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## December Graduates:

### A Forgotten Breed of Student

By Greg Holder  
Staff Writer

One of the highlights of any college student's life is graduation. For many, walking down the aisle and receiving their diploma in front of friends and family is one of their most treasured memories.

However, since NKU provides no ceremony for December graduates, many students will not share in this memorable occasion.

This year, over 380 students are scheduled to receive their degrees at the end of this semester.

Instead of having a separate ceremony, they are simply required to come by the school and pick up their diploma when they are ready. Although all winter graduates are invited to participate in the spring ceremonies, some students feel they are being cheated.

"I definitely felt left out," said Eric Gilpen, a winter graduate.

"Even though we are allowed to attend May graduation, I still feel we should have some sort of special event of our own. What if I get a job that is out of state and can't afford to make the trip? It's just not fair."

Although numerous students seem to feel the same way, the administration does not intend to change its policy.

According to Sandi Cunningham, associate regis-

trar of graduation certification, there are several reasons for this decision.

"December graduation ceremonies are really not very practical," said Cunningham. "First, the timing is bad. With the Christmas season in full swing, people tend to have their hands full at this time of year. Secondly, it would be difficult for professors to get their final grading done in time. However, the major obstacle is money. With the present budget crunch upon us, we simply cannot afford to put on more than one graduation a year."

According to university records, NKU spent \$16,834 on last spring's graduation ceremonies.

"Actually, that figure is a bit low," said Mary Ryan of NKU's provost's office.

"The \$16,834 was just for direct expenses, such as the reception, program printing and other things. Workers were not included in that figure."

Throughout the state, many other colleges face the same situation. Western Kentucky University, which has 745 December graduates this year, also provides only one graduation ceremony a year.

"We face the same dilemma as NKU," said Fay Anderson, coordinator of degree certification at WKU.

"The state budget cuts make it impossible for us to do much for our first-semester graduates."

Despite a shortage of money, some of the colleges in Kentucky still manage to do something to honor those students who graduate early. This year, Eastern Kentucky University provides their 1,000 December graduates with a scaled-down version of the spring ceremony.

"Every year we have what we call a December Recognition Reception," said Brenda Strong, assistant registrar at EKV. "Although it's not a full-blown graduation, we do have each college make presentations and present students with their diplomas. It's not as fancy as our May graduation, but the students and parents seem to appreciate it. Because we have such a large number of graduates this semester, we felt it was necessary to do something for them."

According to Cunningham, the administration at NKU has discussed the subject of winter graduation on several occasions. While they realize that some early graduates may not be able to attend spring graduation, the general consensus is that an extra event would not be worth the effort.

"Back in 1977 and 1978, we had a summer graduation for August graduates, but participation was very low," said Cunningham. "That's very discouraging when discussing a possible winter ceremony."

## They're Building A Road There . . .



The road between Natural Science and Landrum was completed last week. This road will allow construction crews to access the plaza and the library. Northerner photo by Laurel Derks.

## Student Battles Heart Problems, Wins Lions Club Scholarship

By Stacy Durbin  
Executive Editor

A string of health problems has hounded Sharon Harris much of her life. But she always kept her spirits up and kept busy.

After a bout with heart troubles, Harris dropped out of high school at 15.

"My freshman year I was put to bed, rest with heart problems," Harris said.

Harris said she had enough course credits and good grades to continue on to the next year.

"I wanted to go back to school, but when I went back my sophomore year, I didn't fit in."

But she didn't stay out for long.

She got her GED (General Education Diploma) in 1988 through NKU's Re-Entry Center and went on to complete a general clerical program.

"She's a great person," said Angie Taylor of the Re-Entry Center. "She's one of those success stories you hear about."

Taylor explained that the Re-Entry center is designed to support students "with a myriad of problems."

"Sharon was a person who deserved a chance," Taylor said.

In order to support her daughter, Harris said she realized she needed to get an education that would lead her to a good job.

So after having surgery that corrected her atrial septum defect - a hole in her heart - she decided to go to college.

featured guest of the NKU Fifth-Third Bank/Lions Club Tip-Off Classic.

As the recipient, Harris is guaranteed tuition for this spring and next fall.

She said she likes Northern and credits her academic success - a 4.0 GPA - to the various support groups on campus.

"Dr. Angie Taylor was very helpful," Harris recalled.

Harris also mentioned the Kaleidoscope program, Student Support Services and the Women in Transition group.

"I'm a very shy and nervous person," she said.

"They made me feel comfortable and I knew what to expect from (NKU). It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be."

Harris is a pre-elementary education major and said she looks forward to teaching in the special education field someday.

Balancing school and family is something Harris said is relatively easy. She said she schedules her classes for when her daughter's also in school.

Taylor said Harris is very deserving of the scholarship.

"She's a model student," Taylor said.

"She's a great person."

She's one of those success stories you hear about."

- Dr. Angie Taylor

## Parking Problems Re-Emerge

By Amy Stephens  
Staff Writer

The lack of a consistent parking policy in the Residential Village generated discussion at the Student Government's Nov. 23 meeting.

Ken Smith, SG office administrator, expressed his concern over what he said was the Department of Public Safety's inconsistent regulation of fire lane parking and no parking policies.

Smith's concern centered over the circular drive that leads to the Woodcrest Apartments in

the Residential Village.

This drive is designated as a fire lane.

Nathan Smith, SG secretary of external affairs, added that students have been finding 563 tickets on their cars after parking on the drive to drop something off or pick something up.

NKU's standard parking violation fee is \$15.

SG president Mike Franke said DPS is authorized to give out state fines for repeat fire lane parking offenders.

Ken Smith said he talked to a DPS officer two days prior to

the meeting about who could park where and when without receiving a ticket.

