.

"Your cholesterol is a little high," he told me. "Watch your diet and exercise and we'll see if it comes down; otherwise we'll have to get you on medication."

"You'll also want to start taking a baby aspirin every day. It's good for strokes, heart attacks and colon cancer."

Cholesterol? Baby aspirin? Colon cancer? Am I getting that old? I can't be, I reasoned with myself as I left his office; I'm a college student.

For the last two years that's how I've been able to think of myself, as a college student, albeit a non-traditional one, but a college student nonetheless.

Non-traditional means I'm older than 25, and/or married (I am), and/or have kids (I

do). According to the stat-keepers, there was 38 percent of us on this campus last year, that's a lot of people in denial. I realize, though, I just realized, it means I'm old, and I'm dissatisfied. It means I tried in the world, but was weighed and found wanting and I have come back to these hallowed halls of education to correct whatever deficiencies I possess.

I don't know what I was thinking, though. Was I thinking time would stop a better world? Was I thinking everything would halt and I would make my turn on a dime instead of having this large swooping curve when I move as much forward as I do around?

Time doesn't stop, however. I looked at my oldest son yesterday and realized he's grown a foot since I've been here.

This being old explains a lot, actually. It explains why the professors laugh harder at my jokes than the other students. It explains why history is so much easier for me than the rest of the class and computers are so much harder.

And it explains why when I tell my wife about my newest lab partner that is so attractive, and so friendly, she just smiles and says "That's nice." That's condescending,

ing, is what that is.

This realization does raise some fairly serious questions, however. Have I waited too long to get started with my life? Will I be able to catch up with the rest of the world when I get out? And is that look I'm getting from that girl over by Sicley, is she flirting or fearful?

Why is that old guy looking at me? *Hurry! Get in the library!*

There some men my age that combat their advancing years with shiny, new, expensive cars and shiny, new, expensive women. They look at a picture one day and realize where they are, and what they have become, and it scares the hell out of them. So they jump in their new car and leave their wife and kids in a cloud of dust.

That's not me though, and even if it were, I couldn't afford it.

But as I learned in writing class, there are different ways I can tell my story. I can tell my story chronologically, a series of events one after another, or I can tell my story in order of importance. I prefer the latter.

No, I was born, I lived, I died — that's for family Bibles. If it's just dates and times, and not what I did, or what I can do, that's when I really start thinking I'm getting old.

MUSIC REVIEW

Vida Blue illustrates jamming at finest

Side project from Phish keyboardist mixes Latin grooves with ambience

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For close to two decades, the band Phish has become synonymous with endless "jams," outlandish stage antics and throngs of colorful, tie-dyed fans, loyally following them around the world.

During their self-imposed hiatus, fans were treated to new side projects featuring former members of their favorite band. Keyboardist Page McConnell was one such member. He hooked up with two talented musicians to form the electronic groove machine

known as Vida Blue. Luckily, before Phish reunited and began to tour again, McConnell and Vida Blue were able to record more music that steps outside the realm of that other band. *The Illustrated Band* is the result of their efforts.

The large group of sidemen enlisted by McConnell is impressive. The core members of Vida Blue are Oteil Burbridge (of the Allman Brothers Band) on bass, Russell Batiste (of the Funky Meters) on drums and McConnell on keys.

But on this album, the trio is joined by the Miami sextet, The Spam Alistars, who are a mix of traditional Afro-Cuban horns and percussion, plus

a DJ spinning turntables and running a sampler.

The album's four tracks clock in at more than an hour, so you can expect some longer, more improvised passages.

The key to making this work is not only the ability of the soloists, but also the ability of the remainder of the band to adapt and move with the solo voice. This group is certainly capable turning a groove inside-out and back again, without being too overbearing or boring.

The song, "Charmpit," ventures from a solid, up-tempo Latin nightclub feel to an ambient stroll down the streets of Havana, peppered with percussion and

thinly-veiled synthesizer echoes. The transitions from each mood are the true, subtle beauty of this song. Burbridge and Batiste form a solid rhythm section, and it is their tight dynamics that control some of these jam-influenced tracks.

McConnell has the ability to sit back in the sound of this group and not muscle his way around based solely on his name or past accomplishments. The opening track, "The Illustrated Band," is a perfect example.

A velvet-sounding Rhodes electric piano melts away into the horns and driving rhythm section during the short introduction phase. McConnell's stellar clavinet solo is a highlight and a

reminder that he is a deadly serious musician.

