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TANK FUNDING IN LIMBO



Amy Ehrenreiter / Photographer

A TANK bus picks up a patron in front of the Business-Education-Psychology Building. Many NKU students, faculty and staff use TANK to get to and from campus.

Caucus hears concerns

Legislatures hold forum, will take issues to Frankfort

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The Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus met at NKU Feb. 5 to listen to citizens' complaints and concerns about current and future legislation for the Commonwealth.

The meeting was an open forum, allowing people to approach a microphone and state their concerns. Because of the large turnout for this event, people were only given a couple of minutes to talk in an effort to have as many people speak as possible.

"This is democracy in action," NKU President James Votruba said.

Many people in attendance raised concerns about the current funding crisis of the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky, which could impact TANK's services in Campbell and Kenton counties. According to TANK's Web site, if these two counties are unable to collect taxes that are used to fund TANK, it will not be able to perform at its current capacity.

TANK affects students, faculty and staff because many people on campus rely on its transportation. Many people addressed the need for public transportation because of their concerns that Kentucky roads will eventually become overpopulated. Others claimed businesses will struggle to continue if employees can't find transportation to work, creating a domino effect which would result in some businesses closing. The overall consensus of the people was that TANK is vital to northern Kentucky.



Ashley Thomas / Assistant Photo Editor

Members of the Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus listen to citizens' concerns at NKU Feb. 5.

Votruba later addressed the lack of state funding that NKU receives compared to the other regional universities and challenged the board to invest in the university.

Andy Hixon, Student Government Association president, agreed with Votruba: "There is a lot of work that needs to be done in order for NKU to gain fair and equitable funding as compared to other regional universities in the state."

"NKU also suffers a space deficit to that of the average university. To catch up, NKU would require a special events center, a new student union paid for by the state—not our student body—and six new buildings that would be similar in size to that of our Landrum building."

Ken Shields, former NKU men's basketball coach, presented his case for a new regional sports center. Alongside Shields was Stephanie Leimbach, NKU softball player. "If anyone has visited our current athletic facility, Regents Hall,

you would know that NKU has the finest middle school gym in the state of Kentucky," Leimbach said. "It is an embarrassment to our programs and to the university that we are competing against other programs with sub par athletic facilities."

Another issue mentioned was the possibility of more tax on alcohol and cigarettes. The extra tax would provide more revenue to the state government, allowing it to spend wherever it sees fit. It was a split issue at the meeting; some opposed it in fear that with the added tax, people would not buy these products anymore. Some people favored the extra tax and spending the additional revenue on Kentucky education. Kentucky currently has one of the cheapest rates for tobacco in the United States.

There are 16 members, five senators and 11 state representatives on the board. Each one represents a section of northern Kentucky. To contact a member of the caucus, call 1-800-372-7181.

Experts discuss music piracy

By SARAH LOMAN
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The question of whether industry associations should be able to stop people from trading music through the Web was discussed Feb. 5 at the 2005 Intellectual Property Symposium.

"It was really entertaining," said Jay Knight, the editor-in-chief for the Northern Kentucky Law Review. "This isn't always the raciest subject, but students should care about this because on Nov. 10, that IT letter (about file sharing) was sent out to students."

Knight thought the symposium was timely because of the recent Supreme Court decision to hear *MGM v. Grokster*, which is a similar case. Knight thinks the *MGM v. Grokster* case will show media how these cases will be looked at from here on out.

There is also the Induce Act, which was proposed legislation in Congress last year and re-proposed this year. It will make individuals and companies liable," Knight said.

The Induce Act, if passed, will make it illegal to encourage copyright infringement and could mean the end of companies such as Grokster and Napster.

Knight felt like the symposium went well. "I put Chase and NKU in a good light and

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Survey: many not prepared for college

By DALE MEZZACAPPA
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Nearly four in 10 high school graduates say they were not prepared adequately for the demands of college or work, according to a new survey.

College instructors say that 42 percent of their students have large skills gaps, while 39 percent of employers say high school graduates who went straight to work are not prepared for their current jobs.

Only 26 percent of the students who went on to college and one-fifth of those who went to work say that they felt challenged and faced with high academic expectations in high school. Sixty-five percent of the college students and 77 percent of those who did not go to college said they would have worked harder if the expectations had been greater.

The poll of 1,487 recent students, 300 college professors and 400 employers was conducted for Achieve Inc., a bipartisan, nonprofit organization of government and business leaders focused on increasing academic standards. The group is cosponsoring a summit on high school reform at the end of the month in

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President Bush is applauded during his State of the Union address.

Bush outlines future goals

President warns of Social Security's 'bankruptcy,' calls for change

By STEVEN THOMAS
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Bush urged Congress Feb. 2 to overhaul Social Security as the centerpiece of his ambitious second-term agenda, arguing that younger Americans can no longer count on the venerable New Deal program because it's headed for what he called "bankruptcy."

Bush made his bold proposal in a State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress and to Americans watching at home on live television, splitting his themes almost evenly between foreign affairs and domestic concerns.

Bush launched the recent elections in Iraq.

Palestinian territories and Afghanistan as proof that freedom and democracy are on the march worldwide and that his aggressive and sometimes controversial foreign policy is paying off. He said U.S. forces would remain in Iraq indefinitely and called for \$350 million in assistance to the Palestinians.

He also issued new warnings to Syria and Iran. Looking on from the gallery overlooking the House of Representatives, Laura Bush watched with two foreign nationals, who were meant to underscore recent U.S. successes abroad. One recently voted in Iraq and the other in Afghanistan.

In one of the evening's more emotional

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Gov. Fletcher proposes tuition tax credit

Students at Northern Kentucky University may receive more help going to college in the future. Gov. Ernie Fletcher proposed Feb. 1 a tuition tax credit of up to \$500 for each student attending a Kentucky college. This proposal was unveiled as part of his state budget plan.

Fletcher's plan is still subject to approval by the state legislature.

Students, faculty to share college life with young students

Members from the NKU community will interact with about 200 elementary and middle-school students from Bracken County in the first-ever Spirit Day on Feb. 25.

The day will provide an opportunity for young students to learn about higher education by talking to students, faculty and staff.

Art, math and persuasive writing classes, among others, will be offered during the course of the four-hour program.

NKU's Dance Troupe will provide entertainment for the students at the start and end of the day.

Presidential Ambassadors to lobby in Frankfort

The NKU Presidential Ambassadors will visit Frankfort on Feb. 8 and 9 to help promote NKU and its initiatives.

The group is scheduled to meet with the Kentucky speaker of the house, president of the senate, attorney general, secretary of state, Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus and governor.

The Presidential Ambassadors are also visiting the capitol in effort to gain a better understanding of the political process and history of the Commonwealth.

Two new master's in counseling will be offered this fall

NKU will offer two new master's degree programs this fall.

At its Jan. 26 meeting, the Board of Regents approved a master of arts in education/Rank 1 in school counseling, which will be offered through the College of Education, and a master of science in community counseling, which will be offered through the College of Professional Studies.

Kentucky's new school counselor standards prompted the creation of the school-counseling program.

The community-counseling program was designed to help students who will work at a community mental health center, a private practice or a school, government, business or industrial setting.

The following reports were filed with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department between Feb. 1 and 7.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

1:07 p.m. A vehicle was towed from parking lot 7 for blocking pedestrian access to the stairway.

8:55 p.m. Officer located a subject at Albright Health Center known to have an outstanding warrant through Campbell County. Central Campbell County dispatch verified the warrant. The subject was taken into custody, transported to and lodged in the Campbell County detention center.