However, Smith said he and the officer could come to no conclusion.

Smith said the officer told him no one could park in the fire lane for any reason, but several minutes later, he gave a student permission to park and unload something for a short time, Smith said.

"It makes for bad relations between DPS and students," Nathan Smith said.

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## Former Norse Star Todd Svoboda Now A UK Wildcat

By Stacy Durbin  
Executive Editor

He may never play more than 10 minutes a game. He may never average more than 2 points a game.

But no matter what happens this year, Todd Svoboda said it will be the best experience he's ever had.

Svoboda, a former NKU basketball standout who left last year, is now playing under coach Rick Pitino at the University of Kentucky.

"It's an experience," he said. "Everything is a little bit harder, a little more intense."

Svoboda knows he's not going to be the star or the big scorer on the team. He said he's just happy to be

playing for the number one-ranked team in the country.

But getting to play for the Wildcats meant giving up a few things.

"I miss Northern a lot," Svoboda said. "I miss all my friends and playing basketball with coach (Ken) Shields."

Under a dual degree program between UK and NKU, Svoboda will get his chemical engineering degree. Students under this program attend NKU for three years and then transfer to UK for the remaining two years of study.

Svoboda was eligible to play immediately because his transfer was academically related.

Since transferring, Svoboda has made a lot of adjustments - with the books



Todd Svoboda

and basketball.

Academically, Svoboda said he's doing good, but his classes are harder.

"I don't know if it's because I'm taking more engineering-related courses, but the classes here are harder."

"I have to study three or four hours a night after practice," he said.

Practices are also harder at UK, he said.

"They're really intense. I'm thankful for the 20-hour rule or we'd be out there for 40!" he said.

The 20-hour rule stipulates that teams may not practice over 20 hours a week and players must have at least one day off every six practice days.

When the season gets going next semester, Svoboda said he knows classes will be tougher.

He said traveling with the team is something he's both excited about and loathing.

"I'm not looking forward to next semester," he said. "It's going to be hard to make up my classes."

Svoboda said he likes playing under Pitino because Pitino emphasizes team building - on the hardwood and off.

"Everybody gets along and looks after each other," he said. "We do everything as a team."

He mentions going out to eat and to movies as part of the UK "social life." He said the coaches, managers and trainers are also a part of it.

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# News



## NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

### German Police Find Weapons in Raids on Rightist Group

By Larry Thorson  
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN (AP) — Police raided dozens of homes of right-wing extremists across Germany and found explosives, weapons and neo-Nazi propaganda, officials said Saturday.

Tens of thousands demonstrated peacefully in over 20 German cities to protest violence against foreigners, though trouble erupted during a march in Moelln, where three Turks died when their home was firebombed on Monday.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli Cabinet minister proposed that Israelis and world Jewry not travel to Germany if the German government fails to crack down on neo-Nazis.

"We have a moral right as a nation, if not a moral obligation due to our experience, to warn the world and tell the honorable German government to take matters into their hands," Israeli Education Minister Shaulmit Aloni told Israeli army radio.

Many Germans and people in other countries have been outraged by far-right violence that has left 16 dead in almost 1,800 attacks this year. The worst attack happened in the northern town of Moelln, near Hamburg, when the three Turks were killed.

The bodies of the three were flown home Saturday. Hundreds of mourners, some

holding banners denouncing neo-Nazis, gathered as they arrived in Carsamba, Turkey, the Turkish news agency Anatolia reported.

The police raids, which began Friday and continued into the night, involved homes of members of the Nationalistic Front, which the government outlawed Friday.

The banning of the group, which has not been linked to the Moelln firebombing, was intended "as a clear sign to other rightist groups," said Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters.

Police in Potsdam, near Berlin, said one man was held because explosives were found in his home during raids on 21 homes in Brandenburg state. Police also confiscated neo-Nazi propaganda materials and weapons.

In Bavaria, state Interior Minister Edmund Stoiber said weapons and ammunition were found in raids in six towns. Two Nationalistic Front members were held on suspicion violating weapons laws.

"What was developing here was moving up to a new level of danger for democracy," Stoiber said in Munich, Bavaria's capital.

He said the Nationalistic Front planned to form a commando group, as did the far-left Red Army Faction, which has assassinated German politicians and business leaders.

In North Rhine-Westphalia state, police raided 10 apartments and confiscated weapons, propaganda and other items, police said.

Anti-Nazi laws permit the outlawing of groups that spread Nazi propaganda, and authorities can confiscate assets of banned groups.

Demonstrators in 28 cities protested the violence against foreigners and refugees.

"It's time to show civil courage and not to stay at home and wait for the politicians to solve the problem," Björn Engholm, head of the opposition Social Democratic Party, said at a rally of 15,000 people in the northern city of Kiel.

A march in Moelln was marred by fighting between Turks and Kurds. They threw stones, used flagstaves as clubs and shot flare pistols at each other. Turks chanted taunts such as "Turkey will be the grave for all Kurds."

Many Kurds in Germany are refugees from Turkey, which seeks to crush a Turkish Kurdish separatist movement, and their left-oriented political groups are opposed by most other Turks in Germany.

The head of the national Office for Protection of the Constitution, Germany's domestic intelligence agency, told the BZ newspaper he had permission for a big staff increase to permit closer monitoring of the far right.

## Police Reports

11/19 Husband of a student was escorted off campus by DPS after kicking a hole through a wall in BEP.

11/22 Sandra Hester reported fumes in the C-Wing of the Residence Halls. Eight students were taken to the hospital where they were treated and released.

11/24 Vehicle towed from Woodcrest Apartments for expired license plate.

DPS officer found a door to AS&T computer lab with tape over lock.