Turntables and samplers, courtesy of DJ Le Span, are used heavily but tastefully. During the title track, the turntables are equally used as a melodic sound and as a harmonic texture.

Don't buy this album expecting a Phish clone band. *The Illustrated Band* is an electronic adventure into a space never explored by the massively popular jamband. The horns and added percussion sparkle throughout, and the DJ is another exciting new element. But the innate ability of all these musicians to create and recreate textures and musical moods is the ultimate highlight of this album.

GAME REVIEW

'XIII' adds a comic book feel to new video game

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Imagine waking up one day and having no recollection of who you are or what you have done. "XIII" has been mysteriously tattooed on your chest, while your pocket holds a key to a New York City bank box. And, to make matters worse, the president has been killed and the authorities say you shot him. Now you are on the run. What is going on? Did you kill the president or is it a conspiracy?

This is the life of the title character for the upcoming game XIII. As you play through the game, you are forced to uncover clues, hide from the authorities and kill or be killed.

The game delivers great graphics with unique cel-shading, which gives it a comic book look. However, the controls are difficult to get the hang of, and the excruciatingly long load times make the player want to throw the controller across the room. Meanwhile, the loading screen displays an obnoxious 'tat-tat-tat,' as if shooting at some invisible character.

XIII is a first-person shooter game reminiscent of *Medal of Honor: Front-line* and *Hitman 2*, and there is an optional two-player segment of the game.

Actors David Duchovny and Adam West have lent their voices to the video game's main characters. Duchovny voices the title character (name never given), while West speaks for the General Carrington. Also look-

ing to get in on the action is musician Eve, whose character is the sexy Major Jones.

If you can get through the loathsome written words such as "Kablam!" or "Pow," this is a great game. It's kind of ironic that Adam West is involved in this cheesy, comic book game, huh?

XIII has all the wonderful qualities of an M-rated video game - violence, foul language, and a groovy soundtrack that will make you think you are in a *Foxy Brown* movie.

The game is set to release in stores on November 11 for PlayStation 2, and November 18 for XBOX and Gamecube. If you are willing to throw down \$5 towards a reserve, however, Gamestop offers a demo disc and the soundtrack for free.

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Sports Scene



with Kyle

Schools afraid to play NKU

The NKU men's basketball team took on Division I national power, UC in an exhibition game last Saturday. NKU had an impressive showing although they still lost by 13 points. The NKU women's basketball team is set to take on Division I, Indiana State University in an exhibition game on Nov. 13.

This leads me to wonder why aren't these games played during the regular season. It would allow NKU to see how they stack up against these NCAA Division I schools and get recognition to the successful programs that have been established here.

Well according the men's Head Coach, Ken Shields, and women's Head Coach Nancy Winstel, NKU isn't the one shy away from the competition.

"We've tried to play Division I schools ever since our program has started to really succeed," said Shields. "They just won't play us. They don't want to gamble on taking a loss to a Division II opponent."

If we would ever get the opportunity to do it we would," said Winstel. "We just haven't had a lot of Division I opponents wanting to play us recently."

There were times in the past when Division I teams would square off against NKU. The men's team, before they were known as a Division II powerhouse routinely played, and most of the time were beaten by the likes of Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, University of Dayton, and University of Toledo.

"We are always checking in to see if we could schedule some tougher Division I opponents," said Shields. "They just get a lot of pressure from their conference to make sure if they play smaller schools that it would be an assured win."

The women's team has been a little more successful in their bids against Division I opponents. They have faced off and beaten the likes of UC, Robert Morris, Morehead State, Florida Atlantic, Xavier and Louisville in Winstel's tenure. Recently the opportunity really hasn't been there.

"We actually had a chance to play the University of Illinois this season," said Winstel.

"However they called us at the last minute, and the date they wanted to schedule a game on would have worked because it fell on (December 14), is the day after our tournament, and right before exams."

On one hand it is great to think that our basketball programs have built such a reputation that these Division I programs are afraid to play us, but it is also disappointing that none of these bigger schools will play us.