11:53 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle parked in a handicapped parking space on Campbell Drive. The driver of the vehicle was in possession of a handicapped parking permit which belonged to a family member. The permit was confiscated, secured in DPS evidence and the vehicle was moved from the handicapped space.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

7:22 a.m. Officer observed a vehicle travel through the intersection of University and Nunn Drives against the red light. The driver was issued a citation for disregarding a traffic light.

9:55 a.m. Owner of a reserved parking space in parking lot 1 requested an illegally parked vehicle be towed from the space.

10:59 a.m. Medical assistance was requested for a subject at the Woodcrest apartments. Officers and Central Campbell County Squad responded. The subject was transported to St. Luke East for further evaluation and treatment.

11:41 a.m. A minor, non-injury auto accident involving two vehicles occurred on Nunn Drive. Both vehicles remained in service. One driver was issued a citation for driving on a suspended license.

4:35 p.m. A minor, non-injury auto accident involving two vehicles occurred on Nunn Drive. Both vehicles remained in service.

6:25 p.m. A subject was seen entering and then exiting the Woodcrest apartments building through a window while carrying computer parts.

policebeat

Officers responded and found the subject to be the owner of the computer equipment. The equipment was being moved from room to another. The subject had lost the key to the front door of the residence and was using the window to enter and exit the room.

6:25 p.m. During an investigation at Woodcrest apartments, two subjects became loud and disorderly. Officers were able to calm the subjects and resolve the issue without further incident. No charges were filed.

10:46 p.m. A smoke alarm was received from the University Staffs. Officers, Power Plant personnel and Central Campbell County Fire Department responded. The cause of the alarm was determined to be food burned in a microwave. The alarm was reset and the building cleared for occupancy. The Kentucky State Fire Marshal was notified by email.

Thursday, Feb. 3

1:43 p.m. Second vehicles were parked in an aisle at parking lot A, blocking traffic. The vehicles were moved by tow truck to legal spaces.

1:43 p.m. A second illegally parked vehicle, blocking in another vehicle, was towed from parking lot L.

3:17 p.m. Subject left several personal items in an ambulance after being transported to a hospital on Jan. 27th for medical treatment. The items were recovered.

4:02 p.m. Subject reported the loss or theft of a 2005 NKU Student Parking Permit from a vehicle while parked in parking lot F.

4:29 p.m. Subject reported the loss or theft of a 2005 NKU student parking permit from a vehicle while parked in parking lot M.

6:08 p.m. Subject reported two textbooks were stolen from Steely Library, under investigation.

Friday, Feb. 4

4:44 p.m. Subject reported slipping and falling on ice while walking in parking lot B, and was advised by the university nurse to go to the hospital for x-rays. Subject stated that the incident occurred at 8:50 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

3:55 p.m. Subject reported two textbooks were stolen from Steely Library, under investigation.

4:43 p.m. Subject reported two textbooks were stolen from Steely Library, under investigation.

6:13 p.m. Owner of a reserved parking space at Woodcrest apartments requested an illegally parked vehicle be towed from the space.

Sunday, Feb. 6

2:23 p.m. Officer conducted a traffic stop at Johns Hill Road. The driver was issued a citation for not having a Kentucky registration.

10:20 p.m. Residential Life assistant stated that a subject reported that several unknown males were mooning females at the Woodcrest apartments. Upon arrival, Officers located and spoke with several possible suspects. However, because the complainant could not be found and Officers did not witness the incident no charges were filed. Report was taken and the matter was referred to Residential Life.

Monday, Feb. 7

12:17 a.m. Officer conducted a traffic stop on Kenton Drive. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

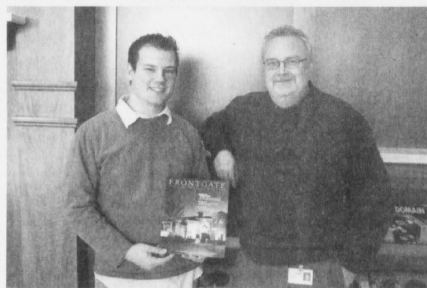
6:50 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates on Alexandria Pike (U.S. 27). The driver was issued a citation for an expired registration.

The Northerner would like to increase its coverage of campus crime and the NKU Police Department by seeking to fill the position of police beat reporter.

Interested students should contact C.J. Fryer, news editor, at (859) 572-5260.

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Chris (left) with his supervisor, Neil Palmer, at Cinmar/Frontgate headquarters located in West Chester, Ohio.

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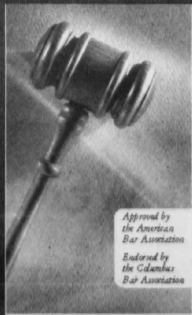
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Bush

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moments, Bush introduced the parents of a Marine killed in Iraq, Sgt. Byron Norwood of Plügerville, Texas, and read from a letter he'd received from Norwood's mother, Janet.

"When Byron was home the last time, I said that I wanted to protect him like I had since he was born. He just hugged me and said: 'You've done your job, mom. Now it's my turn to protect you.'"

As Janet Norwood, gripped her husband Bill's arm, her eyes misting over, the audience gave her a sustained ovation. Seconds later, Safia Taleb al-Suhail, the Iraqi woman who'd cast her vote last Sunday and whose father had been killed by Saddam Hussein, hugged Janet Norwood.

Bush brought an aura of political success to his address that few American presidents have shared, for he not only just won a second term in office, but he also helped his party expand its control of both houses of Congress.

Bill Clinton, Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon — the last three presidents to win second terms — all faced Congresses controlled at least in part by the opposition party.

Lyndon Johnson in 1965 was the last president to enjoy a position of power comparable to Bush's now. LBJ's landslide 1964 win and his even larger Democratic majorities in Congress arguably gave him even more power, which he used to push through his Great Society domestic program and to escalate the war in Vietnam.

In his address, Bush reminded listeners that he, too, has a bold agenda at home and abroad, albeit with hopes for far different results. He cast it all in terms of his — and his country's — obligations to history.

"Over the next several months, on issue after issue, let us do what Americans have always done and build a better world for our children and grandchildren," he said.

For the nation's domestic needs, Bush proposed dramatic changes in Social Security that he said are needed to fix a program headed for serious financial trouble.

"Social Security," Bush said, "is headed toward bankruptcy. And so we must join together to strengthen and save Social Security."

Bush pleaded for open minds, aware that Democrats are unified in opposing the central recommendation of his proposed changes — to divert wage taxes away from Social Security to pay for new personal investment accounts — and that many Republicans fear political fallout at the polls in 2006 elections.

"Fixing Social Security permanently will require an open, candid review of the options," the president said. "I will work with members of Congress to find the most effective combination of reforms."

He said options "on the table" include raising the retirement age, changing benefits or discouraging early retirees from drawing checks. He emphasized that he's ruled out raising taxes.

Bush also spoke of the culturally conservative values that he and many of his supporters embrace, endorsing the "culture of life" that opposes abortion. He called for prohibiting the creation of human embryos for medical experiments and a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

"Our second great responsibility to our children and grandchildren is to honor and to pass along the values that sustain a free society," he said. "Government is not the source of these values, but government should never undermine them."

He also proposed to make tax cuts permanent, impose strict limits on federal spending, cut the federal budget deficit in half over five years, overhaul immigration laws, extend defense lawsuits and train defense lawyers who handle death penalty cases.

The president also announced that his wife, first lady Laura Bush, would head a new national initiative against youth gangs.

Looking overseas, Bush spoke in more detail about his broad goal of spreading freedom, which dominated his recent inaugural address.

"Our third responsibility to future generations is to leave them an America that is safe from danger and protected by peace. We will pass along to our children all the freedoms we enjoy — and chief among them is freedom from fear," he said.