### Convicted Woman Begins Fast to Demand New Trial

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Louisville woman convicted of fatally poisoning her husband is vowing to continue her fast until she is granted a new trial or starves to death.

Debra Rogers, who maintains her innocence despite her conviction Monday, began her fast Friday morning after eating dinner Thursday night at the Jefferson County Jail.

In a statement released through a friend Friday, Mrs. Rogers maintained that she did not murder her husband, Harvel Rogers Jr., and is being used as a "scapegoat" for his July 1991 death.

"After having lost the right to raise my own children, and feeling I have nothing left to lose, I am beginning a total fast and intend to maintain it until I die or am given a new trial and reunited with my children," said Mrs. Rogers' statement, released by Tim Burt, who attended the same church with her.

"She is already very weak, and a total fast for her would take its toll very quickly," Burt said. "This is not something that she thought about on a whim."

Burt said Mrs. Rogers has read about "incidents in the Bible where people fast for important reasons, and that's part of her motivation."

Jail personnel will monitor Mrs. Rogers regularly, weighing her weekly, said Capt. Terry Abbott, a county Corrections Department spokesman.

"If she become medically unstable, then our medical staff will take steps to attend to her," he said.

Debra Rogers, 38, will remain in the jail until she is formally sentenced Jan. 25. The jury recommended that she serve 28 years in prison.

Larry Simon, Mrs. Rogers' attorney, said he respects his client's decision to fast. He said planned to file for a new trial on Monday.

Rick Jones, spokesman for the commonwealth's attorney's office, said prosecutor Tom Dyke declined to comment on Mrs. Rogers' action.

Harvel Rogers Jr., an environmental engineer and former official with the county Air Pollution Control District, died July 20, 1991, of a heart attack at age 41. But later examinations of body tissues spurred by allegations that his wife bought a poisonous chemical shortly before his death — revealed lethal levels of the chemical colchicine.

Debra Rogers' defense had been that her husband, distraught over financial problems, committed suicide by taking the colchicine. Prosecutors charged that Mrs. Rogers had poisoned her husband for the \$388,000 in proceeds from his life insurance policies. Court records indicated she had spent nearly half of that.

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# U.N. Soldier Wounded in Attack; Food Shipments to Somalia Suspended

By Thomas Wagner  
Associated Press Writer

**MOGADISHU, Somalia** (AP) — A U.N. relief agency suspended food shipments to Somalia on Wednesday after one of its ships was attacked. Later, a U.N. soldier was shot and badly wounded, the United Nations said.

The attacks on the peacekeepers and the World Food Program ship increased demands by U.N. officials for greater military protection in the lawless nation, where at least 300,000 people have died from drought and warfare.

In Washington, the United States late Wednesday offered

up to 30,000 armed troops to get food and other aid to thousands of starving people in Somalia, Bush administration officials said.

The offer was extended by Acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

At the United Nations and in Washington, officials discussed plans to send 3,000 more U.N. soldiers to Somalia and give them authority to use their

weapons to carry out their missions.

The peacekeeper was shot in the left shoulder near the neck and was evacuated to Nairobi, Kenya, for treatment, said a report from the U.N.'s Somalia envoy, Ismat Kittani, read in New York.

A lone gunman ambushed a U.N. car in Mogadishu and wounded Maj. Saqlain of the 500-man Pakistani battalion of U.N. peacekeepers, U.N. officials said. The report said two military observers, a Finn and Zimbabwean, were also in the car but escaped harm. The men were driving home from their headquarters.

A U.N. spokesman in Mogadishu identified the gunman as a clan member and said the car was hijacked.

"We are in the process of lodging a strong protest over this," U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said in New York, but he would not say to whom in chaotic Somalia the protest would be sent.

Relief workers worry they may be unable to do their work without greater protection.

Wednesday's attack will increase pressure on the United Nations to take control of the

capital. Clansmen recently fired rockets at international troops guarding the airport, shelled a relief ship entering the port, shot and wounded a relief worker returning from a beach, hijacked U.N. cars and fired on trucks carrying donated food before looting them.

The United Nations authorized 3,500 U.N. troops for Somalia to guard humanitarian efforts, but only 500 are here. Somalia's two leading warlords — rivals Ali Mahdi and Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid — have blocked deployment of the rest.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Joseph Snyder said the United States and United Nations are working out arrangements for 3,000 more U.N. soldiers in Somalia.

Two U.N. cease-fire monitors, an Egyptian and a Czechoslovak, were shot and wounded in August.

On Tuesday, a World Food Program ship carrying 9,700 tons of grain was hit by shells fired from northern Mogadishu.

No one was hurt, and the ship headed to Kenya for repairs.

Three other ships laden with food and supplies waited offshore Wednesday.

A Mahdi representative admitted that his forces fired on the ship, the Milos L, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Mahdi and Aidid have kept ships from using Mogadishu's port, and convoys carrying food to areas outside the city have been repeatedly attacked by bandits.

Mohammed Kanyare Afarrah, a Mahdi representative in neighboring Kenya, said the ship was shelled to put pressure on the United Nations to deploy its troops and to protect the objections of Aidid to the U.N. presence.

Afarrah apologized that the ship was hit, the BBC said.

Paul Mitchell, a World Food Program spokesman in Rome, warned that the situation is dire if the port remains closed. Airlifts can only carry a fraction of the food needed to prevent the 2 million Somalis threatened with death from starvation, he said.

No central authority has existed in Somalia since rebels overthrew dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in January 1991.

## Irish Voters Reject Abortion to Save Mother's Life

By Shawn Fogatchnik  
Associated Press Writer

**DUBLIN, Ireland (AP)** — Irish voters have rejected a constitutional amendment that would have allowed abortion to save the life of the mother, partial returns showed today.

