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April 26, 1865- Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, allegedly kills himself.  
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# Students seek solution to racism

By Dan Mecher  
News Editor

During a discussion on race relations regarding the Timothy Thomas incident, a speaker from the NAACP encouraged students and faculty to continue to make their voices for equal rights heard. Hensley B. Jemmot, a member of the organization's Northern Kentucky Chapter, spoke to an audience of about 25 at last Friday's forum outside of the University Center.

In response to a wide range of concerns brought by those who attended, Jemmot called Northern Kentucky University a place with the potential to influence more than just people within it.

"There's adequate brain power on this campus to formulate strategies that could change the world," he said. "It's only together

that we are going to make progress."

Jemmot described racist views as misconceptions that are superimposed on society at a young age. "Children are carefully taught to hate," he said. By observing racist behavior of adults and peers, Jemmot added, children learn to act the same way.

He did say the world has many more non-racist people than racists, and that it is "the lunatic fringe that flies off the handle that causes the problem."

One of the issues discussed during the forum was unbalanced journalistic coverage of African-Americans. Several of those present said newspapers fuel stereotypes by printing too many stories involving black criminals.

A need for self-protection against police brutality was a concern of Political Science Professor

Clinton Hewan.

"I do not advocate any violence as an initiate," he said. "But in the case of willful murder, the family should go out and get that policeman."

Hewan said the family of Timothy Thomas, as an acceptable way to stand up for themselves, should "quietly stalk that S.O.B. and take him out."

From Jemmot's perspective, however, death is not a necessity for gaining equal rights. "You do get people to ask questions," he said.

His explanation for police brutality against African-Americans raises a question regarding the training of new recruits.

"New officers are placed with old officers to learn the ropes," he said. "What do you think they're learning?"

Faculty and students at the event



Brandon Hill shares his feelings and advice on the current situation in Cincinnati in a dialogue hosted by STAR in response to the riots.

also proposed solutions. History Professor Michael Washington suggested putting pressure on city

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# Overloaded vans risk rolling over

By Dan Mecher  
News Editor

Vehicles regularly provided by schools across the country, including Northern Kentucky University, may be putting the campus organizations that use them at risk, according to a recent study.

Research published in April by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that 15-passenger vans, when riding close to full capacity, are almost three times as likely to roll over as when they carry a lighter load.

Through a series of tests looking at steering and stopping maneuvers, acceleration and center-of-gravity, the NHTSA came to its conclusion.

Comparisons to the rollover propensity of seven-passenger vans and minivans were also included in the research.

The studies showed that each type of van increases in its risk of rollover as the number of occupants increases. The 15-passenger's decrease in stability under the fully-loaded condition was the most dramatic of the three vehicle types. Overloaded conditions in the van increase the risk by at least 70 percent.

Darrin Bush, transportation supervisor at NKU, said the danger is also dependent upon the driver. "If you drive it like a Porsche, you're not going to do so well," he said. "You have to drive with a level head."

NKU has five Dodge 15-person vans in stock, one of the same makes mentioned in the study. They are most frequently used by athletic teams, said Carol Crowley, assistant to the Physical Plant director, but they are available to all organizations.

Crowley, since becoming aware of the study, said she told the transportation department to begin stressing the danger of rollovers to people getting behind the wheel. "We emphasize to the users of the van the need to be extremely cautious," she said.

This emphasis includes a stack of safety and procedure forms to be read and signed by the borrower, as well as an on-campus driving test.

Susan Hale, Physical Plant specialist, is the first to see any vehicle request submitted, and she makes no exceptions for the driving examination route.

"Anyone who drives a university van takes a university safety test. Anyone," she said. "We're really careful with that."

A thorough background check of the individual's driving record is also completed before permission to drive is granted.

"We look at multiple offenses," said Crowley. The offense dates are also considered and DUIs are an automatic disqualification, she added.

In regard to overloading passengers beyond the vehicle's capacity,

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## Movin' On Up



Karen Andrews/The Northerner  
Tri-Beta members at a work session and cookout at the Butterfly Garden in front of the Natural Science building Thursday, April 19. Left to right: Phyllis Spurr, president-elect, Brian Dundas, president, Natasha Yust, historian, Stephen Lobo, secretary, Stephanie Kappesser, member. (See story, page 6)

# New residential director brings energy, experience

By Kyle Black  
Staff Writer

Todd Duncan, former director of residential life at the University of Central Oklahoma, took over as Northern Kentucky University's residential life director April 9, following a three-month search.