President Bush delivered his State of the Union address to Congress Feb. 2. He urged for reform of Social Security.

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He praised the Iraqi people for braving violence to vote last Sunday and linked American success throughout the Middle East to their success at establishing a democracy.

"We will succeed because the Iraqi people value their own liberty — as they showed the world last Sunday," he said. "We are standing for the freedom of our Iraqi friends, and freedom in Iraq will make America safer for generations to come."

Looking on from the gallery overlooking the House of Representatives, Laura Bush watched with two foreign nations meant to underscore recent U.S. successes abroad: one who recently voted in Iraq and one who recently voted in Afghanistan.

There was symbolism on the House floor as well. A number of members of Congress showed their solidarity with Iraqi voters by holding up fingers stained by purple ink — a symbolic salute to the joyous Iraqis who celebrated voting Sunday by waving the purple fingers that showed they'd voted.

Bush vowed to keep U.S. forces in Iraq indefinitely to help Iraqis secure their country.

"The new political situation in Iraq opens a new phase of our work in that country," he said. "We will increasingly focus our efforts on helping prepare more capable Iraqi security forces — forces with skilled officers and an effective command structure."

He said the goal of a democratic Palestine living peacefully side by side with Israel "is within reach" and promised continued U.S. help to reach that goal.

He warned other nations anew against harboring terrorists, putting Syria on notice that he expects it to stop and singling out Iran for special attention.

"Today, Iran remains the world's primary state sponsor of terror, pursuing nuclear weapons while depriving its people of the freedom they seek and deserve," he said. "We are working with European allies to make clear to the Iranian regime that it must give up its uranium enrichment program and

any plutonium reprocessing, and end its support for terror."

In a special message to the Iranian people, many of whom are restive for Western freedom and prosperity and chafe under the rule of strict Islamic mullahs, Bush said: "And to the Iranian people, I say to you tonight: As you stand for your own liberty, America stands with you."

He also urged the leaders of Egypt and Saudi Arabia to allow their people more democracy.

In another remark meant to assuage fears that he acts unilaterally and alienates traditional allies, Bush said: "In the next four years, my administration will continue to build the coalition that will defeat the dangers of our time." He's made overtures to European allies, notably by making Europe his first overseas trip of his second term.

Knight Ridder Newspapers correspondents William Douglas, Kevin Hall and James Kuhnhenn contributed to this report.

Symposium

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showed the academic community that we can put on a timely symposium," he said.

Davida Isaacs, assistant professor of law at NKU, was one of the speakers at the symposium.

Isaacs explained that second-order copyright infringement is "a basis for liability against companies that provide the method of transmission for swapping files."

"There needs to be a great deal more discussion on this issue," Isaacs said.

"There's a strong argument on the side of the companies, and their discussion tends to hold more weight."

However, not all cases are like that, Isaacs said. "The Grokster case is a rare instance in which the interest of the public are well funded

and represented," he said.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of MGM studios, "The activity at issue in this case fundamentally involves the reproduction of original works."

When a work is downloaded without the authority of the copyright owner or of law, the resulting copy infringes the exclusive right of reproduction.

MGM's argument is basically that "Because copyright law ultimately serves the purpose of enriching the general public through access to creative works, it is peculiarly important that the boundaries of copyright law be demarcated as clearly as possible," according to the law-

suit. The court date for the case is March 6.

Survey

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Washington with the National Governors' Association. The survey was conducted by Peter Hart Research Associates, Inc., and Public Opinion Strategies.

"There are alarming gaps between what young people know and need to know to succeed," said Michael Cohen, president of Achieve. "A sizeable minority say they're not adequately prepared for the work they must do, whether in college or the workplace, and employers and college professors largely agree."

Only 14 percent of college students said they felt adequately prepared in all skills areas addressed: oral communications, science, math, ability to

do research, and quality of writing.

Even among those students who felt adequately prepared,

31 percent took at least one remedial course in college. Among those who did not feel prepared, 46 percent took at least one remedial course.

"This should be a real wake-up call for governors across the country," Ohio Gov. Bob Taft said in a briefing last week.

"We all have to do more to assure our state's graduates are better prepared for success. We are raising the bar for graduation, but we're not going far enough."

Nearly half of the non-college students said that they had

received no preparation for the work habits expected of them in the job market and 45 percent said they didn't have adequate computer skills.

"The jobs of the future in such fields as biotechnology and genetic engineering 'require interdisciplinary knowledge, advanced math and science skills, and the ability to write, analyze, interpret and communicate effectively,'" said Art Ryan, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial and Achieve cochair. The high schools designed at the height of the manufacturing economy "have not kept pace. This is as important an agenda for state leaders as there is."

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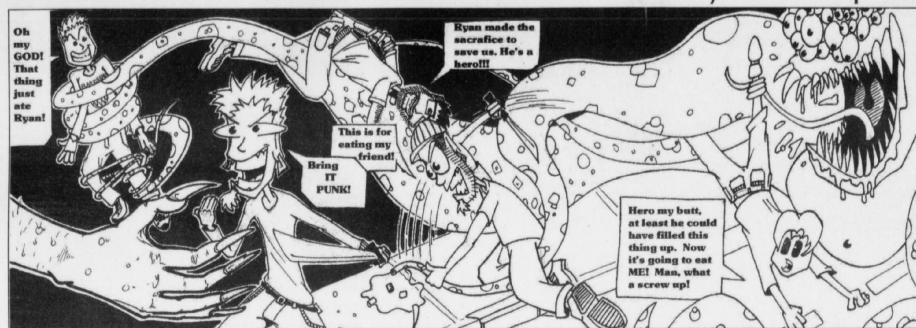
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by Alex Campbell



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by Mitchell Cahill

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K'Q MLZP B HVVO, B HVVO KU OVAG TKPJ RVL."

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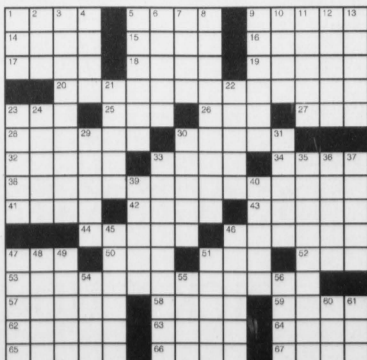
crossword

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

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- Totally absorbed
 - Hefty slice
 - Smith and West
 - Water in Andalusia
 - Chute opener?
 - Pay the piper
 - Braxton or Tennille
 - Roman way
 - Nile port
 - Haberdashery employee?
 - H.S. part
 - Holy smokes!
 - X rating?

- POETIC PIECE
- Grinding teeth
 - Packing containers
 - Slur over
 - Mass of ice
 - Office fill-in
 - Car wash employee?
 - Duncan's dagger
 - Forestry tools
 - Poet Heinrich
 - Leveled
 - Pasturage grass
 - Bern's river
 - Part of MD

- Saloon perches
- Esoteric
- College bigwig
- Pedro's pal
- Bogged down
- Shop
- Fairy-tale monsters
- Jinxed
- Mergansers
- Actor Farrell
- Venomous snake
- Remove air from pipes
- Porkers' digs
- Very distant guiding light
- Fond of luxury



LAST WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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- DOWN
- Cartoonist Keane
 - Seaman's org.
 - Coffee shop employee?
 - Muscat man
 - Sardine containers
 - Distribute the cards
 - Sonata's last movement
 - Came to roost
 - Black-tie affair
 - Fieri cryme
 - Author Jaffe
 - Writer Bagnold

- Stool pigeon
- In the past
- Climax of a joke
- Shadow
- Injures maliciously
- Wood-shaping machine
- Song of the LPGA

- Restaurant handouts
- Adjust one's feathers
- Harassed, as frat pledges
- Young wolf
- Embryonic sac
- Spanish holiday
- Greek marketplace
- Knight's outfit
- Colorful mounts
- Dahomey, today

- Remove ties
- Metric wt.
- Lip
- "Float like a butterfly" boxer
- Young Scot

Answers to this week's puzzle will be published in next week's issue.