But they supported two related proposals that would permit the distribution of abortion information and travel abroad for abortions. The trend apparently throws the divisive abortion issue back into the lap of the next government, whose shape remained unclear in the second day of vote-counting.

The Labor Party made the biggest gains, nearly doubling its support since the 1989 election, but there was still a chance that Prime Minister Albert Reynolds could put together a coalition to keep his Fianna Fail Party in power.

With ballots from 73 of 38 constituencies counted, 68 percent were voting against the proposed amendment on abortion to save the life of the mother.

That would leave Ireland with a constitution that affirms the right to life of the unborn, and a recent Supreme Court ruling that permitted abortion to save the life of the

mother.

Pro-choice forces called for the next government to solve the issue by legislation, while anti-abortion campaigners demanded another referendum asking for a clear yes or no on abortion itself.

Both anti-abortion and pro-choice campaigners claimed victory.

Anti-abortion forces opposed the amendment because it would have affirmed a limited right to abortion in the constitution for the first time.

Those who advocate abortion in cases of rape, incest and to protect the mother's health argued that the amendment was more restrictive than the current law as defined by the Supreme Court, which included suicide threats as a reason for abortion.

"The Irish people have said no, we don't want a constitutional right to abortion. We now feel that the incoming government has no mandate either to proceed to legislate for abortion or to utterly reject it," said Caroline Simonds of the anti-abortion Pro-Life Campaign. She called for another referendum, asking for a straightforward yes or no on legalized abortion.

But Maxine Brady, president

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## France, U.S., Britain Issue Libya Warning

**PARIS (AP)** — France, Britain and the United States on Friday issued a stern warning to Libya for failing to renounce terrorism or help bring Libyan suspects of two airline bombings to justice.

The nations vowed to make punitive sanctions against Tripoli "even more effective," but gave no indication how they intended to tighten the U.N. embargo.

Libya says the U.N. sanctions that ban air travel and arms sales and curtail diplomatic relations have cost it \$2.4 billion since they were imposed March 31.

It was exactly a year since the three nations demanded

that Libya hand over two suspects in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, and cooperate with an inquiry into the 1989 bombing of a French UTA carrier over Niger.

Four Libyans are suspected of being involved in the UTA bombing, which killed 170 people. The Lockerbie bombing killed 270 people.

Western experts said Friday's warning will achieve nothing unless the United Nations backs it by eliminating Libya's oil-export markets — not likely because of German and Italian dependence on Libyan oil.

"They are putting pressure on

Libya politically," Mary Jane Deeb, an expert on Libya, said from American University in Washington. "They're saying, 'We haven't forgotten you, and we'll continue pursuing you.'"

"But it won't have much of an effect. It's unlikely to be followed by oil sanctions because of the interest of Germany and Italy."

France, Britain and the United States also had demanded that Libya renounce terrorism and stop supporting terrorist groups.

The U.N. Security Council imposed the sanctions to pressure Libya to obey these demands. The three allies on Friday said Libya has com-

plied with none of them.

"Libya continues to ridicule international law," the statement said. "Consequently, the United States, France and the United Kingdom are resolved to intensify their efforts, in close cooperation with the secretary-general of the United Nations Security Council, in order to make the sanctions even more effective," the statement said.

"The Libyan government would be seriously mistaken if it put into doubt their resolution," it added.

Libya has said the two men, intelligence agents, could not get a fair trial in either country.

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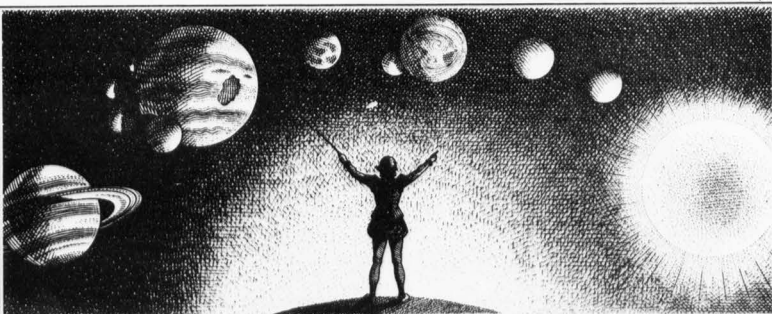
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## Editorials

### Students Serving Students?

NKU's Student Government is elected to serve the students of the university. Apparently, it isn't doing all it could.

In the SG meeting on Nov. 23, President Mike Franke and representative Tim Settles voiced their opinions on the lack of participation on the part of some members of the organization.

While Franke's comments centered around last month's SG election, Settles' comments were about the organization's participation overall.

Franke said he was disappointed in the lack of SG volunteers in the elections.

The lack of support from SG representatives was so bad, Franke said, the polling area in Landrum Academic Center was closed because there was no one to work it.

This is representation at work.

Settles voiced his dismay of the participation in general on the part of SG members by saying, "Just a few people in this room do 90 percent of the work."

What message does this send to the rest of the student body?

This lack of commitment on the part of the elected members of SG just goes to reaffirm the preconceived notion that SG and other NKU student organizations are only in existence for themselves.

For this university to grow the students must get involved. And Student Government is a way for students to get involved.

If the students who come forward, run for SG and are elected, but can't take the time to fulfill their obligation to the student body, they should resign.

As the elected representatives of NKU's body, they should give of themselves.