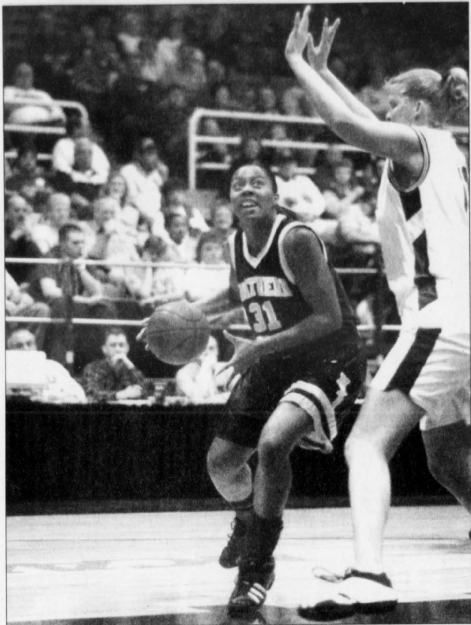
A loss at NKU has stepped on the court with the likes of such schools as Xavier, UC and UK, it probably won't happen soon. In order to get a good RPI rating, you must beat the good teams, and not lose to the bad ones.

A loss to a Division II team such as NKU would be devastating to a Division I team's RPI. No one wants to take the chance.

"We would without any questions play a Division I school any time," said Shields. "They just won't play us."

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Women's basketball preview



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Sophomore Sharrell Snardon is expected to carry most of the load in the paint for the Norse this season.

Lady Norse try for repeat

Expectations high after last season's tourney run

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Since NKU's women's basketball team stepped off the court on March 29, minutes after their 65-50 defeat to South Dakota State in the National Championship game, Coach Nancy Winstel has worked extremely hard to bring the Norse back to glory in 2004.

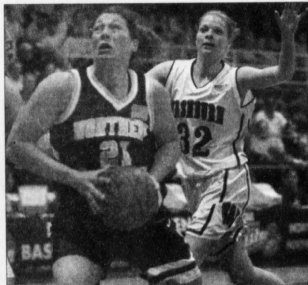
The real prep work began in September, when the first bells of the school year rang, and the women that make up this year's team stepped into the weight room for the first time. Then, of course was Oct. 15 - the first day of organized practice as allowed by the NCAA. Between now and March 7, when the NCAA tournament pairings are announced, the team will have a lot of twists and turns on the road to the championship.

"We're getting better and things are starting to come together," said Winstel. "We are very, very young, and the ability to retain some of the new things is going to take some time. But our players are all working hard."

The 2003-04 schedule will not begin with cake. A tournament in Florida from Nov. 20-22, followed by a face-off with Findlay on Nov. 25, and then conference play against Missouri St. Louis (Nov. 29) and GLVC favorite Quincy (Dec. 1). "We have a very tough schedule. Every game is going to be very difficult for us because of our youth."

The Norse, picked to place 2nd in the GLVC, will rely on their lone seniors, forward Jessica Brock and center Emily Phillips. Brock only scored 5.5 points a game, but was a key factor in all 34 of the games she played.

Says Winstel, "Jess is a very solid shooting forward, and I anticipate she is going to see a lot of playing time. She has a lot of experience and versatility, and I think she will be a solid performer for us this year."



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Connie Myers should form a powerful front court with Snardon.

The juniors are Cleveland State transfer Nikki Perkins, Elizabeth Burrows (34 starts, 5.5 ppg, 3.4 rpg last year), Connie Myers (11.3 ppg), and Sarah Woods, a transfer from Presbyterian College in South Carolina. "Elizabeth is very solid at the point guard position for us. She started every game for us last year, allowing her to gain some valuable experience."

Leading up the Sophomore class are Augusta, St. Benedict's and returnee Sharrell Snardon (9.9 ppg), who has recovered nicely from receiving three broken teeth in the NCAA Tournament last year.

Connie Myers and Sharrell Snardon have some great experience in the post," Winstel said. And then, there are the freshmen. Glen Este grad Sam Riley, who mugged the women's soccer program this fall, Betsey Clark from McKinicholas, Karyn Cragger from Patrick Henry in Leipsic, Ohio, who was named to the second team all state in Division II last year, Quantia Huley, who passed over a scholarship at Miami of Ohio to come to NKU, and Karmen Graham, who earned all-Western Ohio

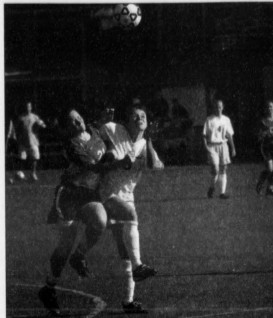
Conference honors as a junior and senior at Dayton Fairmont. "Karmen Graham and Emily Phillips will both be solid back-ups in the post," according to Winstel.