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Holiday focusses on women

For some, Feb. 14 is a day set aside by the American culture to celebrate those special people that you love. For others, it is a day to complain about how it is a Hallmark holiday. No matter what your stance is on the issue, there is one thing that everyone can agree on: it is not escaping it.

The day isn't for couples, don't lie to yourself, it is for women. If it was up to men, it would be cold beer and free lap dance day. If you mess up Valentine's Day with your girlfriend, there will be hell to pay.

Chris Rock said, "Women only need three things to survive: food, water and compliments." The truth of this statement is scary. Valentine's Day is a com-

pliment women festival. That is why women live longer than men. Scientists say it is because of stress, which is partly true. Men have more stress trying to find new compliments for their women.

All women should come with compliments gauges like how cars come with gas gauges. Everyday you could check your girlfriend's neck. "Ah, I better be good, she's at a quarter tank."

Valentine's Day can buy you a few weeks of free fuel.

Some guys realize how important this is. They have to lay out blue prints weeks in advance and set up appointments with consultants and bodyguards. They get the consultants to ensure success and

the bodyguards for protection in case of failure.

Other guys think, "Oh, that's not me. I have a cool girl. She doesn't care about stuff like that."

Say to you, you are in crazy girl danger. She may not say something at first, but she won't forget. Women are like elephants, they never forget.

You mess up Valentine's Day and they say they don't care, but they won't forget. Time passes, and everything is going cool, but then comes the day you get blind-sided by the semi-truck of women's rage.

Hey, Lisa, I got you these flowers. Where do you want them?"

BOOM!

"Oh, now you want to give me flowers. Where were you two months ago on Valentine's Day, jerk?"

"What?"

"Don't play dumb with me,

you know what. Where can you put the flowers? I have a place ..."

The best thing to do in this situation is cover your crotch.

If you are alone for Valentine's Day, don't worry about it. Be happy that you can't screw it up. On Feb. 15, you may be the envy of many broken hearts. Practice for those Valentine's Days that you aren't single. It is a part of being a man.

Whoever said it was better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all must have never had to deal with Valentine's Day.

Cover your crotch Norse, and study with caution.



A comic's perspective
with Matt Stanton

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Valentine's need preparation

Ahh... Valentine's Day. How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. One... um One-and-a-half. OK forget it.

Now is that time of year to give someone special to your one-and-only, or to take a chance on getting a new love? Why do we do this? It is the most romantic day of the year.

First here is a quick history of the holiday. There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some say that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity.

Some believe he married young couples in secret. On one of these occasions he was captured and put into jail. It is said that he died on Feb. 14, the same day that had been devoted to love letters. Love letters were written and placed their names in a barrel and boys choose a name.

Whomever they chose was the person they loved that day, evening or all night with.

Stories say that Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend and visited him in jail. He signed it "From Your Valentine."

In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside Feb. 14 to honor St. Valentine. Why this particular day? Was it because of the love

lotteries (a pagan holiday) or some other reason? I think it was something else. Think about it, February is a horrible month. It is cold, the sun is not out much and there are no good holidays in sight. By making a big holiday at the beginning of the year, it can help cheer people up in an otherwise dreary time.

Last thing about getting ready for Valentine's Day makes me nervous. I am never prepared on time, and over the years I have come across two very useful resources for those of us last-minute people.

The first Web site is <http://www.romantic.com>. This site helps prepare you to be a bit more romantic. It helps you prepare a good dinner, gives a list of romantic quotes and lists many other ideas for helping your night end with a bang.

The other is a bit less snappy but useful. At <http://www.holiday.net> you can find online card-making and a few other links to help you get ready at the last minute.

So the next time you have those Web sites to discuss on your day. Hopefully this will be as helpful to you as it was to me. That is if you think that this holiday is anything more than a trumped-up commercial day intended to play on the emotions of the masses.

But who am I to disagree with them. Valentine's Day isn't all bad, even if the commercialization of it is.

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The way I see it
with Steve Fungo

Social Sec needs alterations

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Social Security was enacted into law in 1935 as the middle of the Great Depression. It started as a retirement program, and in the beginning you were given a lump sum payment. At the time most people had little, if any, faith in banks or the stock market.

In 1939, Social Security was expanded to include payments to spouses and minor children. In the 1950s, changes were made to grant cost of living adjustments, which were by special legislation from Congress. Changes were also made to provide for disability benefits.

In 1961, the age of retirement was lowered to 62 for men; women had been given this option in 1956. In 1972, Social Security was amended to provide for automatic cost of living adjustments. By the 1980s, the

program faced serious financing problems.

In 1983, numerous changes were made, including tax benefits. Federal employees were added and the retirement age was increased to 65 in 2000. Increased reserves were also added to the Social Security Trust Fund. The 2000 report stated that Social Security could only pay full benefits through 2037.

Social Security needs repair. Because of advances made in medicine, the average life expectancy has increased to 76.9 years. As the baby boomers reach retirement age, the crisis will explode. By 2018, the government will pay out more than it takes in. For those of us still working, the pay the retirees will be challenging.

Social Security has failed. Even if it were solvent, it has still failed us. Let's suppose that a man and a woman started working at age 21, retired at 62 and both passed away at age 76.

This would have given them 14 years to draw benefits. For 41 years they paid into the system and were rewarded with 14 years. What if for that same period half of the money went to their personal accounts? In these accounts they could choose their investments and could not access the money until retirement. When they died, money left in the account could be passed on to their children or next of kin. The fruits of their labor could pass on one generation to another, building wealth. It's not perfect but it's better than the current system.

At this time 12.4 percent of wages up to \$87,900 are taxed and the employer pays an additional 6.2 percent. If 5 percent were placed in an account of your choice, at least you would allow you to pass on wealth.

You could choose from a pass book savings with compounded interest to stocks and bonds. The choice would be up to you, not the government.

This system would benefit

the families of people who pass away early in life. How many people die at age 50 or 60 before retirement age? The money they paid stays with the fund; it is not passed on. If they have retired they receive benefits until age 21, and a spouse receives some assistance.

Social Security should be reformed now to allow all workers under age 30 the ability to privatize 5 percent of their earnings. All other workers could choose to participate or stay in the current program. The maximum cap on wages could be raised from \$87,900 to \$150,000 to generate additional funds. This would be a start. Everyone would be able to begin building wealth. As for the rest of the workers, benefits would lose benefits.

If you have a better system, please call or write your representatives. We can ignore the problem and hope it goes away or we can be responsible and find a solution.

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Free speech: use it or risk losing it

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The First Amendment is a muscle that must be used, or it will become flabby. A survey of high school students by the John and James L. Knight Foundation reveals a First Constitution. Kids are weak in knowledge of their rights.

* 73 percent said they didn't know how they felt about the First Amendment or took freedom of speech and the press for granted.

* More than a third (35 percent) thought that the First Amendment goes too far in protecting rights.

* One in six students indicated

that people shouldn't be allowed to express unpopular opinions.

* Only half said newspapers should be allowed to publish freely without government approval of stories.

The apathy is alarming. Those who don't understand the First Amendment are certainly less inclined to exercise it, and they'll be less skeptical and more easily convinced by government officials who want to twist and limit it.