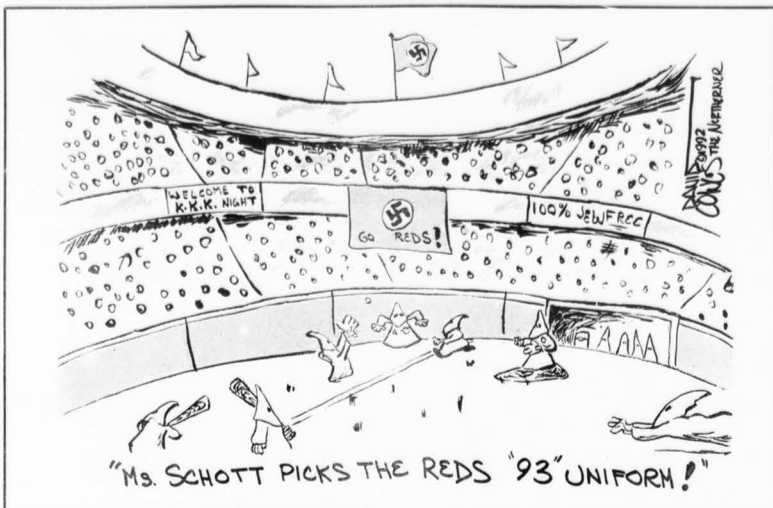
By not being involved, they are not only hurting themselves, but more importantly, they are hurting the students who elected them.

It doesn't do the student body any good to have representatives who don't get involved.

If these "do nothing representatives" can't take it upon themselves to get involved they should resign. If they can't take it upon themselves to resign, they should be removed from office.

Eastern Kentucky University's Student Senate cleaned house this semester. Maybe it is time for NKU to follow suit.

# Opinion/Letters



## Critical Needs Face Lawmakers In February

By Ron Jenkins  
 Associated Press Writer  
 An AP News Analysis

It is estimated there are \$200 million to \$300 million in "critical" needs facing lawmakers when they return to the Capitol in February.

Topping the list is \$118 million for fourth-year funding of House Bill 1017, the 1990 education reform act.

The problem is lawmakers may have much less money to spend than they did this year.

In fact, Gov. David Walters guessed last week there will be a \$140 million decline in available funding.

The principal reason is the lack of carryover. Last year, there was \$79.4 million in carryover - \$50.6 million from the cash-flow reserve fund and \$28.8 million in so-called "5 percent money."

Legislative leaders say they are committed to funding House Bill 1017 because the public has voted to retain the program.

Other demands will be great, especially to save programs for the elderly and medically needy at the financially strapped Department of Human Services.

But leaders say their options for raising revenue have all but been eliminated by two factors.

One is a constitutional amendment severely limiting their ability to raise taxes.

The other is a signal from voters through the recent defeat of a health care provider tax.

"In light of the people's vote on the provider tax, it's evident that people are tired of taxes," says House Minority Leader Larry Ferguson, R-Cleveland.

Walters warned state agency heads last week that they had better get ready to cut their budgets by at least 10 percent.

Figures from the state finance office show an economy that is not growing as much as officials had anticipated.

For the first four months of the year, recurring revenues are

up 2.8 percent above a year ago, but 3.1 percent below the certified estimate.

Ferguson says lawmakers already have complicated the budget situation by using more than \$26 million out of the fund the past two years to finance higher education.

This year, the higher education appropriation included \$2.5 million for endowed chairs, something Ferguson says can hardly be classified as an emergency.

Over the years, legislators have appropriated \$192 million from the rainy day fund and in some instances have transferred money to other funds, then spent that money in succeeding years.

The most notable example was \$30 million transferred to an insurance fund believed to be in financial trouble, then appropriated elsewhere the next year.

But there has been talk that one program in the reform package may be delayed again

- \$15 million to extend the school year.

Finding big chunks of money to balance the budget will not be easy, given the financial situation at the DHS and the desire to protect 1017.

Of the total current appropriated state budget of \$3.68 billion - not counting federal dollars - 73 percent went to either common education, higher education, vo-technical education or the DHS.

In fact, education and seven state agencies get about 91 percent of the budget.

And legislators have cited other critical needs, especially in the area of prisons and mental health.

While there may be efforts to convince lawmakers they should pull back on 1017 funding, Ferguson said they will be met with resistance.

"Since we took it to a vote of the people and they said they wanted to fund it, I think we're going to have to do the best we can."

## Senators Blast Bush For Indecisive Foreign Policy

By Barry Schweid  
 AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The world will not wait for the United States to change presidents but there is mounting evidence the Bush administration is just marking time, drifting indecisively in its foreign policy.

Two senior senators, Democrat Sam Nunn of Georgia and Republican Richard Lugar of Indiana, suggested gently in a Capitol Hill news conference Wednesday that someone better take charge.

Nunn and Lugar are just back from visiting five former Soviet republics. They seemed most concerned about controls on nuclear weapons and material.

Nunn said that in Belarus some uranium may have been smuggled out and that officials told him smugglers had been intercepted in several other cases.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee called the situation alarming.

Nunn and Lugar were sponsors of legislation last year providing \$500 million in U.S. aid to help the republics collect, secure and dismantle nuclear weapons. But the process has proceeded slowly.

Nunn said the "clock is ticking."

The idea was to cut down to 3,000 to 3,500 on each side by 2003 or sooner, if the United States helped foot part of Russia's bill, and to eliminate all land-based multiwarhead systems.

The Russians have raised questions about how to implement the big reduction, and the Bush administration has yet to give "a serious, thoughtful response," said Jack Mendelsohn, deputy director of the private Arms Control Association.

"On this, like on many other issues, the administration appears to have a soft center," Mendelsohn said.

On another front, the Middle East, negotiators are preparing for an eighth round of talks to begin Dec. 7.

There are no concrete results after 13 months of bargaining and none appears to be in the immediate offing.