Dean of Students Kent Kelso said Duncan's interview was extremely successful and that he received glowing recommendations from everyone on the search committee. "I and the committee found him to be a man of high energy, high integrity and with a set of personality traits that we believe will make him successful in building positive relationships across campus," Kelso said. He also said that Duncan's experience of working with housing expansion programs is important since NKU is considering the possibility of expanding housing facilities.

Duncan said that after his February visit to the campus he was very impressed with NKU. "There is a lot of leadership on this campus," Duncan said.

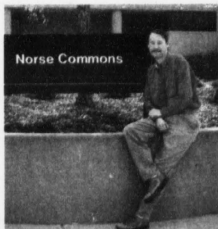
Duncan has more than 10 years of experience in residential life and has worked at public and private institutions, including Western Kentucky University and Lindsey Wilson College.

Duncan said he is evaluating the services of residential life to determine how residential life can best utilize the resources that it has to deliver the best services to the students. "The programs should be student-centered," Duncan said.

Some students living in the village say they would like to see changes implemented by the new director. "I would like to see more of an effort on the part of Residential Life to inform the residents about happenings in the residential village: especially people living in Woodcrest apartments who don't go to the dining hall to see the flyers," said Woodcrest resident Julie Poston. Poston also said she would like the C-Store to be more specific as to what you can purchase with your meal card.

"I would like more meal choices in the cafeteria," said Angelica Gail, also a Woodcrest resident. Gail also said she would like to have more accessible hours to the C-Store and would like to see better enforcement of the quiet hours.

Duncan said it is critical to develop



Jennifer Davis/The Northerner  
Todd Duncan is the new director of residential life at Northern Kentucky University.

positive and cooperative efforts with the Department of Public Safety and Physical Plant to provide a safe and secure living area and maintaining it to the university's best needs.

Duncan said he is happy to be at NKU and brings a goal that he hopes to achieve as director of residential life. "It is my desire that the housing program and living on campus becomes the first living choice for all students. I want students to view the village as an exciting, welcoming and vibrant place to live."

# New fall seminar will help freshmen and sophomores develop leadership skills

By Rachel Dietz  
Photo Editor

In fall 2001, some Northern Kentucky University freshmen and sophomores will get the chance to be the first group of students to complete a new seminar called L.E.A.D. NKU.

L.E.A.D. (Leadership Education and Development) is a 10-week seminar in which incoming freshmen and sophomore students will learn about different leadership skills. During the seminar, students will explore leadership roles in both educational and philanthropic environments. They will practice communications, public speaking and will partici-

pate in a team community service project.

The seminar is part of the NKU Leadership Institute, a new program just approved at NKU to begin in the fall. The institute was established to help educate students through development of interpersonal and leadership skills. Included in the leadership institute are the Norse Leadership Society, the Student Life Ambassador Team and the L.E.A.D. seminar.

Two sections of the seminar will be taught in the fall with a maximum of 25 students in each class. The classes will be offered Tuesdays (beginning September 11) See LEADERSHIP, Page 11

# Student volunteers brave cold to supply soup

By Karen Andrew  
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday was a frigid, blustery day, but that did not deter Northern Kentucky University students from bringing a little warmth and stability to needy people in the Northern Kentucky-Cincinnati area. 3,043 cans of food, more than a 1,000-can increase over last year, were collected on the university plaza by Phi Alpha Theta members during the second annual NKU Spring Share Project, "We Want Soup!"

Representatives from Fairhaven Rescue Mission, Be Concerned of Northern Kentucky, Henry Hosea House, and the Free Store plus Phi Alpha Theta (history honorary society), faculty advisers Bonnie May and Dr. James Ramage, other faculty and student organizations for a brief presentation before the cans were distributed.

"It's incredible when you see so many organizations working together - it's a miracle," said Dave Hammers of the Fairhaven Rescue Mission in Covington, as he gazed out over the students sorting out the sea of cans. "We see miracles like this everyday

to meet the needs of hurting people. You have the opportunity to make a difference in a person's life - many times it begins with feeding before they can hear anything else."

Serving 2,500 to 3,000 meals a day, Fairhaven is an independent rescue mission with additional programs including a men's shelter, ministries for all age groups and an after-school program for children. "Something we take for granted here in America is how much food we throw away. For those of us with jobs, our biggest question is what restaurant we're going to eat at tonight. For the people we serve it's 'Are we going to eat tonight?'" said Hammers.

Mary Jennings of Be Concerned said, "This really helps us to stock our shelves, especially when we can get canned fruit, peas, corn and beans - what kids will eat. What we try to do is really gear to what kids in the family are going to eat and keep it nutritional. We have a very low operational budget for our food and it's wonderful to be able to give our families more than what we have right now."