Ignorance is not kids' fault. Unawareness starts at home. Parents' understanding of the First Amendment isn't much better. Even in the best of times, three out of 10 adults believe

that the First Amendment goes too far. That belief jumped to half in the months after Sept. 11. Talk-show hosts like Rush Limbaugh make good money assailing the credibility of mainstream journalists and of anybody who disagrees with him.

In school, First Amendment-rich electives are getting left behind in the race to raise test scores in math and English. California requires three courses in social studies, including a semester course in American government and civics. But often, the focus is on specific historical events, not on the theory and social studies tests, not on broad concepts.

Schools need to convene

more discussions of controversial issues and to promote civic involvement outside of class.

The Knight survey of 100,000 students in 544 high schools found a clear correlation between knowledge of the First Amendment and participation in a school radio station or newspaper. One-quarter of schools no longer publish papers, and many of those that have dropped them are in poor communities.

The exhilaration that Iraqis felt in voting for the first time should remind Americans of rights they often don't appreciate. An atrophied First Amendment is harmful to the nation's civil health.

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Compiled by Nicole Jones

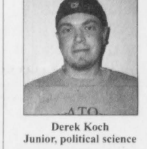
How important do you think TANK is to the NKU community?



Jamie Clay
Freshman, business
"I don't even ride the bus; I have a car, but it's important for people who don't have a car."



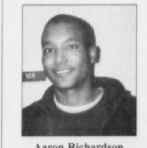
Heather Buckner
Freshman, secondary education
"Not very important."



Derek Koch
Junior, political science
"I don't use TANK, but I see a lot of people out there so I think it's a vital part of the commute."



Kelly Keene
Junior, marketing
"A lot of people are in favor of TANK and... are concerned about rides to work because of lack of other transportation."



Aaron Richardson
Sophomore, marketing
"I think it's very important. A lot of students don't drive, and this is a cheap way for them to get to school."



Andrew Atkins
Senior, business administration
"I think it's important because it's an easy way, especially with parking."

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wednesday

• Bets for Bucks and Digital Caricatures sponsored by APB in the UC Lobby and Cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

• NKU Homecoming guest speaker Dr. Stephen Boyd in the Budj Theatre in the UC at 1 p.m.

• Drag Show fundraiser in the UC Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. S3 entrance charge.

• Yell like Hell, and the Duke and Duchess will be announced in the Albright Health Center at 9 p.m.

thursday

• "Six by Six: Miniature Art" show opens in Fine Arts Gallery.

• Homecoming Celebration and King/Queen Courts announced at Jiljian's from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is free if students wear black and gold. Donations will be accepted.

friday

• "Limits without Limits," a Gay/Straight Valentine's dance in UC Ballroom at 8 p.m. admission is \$2.

• Free Food Friday in the UC Lobby and Cafeteria at noon.

saturday

• Homecoming

• Women's Basketball vs. Indianapolis at 5:30 p.m. in Regents Hall.

• Men's Basketball vs. Indianapolis at 7:45 p.m. in Regents Hall.

sunday

• Tae Kwon Do club meeting at 2 p.m. in the Albright Health Center multi-purpose room or court one.

monday

• "Young, Muslim, and French," documentary sponsored by the NKU French Club, in Landrum 535 at 2 p.m.

• "Battle of Algiers" Film/Panel Discussion in Budj Theatre in the UC from 6:15 to 9 p.m.

tuesday

• BMO meeting at 8 p.m. in Norse Commons 115.

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WNKU DJ John Patrick prepares to go on the air. WNKU is an award-winning National Public Radio affiliate.

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Small show a big task for art student

More than 100 works on display

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The upcoming "Six by Six" exhibition will be an experience Casey Bussard will not forget anytime soon.

Grading art majors are generally required to exhibit their work in the gallery for a senior project, but this isn't always the case.

"For my senior project, I chose to curate a show because I thought that it would be a good experience," said Bussard, a senior art history major.

"Majoring in art with a concentration in art history pretty much limits your options career-wise, and working in a gallery is a possible career-choice." "Six by Six" will be an exhibition of miniature art work, meaning all pieces of artwork have maximum outside dimensions of six inches by six inches, including any framing or matting. The size of the artwork was the only restriction. The subject matter of each piece was left entirely to the artist.

In early 2004, Bussard went through calling artists to submit their works to the "Six by Six" exhibition. NKU received an overwhelming response from artists all over the country. NKU received more than 530 images for review from 239 artists. The final result: 93

artists exhibiting 100 original works that range from artists as far as California to several local NKU students and faculty members.

"It was really hard going through all the work," Bussard said. "It's so hard to say this for nothing, but in this piece doesn't."

"Overall, it took at least eight hours to go through all the work, and a quadra-bizillion man-hours doing everything else," she said.

Putting the show together was not an easy task for Bussard, but to make matters worse the gallery flooded during winter break.

Another exhibit, "Five by Five" was originally set to be displayed in the Main Gallery along with "Six by Six" being shown in the smaller gallery, but because of flooding, "Five by Five" will now be postponed until next year.

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"Six by Six" art show

• Fine Arts Center Main Gallery, Feb. 10 to March 4 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

• Artist's reception Thursday, Feb. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m.

• Admission is free.

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Flip on your FM radio dial, scan the airwaves and listen. Those tired old songs and frenetic commercials are both part of a tightly-controlled format that adheres to a fundamental fiscal policy: stick to the musical mainstream and air count-less commercials.

Now, tune your dial down to 89.7 FM. You might hear Modern Mouse followed by Johnny Cash or classic Bob Dylan. Maybe you'll catch some progressive news from National Public Radio.

Listen even closer, and you may be shocked at what you're not hearing: commercials.

Streaming live from the understated control booths on the third floor of Northern Kentucky University's Landrum Academic Center is one of Greater Cincinnati's premier public radio stations, WNKU.

WNKU signed on the air April 29, 1985. "Signing the paperwork to put WNKU on the air was one of the first things Dr. Leon Boothie did when he first became President of NKU," said station news director Maryanne Zeleznik. "It took several years to make that dream a reality."

Today, WNKU enjoys a reciprocal relationship with the school, said Grady Kirkpatrick, assistant general manager for WNKU programming and operations. The station is licensed to NKU's Board of Regents, while the university provides broadcasting and office space in Landrum in addition to salaries for the full-time staff.

"We're always happy to promote university programs and events that will be of interest to our audience," Kirkpatrick said. "However, WNKU is an editorially independent, journalistic enterprise."

More stars than in the heavens

In the early 1990s, WNKU changed from a news and folk

music station to a news and adult, album, alternative rock-based format. According to Kirkpatrick, each producer/deejay is given nearly free reign within his or her segment.

"It's a scene, man," Robert Beemon said, who moonlights as the lyrical Mr. Rhythm Man. Beemon said that WNKU listeners benefit from the station programmers' deep love and knowledge of music.

Even though (my show) is a Saturday night 'booty party' show and not a music history class, there really is a difference in what a Little Richard song sounds like, depending on what label he was on at the time," he said.

"And since I think it's cool that his guitar player on a particular track was a pre-famous Jimi Hendrix, I'll share that info with our listeners in the show. They'll also find it interesting. Otherwise, I just tell myself to get out of the way and play more music."

Aaron Sharpe, acting director of development and marketing, said WNKU resists the boring, stuffy stereotypes that plague much of public radio. By doing so, he said, listeners are rewarded by getting to hear exciting new bands before they hit it big.

"Listeners have found in WNKU a station that isn't afraid to try new things," Sharpe said. "Over the years, WNKU has been first in the market to play Dave Matthews Band, Norah Jones, Los Lonely Boys, Modest Mouse, Josh Stone, Rilo Kiley and Bright

Eyes, to name a few."