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who set up the negotiations, has moved to the White House and is not actively involved, and other American diplomats are maintaining a low profile.

There could be good tactical reasons. Arabs and Israelis are not close enough to an agreement for Baker or other intermediaries to step in.

Still, the Arabs, at least, are calling for American intervention and threatening to consider walking out if there is no progress three or four months

into the Clinton administration.

Nunn, looking for reasons for the vacuum in U.S. foreign policy, said Bush was feeling the strain of his election loss and the death of his mother. The president is tired and withdrawn, the Georgian told reporters.

But, Nunn said, "he has a rare and unique opportunity and responsibility to complete important work in the next 60 days. We do not have the luxury of declaring a recess" in foreign policy, he said.

Properly, President-elect Clinton is not intervening. America has one president at a time, he said, and potential troublemakers should not try to use the transition period to challenge America.

The problem, however, is not a frontal attack on American authority. It is that day-to-day issues are piling up and they are not being resolved.

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## NKU Theater and Musical Performances

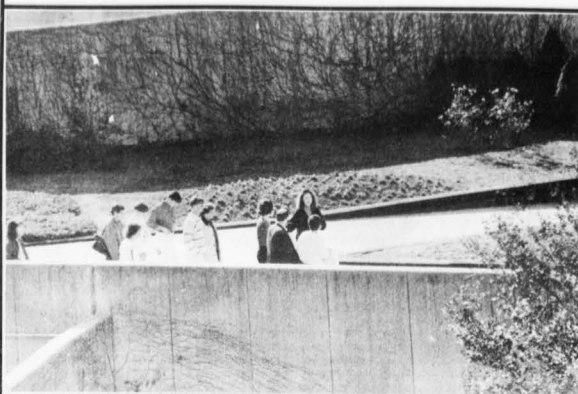
### Northerner Staff Report

The NKU Theater Department will present a holiday showing of *The Magic of Christmas* on Sunday Dec. 6, at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. in the new Greaves Concert Hall.

The Music of Christmas will be performed by the NKU Choral Ensembles, Brass Choir and Jazz Ensemble. NKU's Department of Music Ensemble will present in its Symphonic Winds Concert a free concert in the Greaves Concert Hall on Dec. 3 at 8 p.m., including Wagner's march "Trauer-sinfonie."

Also from the Theater Department comes a performance of Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*. The Bard's comedy-drama will be performed on the Main Stage beginning Thursday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. and continue through Dec. 12.

## Walk This Way



An NKU Ambassador leads potential students on a campus tour with their parents. Photo by Laurel Derks.

## Myths About Homosexuality

By David Vidovich  
Staff Writer

Heterosexism and homophobia were among the issues discussed in a forum sponsored by the Women's Center.

Katherine Meyer, coordinator of the Women's Center, led those in attendance on a presentation of dispelling myths and bringing out the facts.

The presentation was aimed at those people who, while growing up, received little or no information on homosexuality. Or those people who just received negative information, street slang and few facts.

First, some terms were defined for the audience. Homophobia was defined as the fear of homosexuals or the fear of being homosexual.

Heterosexism is the system of advantages bestowed on heterosexuals. And "coming out" was defined as a disclosing of sexual orientation, an acknowledgement and expression of sexuality as a lifetime process.

The presentation was then turned over to a taped episode of the television program "Murphy Brown".

The show dealt with many issues of homophobia and "coming out" in a light-hearted and good-humored manner.

During the program, Meyer pointed out, "You cannot tell if a person is straight or gay just by looking at them. Even

the gay character in the program could not tell."

Sandra Hester, University 101 instructor, said, "My students reacted well to the video. They liked the currency of the show."

Lastly, Meyer went through a list of common myths of homosexuality such as: I do not know any gay or bisexual people, but the fact is a significant percentage of the population is gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

Another myth is homosexuality is abnormal and sick.

The fact, according to the American Psychological Association, is it is no more abnormal to be homosexual than it is to be left handed.

And it is a myth that lesbians, bisexuals and gay men do not make good parents. The fact is one in four families has a gay man or lesbian in the immediate family.

"The program helped to reinforce my approval and acceptance for an individual's belief," Christina Calhoun, Nursing freshman said.

The Woman's Center's presentation on heterosexism and homophobia was presented in a manner that gave those in attendance the facts of homosexuality and exposed the myths of intolerance and hatred.

For those interested in more information on a wide

## Relationships, Battle of the Sexes

By David Vidovich  
Staff Writer

Recently, a few men and women sat down together to discuss the age-old battleground in the war of the sexes—relationships.

Willie Elliott, associate professor of human services and Charles Jackson, associate professor of education, led the males in a spirited discussion on the differences between males and females; how they are brought up, socialized and communicate differently.

Elliott discussed how elements brought into a

relationship can become barriers.

"Men and women are different, gender is a barrier, different socioeconomic class is a barrier, interracial relationships is a barrier," he said.

"We have to turn our barriers into bridges and it will make a good relationship better, but if we do not face our problems, bad relationship will get worse," Elliott said.

The discussion then turned to how men and women communicate differently.

"Typically, we listen to only what half is said before we

start to formulate the answer.

First you need to listen to what is said and then you need to know what is meant by those words—before you answer," Elliott said.

Elliott summed up the male half of the discussion by stating, "In order to find the right person, YOU have to become the right person."

The female side of the discussion was centered more towards what was going on in the local area, especially on campus.

The women agreed the men in Cincinnati were not as aggressive than in other parts

of the country.

"Males do not initiate conversations. It comes from their fear of rejection or their fear that the girl will follow him around the rest of his life," said Dee Choice a counselor at NKU's Upward Bound.

The discussion then turned to how men feel they have to be macho, therefore, less sensitive, and, when they do approach girls, it is not in a respectful manner.