Winstel also added: "Our shooting guard is a question mark for us right now ... Nikki Perkins, Sarah Woods and Karyn Cragger will be the three possibilities for us at that position. Julie Robbins can come off the bench and hit the three."

For the most part, Winstel is happy with the teams progress and is enthusiastic about her teams chances. "Right now I don't think that there is anyone on our team that isn't going to help us. All 12 players on the team are working hard. Right now we're just starting to put together different combinations to see what we can do once we start playing. Right now we are just trying to be as competitive as possibly can."

Consistency will be the main factor if the Norse are to win the GLVC, the region, and most importantly the national title, which the team claimed in 2000.

Postseason play starts with victory



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Kendra Zinser battles for the ball in NKU's first-round win.

Soccer team keeps GLVC unbeaten streak alive with 3-0 first round win

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The women's soccer team shut out University of Southern Illinois at Edwardsville 3-0 Sunday at the Town and Country sports complex in Wilder.

This win was the opening match for the Lady Norse in the 2003 Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. The win secured NKU's home field advantage for the rest of the tournament.

Freshman, Amy Law got the scoring started, on a give and go from Senior Kendra Zinser, as Law hit the corner of the net to give NKU a 1-0 lead. Law's goal, sparked the Norse's offensive attack against the Cougars.

"Having the first goal really set the tone for the game and really gave us some confidence," said Law.

Although SIUE is the number eight seed in the tournament, NKU coach Bob Sheehan thought of the team as a very formidable opponent.

"Early in the season SIUE was ranked 9th in the country," said Sheehan.

try," said Sheehan. "This match wasn't what you would expect out of a number eight seed."

The Lady Norse kept SIUE goalie Kristin Covati on her toes for most of the game as they ran many technical plays wearing down the Cougar defense. Two more goals were scored in the 83rd and 88th minutes of the match that sealed the deal between the two teams.

The second goal was scored by sophomore Laurel Chalk and the third goal was scored by freshman Sam Riley and was assisted by freshman Shirley Ernst.

Sheehan attributes his team's success to a lot of hard work and cooperation.

"We just try. We don't really have superstars on the team. Every one just works really, really hard," said Sheehan.

This win puts NKU's overall record to 15-2-2 for the season. The Lady Norse have never lost the GLVC tournament.

NKU will face off against Missouri-St. Louis on Friday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. Missouri-St. Louis is currently 13-5-1 and the Norse is 13-5-2.

Skeet & Trap Club working toward goals

In its fourth year of competition, members are setting standard of success

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The NKU Skeet and Trap team set first place at a regional meet at Kent State University last weekend. NKU beat out competition from the University of Kentucky, Purdue University, Kent State University, marks the first time in history the team has finished a competition with a first place ranking.

"I am very pleased with our team's performance," said team Captain, Chet Kiser, "this year should be our best ever."

Kiser was in top form, winning the American Trap, Doubles Trap, Wobble Trap and Sporting Trap. Says individual events, and was awarded the highest overall shooter for the competition. Craig Pace recorded his first ever, first-place finish in the American Skeet individual competition. These five individual victories, along with five first-place finishes in the team events gave the Norse a sweep of the tournament.

Other members of the team are: Cary Hubbard, Matt Moher, Tom Kissingner, Tom Wilson and Paul Bob Sorrell. The competition serves as a warm-up for the second-biggest event of the season as the team travels to Purdue University, to take part in the Purdue, '03 Fall Meet.

"The teams spirit is high after this (the Kent State) win," said Kiser. "This should keep us shooting well, going into the Purdue invitationals."

The Skeet and Trap Team has been competing as a club sport at NKU. The team has approximately 30 members with the season consisting of 3 competitions each semester, concluding with the national championships in San Antonio in the spring. Kiser says this is what the team is striving towards, hoping to finish off the best season in school history.

"Hopefully we can finish third in the nation," said Kiser. "We have the potential."