All the news that's fit to transmit

In addition to its unique music format, WNKU is one of the local providers of NPR news and carries the popular NPR news magazine segments "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered." The station is also highly regarded for its award-winning local news coverage.

According to Zeleznik, the station's goal is to give its listeners respect by providing relevant information.

"We may not cover every traffic accident, but we do cover stories that will have an affect on people's lives," she said. "For example, (WNKU's news reporter) Jay Hanelman is often the only broadcast reporter covering meetings at Cincinnati City Hall.

—Michael Grayson,
WNKU music director

Decisions made there affect people not only in Cincinnati, but the entire region."

Zeleznik said her weekly talk show "Speaking Frankly" also tackles important issues facing the area. "It gives an opportunity for intelligent dialogue and not bombastic shouting of ideas."

Get a job

With its on-campus location, WNKU has also been a source for on-the-job training to dozens of interns and student workers throughout the years.

In fact, as Zeleznik points out, reporter Hanelman began at the station as a student before being hired full-time in the mid-'90s.

Kirkpatrick advises prospective radio professionals to submerge themselves in radio cul-

ture. "Research as much as possible about the history and current status of radio and the evolution of 'new media,'" he said.

"There have been a lot of changes over the years that have resulted in a lot fewer people working in radio. However, there is a need for new talent in the industry. If you decide to pursue your interest, follow up with course study and as much hands on experience as possible."

There are a lot of folks with great voices. It's how you use your voice and unique talent to engage, inform and entertain listeners."

"I encourage anyone considering a radio career other than public radio to run away quickly and find something else to do," jokes Michael Grayson, music director and on-air host from 9 a.m. to noon.

"Corporate commercial radio is on the verge of becoming 25 voices over the entire country with computers reproducing the same format in every city."

WNKU's target audience age is the 25 to 54 crowd (reaching a 60 percent male and 40 percent female population). However, he and others at the station profess that they all feel blessed to be generating quality radio for a more than half of the station's audience.

Since public radio stations do not sell advertising, they must rely on listeners' financial support in order to survive. According to general manager Benjamin Singleton, listener and member contributions pay more than half of the station's operating expenses. These tax-deductible support dollars help pay for programming and operating expenses, while helping the station gauge listener interest in particular programs.

In this way, WNKU has survived for nearly 20 years, a fact that has not gone unappreciated, Grayson said.

"(We have) extremely well-informed listeners. It's nice to work to such a sophisticated audience," he said. "This is radio heaven."

Rock trio influenced by Brit bands

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If you want to hear rock 'n' roll in its simplest and purest form, listen to The Gravity Car. Within their music lies hints of David Bowie, The Velvet Underground, and Morrissey.

The Gravity Car is a rock trio from Cincinnati that formed through friendship and the desire to play serious music.

This band is comprised of Steven Sunday, Nathan Bidwell and Jeff Snyder, a radio/television major at Northern Kentucky University.

"I feel like we are really passionate about this," Sunday, the band's guitarist, said.

Prior to The Gravity Car, he played

in the band Worth, which is where he met Snyder, the bassist for The Gravity Car. After Worth separated due to artistic differences, The Gravity Car was born.

Sunday is considered the main songwriter of the band.

"The songs I write are primarily influenced by British bands," Sunday said.

Sunday said he sleeps only four hours a night to enhance his artistic creativity.

The band has been together almost a year and hasn't let anything stop them, including the loss of a drummer just a month before a crucial show.

It was at this point in the band's history Bidwell arrived. After only four practices, Bidwell was ready to perform with the band. He "just likes

to play," he said.

The Gravity Car has performed at several venues around the area such as The Southgate House, The Comet and the York St. Cafe.

In the future, The Gravity Car plans to release an album and tour the country in order to promote the album and the band.

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• Next performance at Top Cats in Clifton Feb. 18 at 9 p.m.

• The Gravity Car can be also be found on the web at purevolume.com/thegravitycar



Rich Shivener / Photographer

The Gravity Car's lead singer, Steven Sunday (right), said he sleeps only four hours a night to enhance his artistic creativity.

Inexpensive options can improve Valentine's Day

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Whether you've been in a relationship for a long time or are just getting into a relationship, Valentine's Day shouldn't be a money crunch—especially for college students.

If you plan a date for the evening, many inexpensive options are ideal for Valentine's Day or any other special occasion.

♥ Go out for dinner – An elegant place for dinner is always a nice move for Valentine's Day. A go-through that requires reservations, or a picnic dinner (indoor or outdoor) can make an evening special. Restaurants and theaters in the area run specials for the holiday.

♥ Star gazing – The good thing about this date is that it is free. You can sit in your vehicle or brave the weather and sit outside. Bring hot coco and marshmallows if you plan on staying for a while.

♥ Ice skating – This gives you time to depend on one other – by not letting the other person fall.

♥ Rent a room – Staying somewhere where you don't have to worry about cleaning up a mess the next day can make for a stress-free fun night—some places even offer romantic packages.

♥ Go dancing – Dance the night away. Go to a club or a bar with a dance floor, dance close and put on the best moves. Go ahead, get down tonight.

♥ Go to the theatre and see a play – An excellent play is always the right move for Valentine's Day. This will also give you a chance to dress up for the occasion.

♥ Bowling – This is the place to meet, even if you're just friends, to have fun and laugh all night.

♥ Sporting events – A sporting event is a nice way to be competitive and to root for a

favorite team.

Along with a date, gifts are common on Valentine's Day.

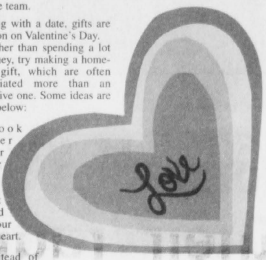
Rather than spending a lot of money, try making a homemade gift, which are often appreciated more than an expensive one. Some ideas are listed below:

♥ Cook dinner for your date. Make a gift of card for your sweetheart.

♥ Instead of the original chocolates on Valentine's Day, go for his/her favorite candy.

♥ Bouquets of flowers are always the right trick, but instead spice things up with a single flower and a kiss.

♥ Massages make good gifts and give you a chance to explore parts of each other's body.



♥ Make a coupon book. For example, one coupon could be for a free deed of his/her choosing.

♥ Write or select a sonnet or a poem to read to your special someone on Valentine's Day.

Even if you are currently single, these ideas would be applicable for any occasion.

Sex guide gives thorough details

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I will be the first to admit I'm bad in bed. So if you're like me, or you're too pompous to accept your incompetence, you must read Paul Joannides' "Guide to Getting It On."

This guide goes beyond your high school sex-ed class taught by the football coach.

Heading the 740 pages of sex literature is the definitive nature of sex, relationships, one-night stands and the simple "importance of getting naked."

This then leads to a thorough (and I do mean thorough) examination of Anatomy 201—the good stuff.

Diagrams and sketches pictures lend enticing, and often humorous, visuals to heighten the reader's experience.

With an assuage-like connotation, Joannides covers everything from the underestimated art of French kissing to spontaneous quickies should a road trip become monotonously long.

From giving a massage to fingering a keyboard for cyber sex, the g-spot to oral, strap-

ons to hand jobs, the topics in this guide captivate every self-fulfilling prophecy even Ron Jeremy hasn't tried.

The book is formatted using personal expertise, questions from readers and newspaper column stylizations. Mock advertisements for sex related issues create added commentary.

Throughout the chapters are testimonials from people who share all perspectives of foreplay, intercourse, preferences and the notorious spit-swallow rivalry.

Welcoming sexbians from every walk of life, Joannides delves into infinite realms of possibility and imagination while making friendly reminders that, while we like to feel powerful in the sack, something physically aren't encouraged.