Choice urged students to support each other, especially during social activities on campus.

## People Perspective

What is the one class you would advise a freshman not to take?



Michael Davis  
Freshman  
Art

"Biology."



Dawn Best  
Freshman  
Radiology

"Psychology 100, because it's a real drag."



Brian Barbican  
Sophomore  
Undeclared

"Business Law, because it's all lecture, it's real dry."



Karen Gerde  
Senior  
Psychology

"Art appreciation, because if you are not majoring in art it's a nuisance to take."



Christian Kraeutlein  
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"TFS 210, because it is one of the toughest classes on campus."



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# Sports

## Men's Basketball Team Handles Spalding

By Tom Embrey  
Staff Writer

The first year program of Spalding University invaded Reagent's Hall and the NKU men's basketball team handled the situation.

NKU Senior guard Greg Phelia poured in 25 points on 10 of 17 shooting, grabbed a team high eight rebounds and had three steals as the Norse struggled past the Pelicans for an 82-65 win.

"Fly (Phelia) picked us up," NKU coach Ken Shields said. "He had his moments in both halves, especially the second."

Down 4-0 early, the Norse stormed back scoring 21 of the next 24 to take a 21-8 lead.

It looked like the Norse would run away with an easy victory.

"We got a pretty good lead in the middle of the first half and I thought we were going to run away and hide," Shields said.

The Pelicans charged back behind the hot shooting of

freshman Nathan Kirk.

Kirk finished with 13 points, 11 coming in the first half to close the gap to 33-27 at the

*"We got a couple of steals and converted. I just made the most of my opportunities. I got out on the break, and when I get the ball on the break, I'm going to dunk the ball."*

— Senior Ron Marbrey, NKU forward

halftime.

Then it was "Fly Time." Phelia came out hot scoring NKU's first fourteen points in

the first two minutes of the second half.

"I was fired up," Phelia said. "We felt like we were capable

of playing better."

"Greg Phelia was a real lift," said sophomore guard Ryan Schrand.

"His play got us going and the defense picked it up."

Senior Ron Marbrey and Schrand were the defensive leaders. Marbrey stole the ball and set up Schrand for an easy basket.

"We got a couple of steals and converted," Marbrey said.

"I just made the most of my opportunities, I got out on the break and when I get the ball on the break I'm going to dunk the ball."

Marbrey stole the ball from

his man and streaked to the other end for an unmolested one-hand jam, pushing the lead to 23 in the second half. Marbrey finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and a team high four steals.

Another key performance was by sophomore Andre McClendon had eleven points and five rebounds.

The Norse made nine of 13 free throws to close out their third consecutive win.

## NKU's Defense Dismantles Metros

By Tom Embrey  
Staff Reporter

The NKU Women's basketball team defeated Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis last Saturday 94-61 at home. This victory increased the Norse's record to 3-0.

The Norse dismantled their opponent with pressure defense and a strong inside game. The Norse were led by junior forwards Danita Duncan, Tammy Schlarman and sophomore center Angel Donley.

The trio accounted for 55 points, grabbing 37 rebounds and shot 23 for 34 from the field.

Schlarman lead the team which was hassled by foul trouble in the first half, finished with 16 points and seven rebounds.

"I tried to stay focused," she said.

"I knew we were a better team and I was fired up."

The Metros stayed close behind the red hot shooting of senior Mary Murphy, who scored 19 first half points and was perfect from the free throw

line. She finished the game with 23 points.

"I thought Danita and Dana (Morningstar) did a good job shutting down Murphy, but we still need somebody to guard the other team's quality players and shut them down," NKU coach Nancy Winstel said.

Mid way through the second half the Norse increased their intensity. Paced by Donley's soft hook shot in the paint and Duncan's relentless work on the

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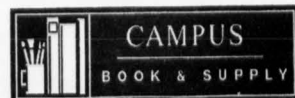
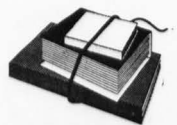
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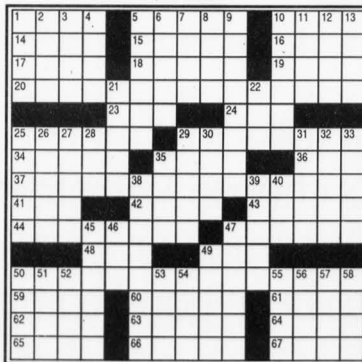
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- Atlanta at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6  
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
New York Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Dallas at Denver, 4 p.m.  
Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.  
Miami at San Francisco, 4 p.m.  
San Diego at Phoenix, 4 p.m.  
Washington at New York Giants, 4 p.m.  
Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7  
Chicago at Houston, 9 p.m.

- DIRTY DOZEN**  
The top six and bottom six teams in the NFL based on current level of play.
- San Francisco (9-2)
  - Buffalo (9-2)
  - Dallas (9-2 before Thursday)
  - New Orleans (8-3)
  - Pittsburgh (8-3)
  - Minnesota (8-3)
  - Seattle (1-10)
  - Tampa Bay (4-7)
  - Cincinnati (4-7)
  - New England (2-9)
  - New York Jets (3-8)
  - Chicago (4-7)

## NKU Events Calendar

Wednesday, December 2

- Holiday Karaoke at noon in UC Lobby.
- APB Booth 8 p.m. UC Lobby.
- Cup of Cheer at 8 p.m. in UC Lobby.

Thursday, December 3

- NKU Vocal Jazz Ensemble performance at 12:30 p.m. in UC Lobby.
- APB Booth
- Cup of Cheer noon in UC Lobby.
- Cup of Cheer in the Residence Halls at 9 p.m. in Ky. Hall.