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Men's Basketball

At Disney Tip-off classic (Lake Buena Vista, Florida)

Friday, Nov. 7 vs. Kennesaw State @ 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8 vs. Philadelphia @ 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9 vs. South Dakota State @ 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Friday, Nov. 7 vs. Southern Indiana @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8 vs. Kentucky Wesleyan @ 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Friday, Nov. 7 Second Round of GLVC Tournament @ Wilder

Sunday, Nov. 9 Championship of GLVC Tournament @ Wilder (if necessary)

Women's Basketball

Thursday, Nov. 13 at Indiana State University (exhibition)

At Holiday Isle Classic (Tavernier, Florida)

Thursday, Nov. 20 vs. Nova Southeastern @ 6:30 p.m.

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with Elias Hajar

This Week Elias Hajar sits down with women's basketball coach Nancy Winstel.

Elias Hajar: Pretend you can see the future. How will the season end for the Lady Norse basketball team?

Nancy Winstel: That's a tough one. I hope our players will be playing great defense, executing well on offense, and put ourselves in a position to be successful.

EH: How do you think will have the biggest impact on the team this season?

NW: We are so team oriented, I think on any given night it would be a variety of different players. We don't have an established star, but I think we have stars in the making.

EH: Out of all the players you've ever coached at NKU, who do you say you still had on your team?

NW: Michelle Cottrell. She is the best player I've ever coached. She is skilled, she has a great heart and she's a great competitor. Those types of players come along once in a lifetime.

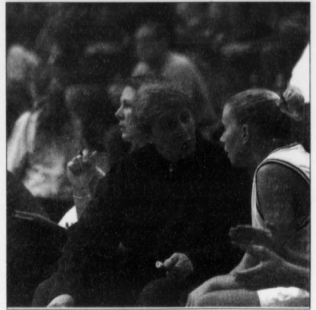
EH: If a game came down to the final shot, who would get the ball?

NW: If we get the ball inside, Sharell [Snardon] or Connie [Meyers]. If we go outside, Jessica Brock right now.

EH: Coach Shields announced his retirement at the end of this season. Do you believe NKU will ever have a better men's basketball coach than him?

NW: No. Ken did so much for his players. It will be tough to find someone better. Hopefully [NKU] can bring someone who will stay and do as good of a job.

EH: Fact or fiction: The



Women's Head Coach Nancy Winstel is in search of her 21st consecutive winning season.

women's team can shoot better than the men's team?

NW: Fiction. The men's team has some really good shooters.

EH: Fact or fiction: This year's team is better than last year's?

NW: Fiction. Right now it's

too early. We haven't done anything.

EH: NKU will turn Division I and build a new basketball arena while you are still coaching the women's team?

NW: If I live that long. Fact.

Chiefs will stay undefeated; Packers try for victory

Football Picks



with Dominick Wise

Kansas City Chiefs vs. Cleveland Browns

Can the Chiefs improve their record to 9-0 against the struggling Browns? The Chiefs will have their way against the Browns this Sunday afternoon.

The Chiefs are fresh off the bye week and don't seem ready to lose yet. The Priest is still on fire and so is Trent Green. Dante Hall will be looking to break the NFL record for kickoff returns for touchdowns in this game. He already has four and should be

able to get his fifth return for touchdown against the Browns struggling special teams.

What has happened to the Browns high powered offense? The Browns big play receivers have been struggling to get open and when they do they seem to have a hard time holding on to the ball. I look for the Browns to be competitive with the Chiefs in the first two quarters, but after that Trent Green should have a field day picking apart the Browns suspect secondary.

Prediction: Chiefs 35 Browns 14

Philadelphia Eagles vs. Green Bay Packers

Finally Brett Favre gets to return home to the "frozen tundra". Brett Favre and the Packers hope to salvage the season with a win against the Eagles this Monday night, who are starting to heat up.

I look for Donovan McNabb to struggle in this one. Brett Favre seems to be unstoppable

in the month of November at home. I think Ahman Green will play a major factor in this game. Look for him to rush for a hundred yards against the Eagles tough run defense.

Also look for Al Harris (ex-Eagle corner) to seek a little revenge on his former team that cut him in the off-season.

The Packers will probably have Harris lined up against James Thrash.

I look for him to shut him down as well with the sensation-

al rookie linebacker, Nick Barnett of the Packers. If the Eagles receivers struggle to get open, look for McNabb to turn to his tight ends. Barnett excels best in pass coverage.

This will be a very competitive game and low scoring. I think Brett Favre will get hot in the second half and lead the Packers to victory.

Prediction: Packers 24 Eagles 17

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