Should you decide that you, too, deserve a good time between the sheets or back seat of some random car, I highly advise you pick up "Guide to Getting It On" and join me in heading the revolution of better sex.

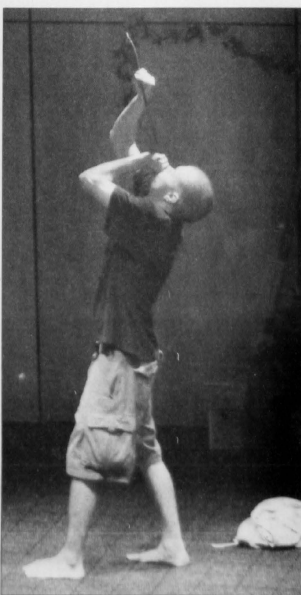
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HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES



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Above: Rayshawn Green takes on Terrae Howell during the APB's Freestyle Battle Tuesday, Feb. 8. Green won the competition. Right: Chad "Frack" Cios swallows a sword during his freak show act at the APB's Homecoming Talent show Monday, Feb. 7.



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Sports Scene

Stadium network will help economy

The NFL offseason is now starting after the New England Patriots defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21 in Super Bowl XXXIX. The Pro Bowl next weekend in Hawaii but that's just the NFL All-Star game.

However, the people down at Paul Brown Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Bengals, are hoping that the offseason will be a busy one since it became one of 10 NFL stadiums to join the Gridiron Stadium Network, a group that will be touring shows and other events to NFL stadiums during the offseason.

Other fields involved include the Seattle Seahawks' Qwest Field, the Pittsburgh Steelers' Heinz Field, the Green Bay Packer's famed stadium Lambeau Field, the Kansas City Chiefs' Arrowhead Stadium, the new home of the Detroit Lions, Ford Field, the Buffalo Bills' Ralph Wilson Stadium, Reliant Stadium, home of the Houston Texans, the Washington Redskins' FedEx Field, the Philadelphia Eagles' Lincoln Financial Field and the Denver Broncos' Invesco Field at Mile High.

This is a great move on the Paul Brown Stadium officials' part because if they start booking rock concerts it will surely help the downtown Cincinnati economy and keep the stadium from sitting vacant during the Bengals' offseason. The downtown economy could use the income from these concerts because it seems as if no one goes downtown anymore except to work and maybe go to the Main Street entertainment district.

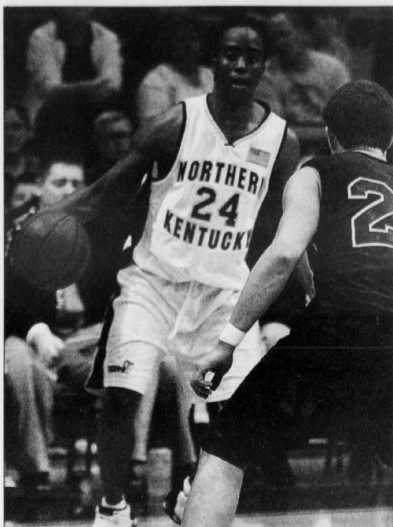
Paul Brown Stadium has yet to host a big event other than a football game in its four years of existence. The only non-football event that took place was the Billy Graham Crusade a couple of years ago that featured hometown boy and NFL star Shaun Alexander.

If Paul Brown Stadium officials need any help in hosting a big stadium concert all they have to do is look at what's going on 40 miles south of them on Interstate 71. The Kentucky Speedway has been successful in hosting rock concerts since its opening. They have hosted Metallica's summer stadium tour, the Vans Warped Tour, and for the past two years hosted the popular Country Stampede featuring many of today's top country music acts. Kentucky Speedway officials have also recently announced that country music superstar Tim McGraw will play there July 30 as part of the Jammin' in the Bluegrass concert. This will be McGraw's only appearance in the area this year.

Several bands have been successful in the past years after playing stadium shows, such as Metallica, the Rolling Stones and U2. The Gridiron Stadium Network, which will be headquartered in Los Angeles, could bring similar events to Cincinnati.

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Norse completely sweeps



Norse newcomer Courtney Ferguson had 10 points in the win.

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Mike Kelsey scored 28 points on 50 percent shooting as the Norse (10-11, 6-9) completed the season sweep of Kentucky Wesleyan (13-8, 8-7), defeating the Panthers 73-66 in a hard-nosed, physical game at Regents Hall Feb. 5.

It would have been easy for Kentucky Wesleyan to roll over and just hand the Norse the victory with all the problems they have had. The Panthers are not eligible for postseason play because of conference sanctions. The Northern Kentucky University student section had fun with that by creating T-shirts suggesting the Panthers watch the Norse in the postseason. They were also without their second leading scorer, who is ineligible for the second semester. Despite these problems, the Panthers put up quite a fight that led to a good game for the 1,317 in attendance, including a very loud and rambunctious Panther cheering section. It was the type of hard-fought game that you would expect from a Kentucky Wesleyan-Northern Kentucky game.

The game was a see-saw battle that had 13 lead changes and 10 ties. The Norse had three players in double figures led by Kelsey's 28. The Panthers also had three players in double figures led by Frankie Ferguson's 16. The 6-foot-6-center got into some foul trouble aiding NKU's victory.

In the first half, it was the Kelsey show. Kelsey hit five three pointers, scoring all of his first half points from behind the perimeter, mostly off of picks set to spring him open. Kentucky Wesleyan countered Kelsey's effort

with balanced scoring and second-chance points. At the half, after 10 lead changes, Kentucky Wesleyan led 31-30.

The second half opened with the score staying close. Neither team could find the answer to put the other away. The teams slayed within a few points of each other until 2:33 left in the game when Kelsey and Courtney Ferguson hit back to back three pointers to open the game up. The Norse won the game despite being outscored from the free throw line 17-5. The Norse did not attempt a free throw in the first half and their first one didn't come until the 1:36 mark in the second half. The Panthers shot 13 more free throws than the Norse did.

The Norse held the Panthers to 39 percent shooting and just 29 percent from three points. NKU shot 50 percent from the field and 46 percent from three point range in the victory.

With the win, the Norse are within one game of evening their record at 11-11. NKU is currently seventh in the GLVC. They snapped Kentucky Wesleyan's three game winning streak at Regents Hall. Kentucky Wesleyan still leads the overall season 42-20. NKU improved 7-4 at home this season, but are just 3-4 in the GLVC at home. NKU has a week off before hosting third place Indianapolis for the Homecoming game.

At halftime of the men's game, NKU inducted members into the NKU Athletics Hall of Fame. This year's inductees are Diane Redmond, J.T. Roberts, Amy Flaughter, Tim Grogan, Nancy Berger, Paul Claxton, John Tobben and the 2000 NCAA Division II women's basketball national championship basketball team. These members each received a plaque and were honored in a ceremony Feb. 4.

Lady Norse tied for third place in GLVC conference after big win

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Connie Myers scored 22 points and grabbed a career-high 20 rebounds as the Lady Norse (13-9, 10-5) snapped a two game losing streak defeating Kentucky Wesleyan (10-12, 5-10) 83-65 in front of 882 people at Regents Hall Feb. 5. Myers was the only person scoring over 20 points as forward Karyn Creager scored 24 points on 8-11 shooting. Creager also went 4-5 from three-point range allowing the Norse to play inside/outside game to perfection like against the Panthers. Creager also extended her consecutive free throw streak to 21 by going 4-4 from the stripe. This was a game between an up-tempo Panther team and a defensively sound Norse team that ranks number two in scoring defense in the GLVC.