Friday, December 4

- International Holiday Around the World at noon in UC Lobby.
- APB Booth noon in UC Lobby.
- Big Sticking and Grab Bag Giveaway at noon in UC Lobby.
- Perkins/NKU Classic at 5:30 in Regents Hall.

Saturday, December 5

- Breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m. in UC Ballroom.
- Norse Men's Basketball vs. SIU-Edwardsville at 1:05 p.m. in Regents Hall.
- Perkins/NKU Classic 5:30 p.m. in Regents Hall.

Saturday, December 12

- Men's Basketball vs. Bethel at 3:05 p.m. in Regents Hall.

Monday, December 14

- Final Examinations start



## Irish from Page 3

of the Union of Students in Ireland, said it was incumbent on the government to legislate.

"We have to look at why Irish women have abortions in Britain, then we have to look at what we can do to support those women, and for the women who need abortions or who feel they need abortions, we should legislate for some sort of provision ... within this country rather than exporting them to Britain," Ms. Brady told BBC radio.

As counting continued in the national election campaign, it was unclear which parties might form the next government.

With 95 percent of the vote counted and 93 of 166 seats decided, Fianna Fail had 43 seats, Labor 26 and Fine Gael, traditionally the second-largest party, 24.

"I did my best. I couldn't change the world economic situation. It is a very difficult time for governments to be in government, or indeed to face elections," he said.

Ireland's 20 percent unemployment was consistently rated the most important issue in public opinion soundings dur-

ing the campaign.

John Bruton, leader of Fine Gael, insisted that he was "absolutely sure" he would be the next Taoiseach (TEE shuk), the prime minister's formal title.

Dick Spring, popular leader of the Labor party, repeated his claim that the next government should have a "rotating" prime ministership - with him leading at least some of the time.

Fine Gael and Labor governed in coalition from 1982 to 1987.

Fianna Fail's expected losses were marked by a double setback for Reynolds, whose party was alone in campaigning for the amendment to permit abortion to save lives.

Ms. Brady, who led a court battle for the right to distribute information about abortion in other countries, suggested that the "no" votes on the travel and information issues represented the core anti-abortion vote in Ireland.

Sen. Des Hanafin, chairman of the Pro-Life Campaign, said in a statement the referendum on a limited right to abortion offered only "a confused and inadequate debate."

## Basketball from Page 6

offensive glass, the Norse established a 22-3 run.

"I felt very comfortable shooting the hook," Donley said.

"Especially when they kept playing behind me defensively."

The Norse shot 67 percent in the second half and out

rebounded the Metros 56-22.

"Our rebounding has been a real bright spot this season," coach Nancy Winstel said.

Schlarman finished the game with 23 points, 9 rebounds and four assists, Donley with 18 points, 11 rebounds and two steals and Duncan finished with 14 points and 17 rebounds.

## Libya from Page 3

"They (the Libyans) can have no difficulty it seems to me in sending these two characters to the courts either of the

United States or Scotland," he told the House of Commons. "And that's what I hope and expect that they will do."

## Svoboda from Page 1

Former UK players have also been part of that team. Svoboda said playing pick-up games with Kenny Walker and Rex Chapman was like a dream come true.

Getting used to the attention that is a part of being a Kentucky Wildcat has also been exciting, he added.

Svoboda said this past summer, before he officially made the team, a man at a gas station asked for an autograph.

And he said he's signed several dozen since.

If he had to make the decision to walk on at UK all over again, Svoboda said he would.

"Every bit of the work I've put into it, I've gotten back out of it."

"I've learned so much and had a great time," he said. "It's an experience I wouldn't trade."

## Parking from Page 1

Bill Lamb, dean of students and SG advisor, agreed the parking policy needs work.

"We've got a problem," he said.

"We don't have signs up."

Lamb added that a student loading-unloading zone is needed for short-term parking, and that there is a problem with some students wanting to park in the fire lane all the time.

"We need to resolve this together," Lamb said. "We don't get pleasure writing \$63 tickets."

Other issues discussed at the meeting:

- The human diversity resolution passed several weeks ago by SG came back from the legal counsel's office with a letter attached saying it's possible the requirement for SG representatives to sign a non-discrimination policy form may be against federal law. Elemental Justice, the organization who proposed the resolution, took it back for revision.

- Nathan Smith brought back news from the recent faculty senate meeting that the faculty is interested in doing some air quality research of NKU buildings. The faculty suspects

the air quality isn't what it should be due to smoke and chemicals.

- Jeff Dunn, SG governmental affairs committee chairman, expressed his disappointment in the recent election turnout. He said he feared he may have been partly responsible because he had to sit out of election planning since he was up for re-election.

Frankie added that he was disappointed in the lack of SG volunteers to man election polls. The poll in Landrum had to close because there was no one to work it.

- Tim Settles, SG grievance and affirmative action chairman said he too was disappointed with SG representatives. He said that representatives are lax in supporting SG activities.

"Just a few people in this room do 90 percent of the work," he said.

- The eight students who had to go to St. Luke Hospital East last week because of cleaning fluid fumes in the C-wing of Kentucky Hall will not be reimbursed by NKU for their medical bills.

- The NKU consensual relations statement revision was unanimously approved.

## Myths from Page 5

variety of topics, the 1993 Midwest Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian College Conference will be held at the Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa on Feb. 27 and 28.

The Alliance for Gays, Lesbians and Friends can be found in the student activities office on the second floor of the University Center.

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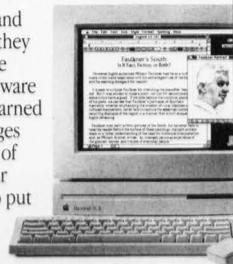


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