Be Concerned, also located in

Covington, runs a food program, as well as a clothing and housewares thrift store for people who qualify for federal guidelines of poverty. The food provided is a monthly supplement and participants pay a small contribution to participate. For example, one person will pay fifty cents and leave with \$60 - \$70 worth of goods. The organization tries to stock protein-based foods, such as tuna and peanut butter. However, as of Tuesday its pantry was empty of these items, which are too expensive for the organization to go out and purchase.

The Free Store was represented by Martin Rosskopf, who said that although they receive a large amount of donations from such corporations as Procter and Gamble and Kroger, NKU's donation is greatly appreciated.

Free Store patrons can receive up to 45 pounds of free food a month and the program is based on need. May said, "Our university is more than a place where our students learn academic subjects. It is also a place where they learn to make the world a better place for all of us." May is already looking forward to next year's drive.



Karen Andrew/The Northern  
Members of Zeta Phi Beta pose after donating canned goods to needy people in the Northern Kentucky-Cincinnati area. This year's drive saw more than a 1,000 can increase from last year's drive.

## SGA Results

### Judicial Council

Jennifer Surgalski: 484  
John Rasp: 4

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Jennifer Gabbard: 235  
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Amber Justice: 205  
Melissa Engelman: 199  
Joe Mills: 194  
Fungisai Mugawa: 188  
Dustin Cahill: 186  
John Rasp: 182  
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Katie Rasp

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*The Free Store*

*Hosea House*

*Special Thanks to:*

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Amigos, La Link, Le Club de Français and Phi Alpha Theta*

*Black United Students, Black Women's Organization, Delta Gamma, The Educator's Club, Honors Students, Human Services Club, Norse Leadership Society, Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Beta Sigma, The Psychology Club, Respiratory Care Student Organization, Social Work Club, Student Alumni Association, Student Government Association, Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society, Zeta Phi Beta, and all the individual students who donated.*

*Honor Awards Recipients:*

*See you next year for the Third Annual NKU Spring Share Project!  
Phi Alpha Theta, La Link, Amigos, Le Club de Français, Dean of Students Office  
and Student Life*

## Teacher evaluations not a waste of time

By Sonja Donelan  
Staff Writer

At the end of every semester, students take a few minutes to fill out teacher evaluations for each class. Although some students may find the evaluation process a waste of time, they play an important role in faculty members' teaching career.

Nancy Lang, chairwoman of information systems, said the faculty appreciates the evaluations.

Dee Anne Bryll, dance instructor, finds the evaluations very helpful. "Sometimes students bring something up that I never thought of."

Bryll said the evaluations give the teacher an opportunity to look at ways they can improve themselves as a teacher and ways to improve the structure of their class.

"They certainly are a component for the faculty members' continuous improvement and teaching," Lang said.

Jerry Warner, chairman of biological sciences, said, "They are a developmental process. It is a grading of faculty by the students."

Teacher evaluations are also a part of the annual performance review for faculty members, said Don Kelin, chairman of the art department. When the faculty members are having their

annual review with the chair of their department, the evaluations are reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Robert Vitz, chairman of the History and Geography department, said the teacher evaluations are one of a number of criteria used for promotion, appointment and salary increase for faculty.

According to Kelin, a tenured faculty member continuously receiving poor reviews will see the effect in the percent of their salary increase. One or two semesters of poor reviews will not make a difference in their opportunities for promotion and raises, but when poor evaluations are continuous, they will definitely be taken into consideration.

Some students may find the evaluation a waste of time, but others find it an opportunity to express their feelings anonymously about a particular teacher or class. "I think that there is some skepticism," Warner said. "Sometimes students may feel as if the evaluations are not taken seriously."

Julie Newberry, a biological sciences major, said, "I think most people take the time to fill the evaluations out

the way they feel."

Kelin said although many students make comments on the evaluations, the greatest number of students just fill in the bubbles.

Because the evaluations remain anonymous, Lang encourages students to recognize the good and positive things in evaluations as well as the bad.

After students complete evaluations they are turned in to the department. They then are sent to academy, where they will be evaluated and compared. The data is then sent back to the chair of the department, who distributes them to the faculty well after the next semester has begun.

Faculty members will be able to see the data and compare their evaluations with the others within the department.

Bryll said she thinks it is important for the teachers to be given the opportunity to view the evaluations because it lets the teacher know how well the students like their performance as a teacher.