Kentucky Wesleyan wanted to push the ball up the floor, but the Norse did an outstanding job defending the fast break allowing zero points in that category. Defense was the key as the Lady Norse held the Panthers to 34 percent from the field. This season NKU is holding opponents to an average of 40 percent from the field. NKU controlled the game from inside the paint beating the Panthers 44-24. NKU also attacked a vulnerable corner defense by hitting several shots from both corners. When it wasn't Creager or Myers hitting shots, guard Sarah Woods chipped in 13 points on 5-9 shooting.

NKU used a four-minute scoring drought by the Panthers to get some distance between them. At the 6:08 mark in the first half, NKU hit back-to-back three pointers and added another field

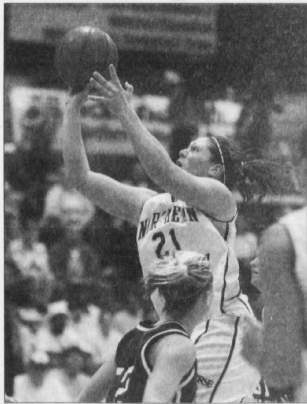
goal to open the game up at 27-15. They rode this momentum into the half leading 36-22 and never looked back.

NKU held the Panthers to just 27 percent from the field in the first half. Kentucky Wesleyan made a few scoring runs in the second half, but each one was answered by NKU. The closest the Panthers came to the Lady Norse was 10 points. Easy baskets inside by Myers and the outstanding perimeter shooting by Creager allowed NKU to open a 20 point lead in the second half en route to the 18 point victory averaging an earlier loss in Owensboro 63-48.

Kentucky Wesleyan countered with three players in double figures. Mike Craneck led the Panthers with 16 points and six rebounds. The Panthers had no answer for the inside game the Norse brought. The Panthers were denied a chance to even their record at 11-11 and went the season series against NKU.

The Lady Norse played without sophomore center Karmen Graham for the third straight game. Graham sprained her ankle last week, and taking her place in the starting lineup was Angela Healy. Healy played inspired defense inside in Graham's absence scoring six points, but collecting two crucial steals that allowed NKU to bust the game open.

At 10:5 in the GLVC, NKU is two games back of first place Quincy in the loss column. The Lady Norse still have a game against Quincy at home and a road game with second place Wisconsin Parkside, so the door is still open for NKU to win the GLVC conference. Winning the conference would give NKU a number one seed in the conference tournament that would be the winner of the tournament to the Division II NCAA tournament.



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The Kentucky Wesleyan defense couldn't stop Connie Myers as the scored 22 points and had a career high 20 rebounds in the win.

Patriots become dynasty with victory

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For the New England Patriots, it was the standard Super Bowl victory. The teams battled back and forth in a game that was decided in the final minute with the Patriots coming up victorious in the end.

With a 24-21 win over the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX, the Patriots won their second Super Bowl in a row and their third title in four years, cementing themselves as the first NFL dynasty in the 21st century.

Though they weren't able to cover the seven-point spread, the Patriots made the right plays at the right times to get the win. The game started out

as a defensive struggle with both teams looking a little nervous. Philadelphia was able to strike first in the second quarter on a 6-yard touchdown pass from Donovan McNabb to tight end L.J. Smith. New England answered back minutes later with a 4-yard touchdown pass from Tom Brady to wide receiver David Givens. The game was tied at 7 at halftime, the first time in Super Bowl history that the game has been tied going into the break.

On the opening drive of the second half, New England came out attacking. Brady executed an impressive 9-play, 79-yard drive that resulted in a 2-yard touchdown catch by defensive linebacker Mike Vrabel. This was Vrabel's second consecutive Super Bowl with a touchdown reception

and fifth touchdown reception of his career.

McNabb and the Eagles put on an impressive drive of their own, capped off by a 10-yard touchdown reception by wide receiver Brian Westbrook. The game was tied at 14 going into the fourth quarter.

The Patriots were finally able to establish their running game, pounding the ball to former Cincinnati Bengal Corey Dillon and backup Kevin Faulk. It was Dillon who put the Patriots back on top with a 2-yard touchdown run with 13:44 remaining in the game. A 22-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri extended the lead to 24-14 with 8:40 left to play.

New England looked absolutely dominant in offense in the second half scoring on four out of five possessions, but

the Eagles continued to hang in. Despite poor clock management late in the game, McNabb was able to convert a 30-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Glen Lewis with 1:48 to play in the game. The Eagles then tried an onside kick, but it was recovered by New England. The Patriots were unable to execute a last-ditch drive, and were forced to punt. Philadelphia got the ball back deep in their own territory. On third down, McNabb was intercepted by Rodney Harrison, who had two in the game, with nine seconds left. A final knee sealed the game for the Patriots, as well as their place in history.

Wide receiver Deion Branch was named MVP with a record-tying 11 receptions for 133 yards. Brady was also very effi-

cient, completing 23 out of 33 passes for 236 yards and two touchdowns. His counterpart McNabb was 27 of 45 for a personal playoff best 256 yards and two touchdowns, but also threw three costly interceptions.

Dillon finished with a respectable 75 yards rushing and a touchdown, but perhaps the most impressive performance of the night went to Eagles' wide receiver Terrell Owens. Owens, who started despite having major surgery on his ankle six weeks ago, caught nine passes for 122 yards.

The Patriots cap off a dream season for the New England area, which is still celebrating the Red Sox victory of a few months ago, and left the city of Philadelphia still waiting for a major sports title win in over two decades.

hotseat



→ with John Rasp

In this week's Hot Seat, John interviews women's basketball player Angela Healy. Angela is a freshman on this year's team.

John Rasp: What's the hardest thing about being a freshman basketball player?
Angela Healy: Adapting from high school to college play because it's a lot different.

JR: Who would you say is the best dancer on the team?
AH: I've never seen her dance, but I've heard that Betsy (Clark) can get down.

JR: What would you say was your best game this year?
AH: Probably the Bellarmine game that I had 10 points. It's when I began to start scoring.

JR: What would you say is the best sports movie of all time?
AH: Remember the Titans, hands down.

JR: Who has the best nickname on the team?
AH: Nicole Chiodi. Her nickname is Edna. We didn't give it

to her, she's had it since grade school and I can't call her anything but Edna now. Her sister gave it to her after the nickname of a nun.

JR: Which players do you think get yelled at the most by Coach Winstel?
AH: That would be me and Edna (Nicole Chiodi).

JR: What is your best road trip story from this year?
AH: On the Michigan trip, Jeff Iker was doing radio and didn't have dress pants. Coach made him go to the mall to get dress pants for our next game.

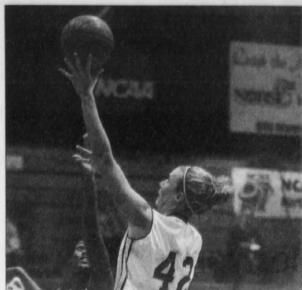
JR: What kind of pre-game music do you usually listen to?
AH: I like Usher's Yeah and other rap.

JR: What player listens to the weirdest pre-game music?
AH: My roommate (Brittany

Winner) and I don't really listen to the same kind of music. She listens to music like Green Day to pump her up, and that really doesn't pump me up.

JR: What opponent are you most looking forward to playing?
AH: There is a player from UMSL who is a senior who gave me a lot of cheap shots. I'm looking forward to playing her again.

JR: What would you say is the maddest your coach has been all year?
AH: I would have to go with Nikki and say Kentucky Wesleyan. It was kind of scary because it was only our third college game and she was really upset.



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Freshman Angela Healy is averaging 5 points a game this year.

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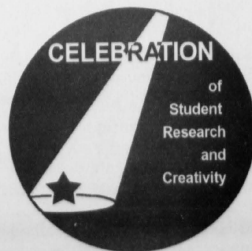
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