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# Colombian military turns blind eye to massacres

## Suspensions rising over military collusion with paramilitaries responsible for thousands of deaths

By Jared Kotler

Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — As searchers comb mountain hamlets for the bodies of those killed in an Easter week chain saw massacre, fresh charges have surfaced that Colombia's U.S.-backed military is turning a blind eye to rightist paramilitary violence.

Documents and statements by human rights workers suggest that top defense officials and army units stationed in the area of the massacre in western Cauca State had advance warning that the attack on villagers might occur.

The military army contends it did all it could to prevent what may turn out to be the largest massacre in the South American country this year. Officials estimate that as many as 40 people were killed.

But some say the three-day paramilitary rampage through a swath of high Andean villages demonstrates a pattern established in dozens of previous cases.

"It's a very similar situation," said

Armando Borrero, a former national security adviser who heads a \$1 million U.S.-funded project to create an "early warning system" to stop attacks before they occur.

"The massacre is announced. There is information. But at the moment it occurs apparently no (troops) are in the area where the danger was the greatest."

On Friday, teams waited for helicopter support to reach remote villages in search of bodies. In the western village of Timba, where hundreds of refugees had fled, the families of 12 of the victims went over their coffins.

Guerrillas and their paramilitary rivals are fighting over territory and drug profits in an escalating 37-year conflict.

Officials said the gunmen from the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, used chain saws and other weapons to kill and mutilate their victims after accusing them of collaborating with rival leftist guerrillas. Colombia's military, a major recipient of U.S. aid, is often accused of aiding and tolerating AUC actions.



Soldiers carry the body of a massacre victim in Timba, about 210 miles southwest of Bogota, Colombia, Thursday, April 19, 2001. An undetermined number of people were killed in the gruesome Easter week massacre that is raising fresh doubts about the Colombian military's will to combat rightist violence.

Victor Melendez, the Cauca State delegate of the federal human rights ombudsman's office, said the army only partially responded to requests for

helped up security after hundreds of AUC fighters moved into the area.

"The troops came and went," Melendez said by phone from Cauca.

"Every time they arrived, the paramilitaries pulled back. But once they left, the paramilitaries immediately took back the territory."

The mountains west of the capital are also full of guerrillas. Paramilitary drags into the region, partly to wrest control from the rebels over cocaine-producing crops, had forced some 3,000 villagers from their homes even before the Apr. 11-13 attack.

Refugee officials say they complained of the situation in December. Then, in late March, a commission of state, federal, church and U.N. officials visited the zone and delivered a detailed report describing large numbers of heavily armed paramilitary fighters and noting the AUC were running a "large scale operation" in Cauca.

Interior Ministry human rights officials said they faxed a copy of the March 27 report to Defense Minister Luis Ramirez and asked in a follow-up letter that "urgent measures" be taken to "greater troop presence in the area."

Ramirez, who has publicly defended

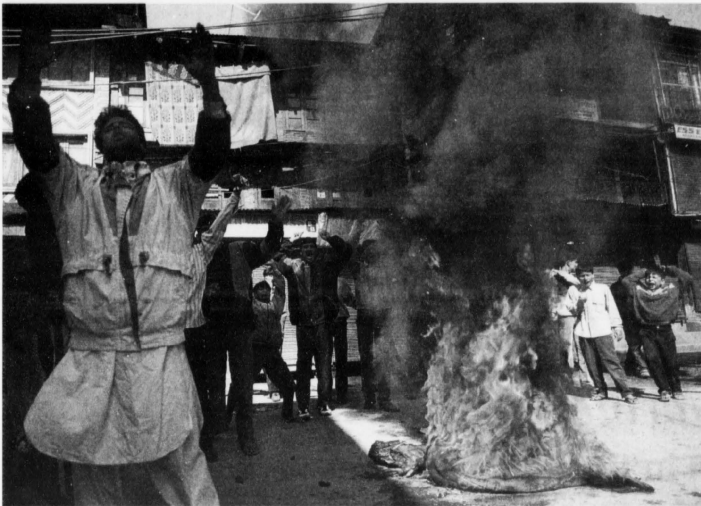
the army's response in Cauca, did not respond to requests for comment. But an official in his office said such reports are forwarded to the respective military bases.

Gen. Francisco Pedraza, who commands the Army's 3rd Brigade with jurisdiction over Cauca, said charges the army was complicit are "stories made up by enemies of the army and the state."

"It's impossible to have a soldier every meter of the way," Pedraza said. Pedraza said the army only had enough troops and helicopter capability to beef up security in large villages close to a main highway. The hamlets where the attacks occurred were high in the mountains, as many as 14 hours by mule from the larger villages, officials said.

Borrero, the former security adviser, also said the military is stretched thin and overwhelmed by reports.

"In Colombia, there are thousands of threats every day," he said. "When anything is urgent, nothing is urgent."



Kashmiri Muslim students protest against an article in Time Magazine which they deemed offensive to Islam in Srinagar, India, Saturday, April 21, 2001. The U.S. based Time magazine carried a caricature of the Prophet Mohammed seen as blasphemous with an article titled "History of Jerusalem" on April 16, 2001 issue. (AP Photo/Aijaz Rahi)

## U.S. may have played role in downing missionaries

By Monte Hayes

Associated Press Writer

LIQUITOS, Peru (AP) — A U.S. surveillance plane monitored the Peruvian air force's downing of a plane carrying a Pennsylvania-based missionary group that was mistaken for drug smugglers, a U.S. Embassy official said Saturday. A woman and her infant daughter from Michigan were killed in the shooting and crash.

The U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to say whether the U.S. aircraft provided the position of the single-engine float plane. But he said U.S. tracking planes routinely pass along information to Peruvian authorities about suspicious aircraft in the northern jungle region bordering Colombia and Brazil, a common route for cocaine trafficking.

"A U.S. government tracking aircraft was in the area in support of the Peruvian interdict mission," he said in Lima. "As part of an agreement between the United States and Peru, the United States provides tracking information on planes suspected of smuggling illegal drugs in the region to the Peruvian air force."

The statement came after one of the three survivors reportedly said that an American aircraft was flying nearby at the time the Peruvian jet shot down the missionaries' plane Friday morning over the Amazon River.

Peru's air force issued a statement early Saturday confirming that the missionaries' plane was shot down after it was detected at 10:05 a.m. local time by "an air space surveillance and control system" run jointly by Peru and the United States.

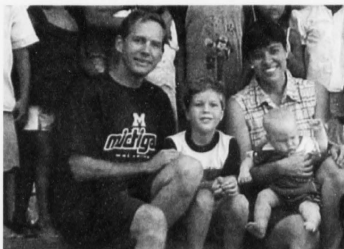
The statement said the plane entered Peruvian air space from Brazil without filing a flight plan and that it was fired on after the pilot failed to respond to "international procedures of identification and interception."

The survivors told of how pilot Kevin Donahood, a veteran, second-generation missionary originally from Morgantown, Pa., was shot in the leg during the flight. He then lost control of the flaming, single-engine plane before managing to guide it into the river, where the survivors floated on the craft's pontoons for a half-hour before being rescued by local villagers.

The plane was en route from the Brazil-Peru border to the city of Iquitos, about 625 miles northeast of Lima, when it was attacked, said the Rev. E.C. Haskell, spokesman for the New Cumberland, Pa.-based missionary group, the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

Missionary Veronica "Roni" Bowers, 35, and her 7-month-old adopted daughter, Charly, were both killed and Donahood was wounded, he said.

Also on board and unhurt were Bowers' husband, Jim Bowers, 35,



(AP Photo/HO, Assoc. of Baptists for World Evangelism) American missionaries Jim and Veronica Bowers pose with son Cory and infant daughter Charly in this March 2001 handout photo. The Bowers family was aboard a plane that was shot down Friday, April 20, 2001, by a Peruvian air force jet in Peru's Amazon jungle region. Veronica and Charly, were both killed. Jim and Cory were unhurt. "Apparently the Peruvian pilot mistook it for an airplane transporting contraband drugs," U.S. Embassy spokesman Benjamin Ziff told The Associated Press Friday.

and their 6-year-old son Cory, said Haskell. The family is from Muskegon, Mich., Haskell said.

The missionary group has worked in Peru since 1939, according to its Web site. It helps found Baptist churches in the Iquitos area and other parts of the upper Amazon, and sends missionaries into remote areas along the river's tributaries.

Donahood's wife, Bobbi, said her husband guided the plane into the river, where it flipped over. Veronica Bowers was holding her daughter on

her lap when a bullet struck her in the back and then hit the child, Mrs. Donahood said in a telephone interview from her home in Iquitos.

Mrs. Donahood said "there were two rounds of fire," and that the Peruvian jet fighter continued to fire as the plane went down.

The telephones were busy through the night Friday night at the regional command in Iquitos, and there was no answer Saturday morning at the defense ministry.

Peru's lieutenant governor presided over the Texas Senate in 1999.

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Budget writers say they'll make it through this session by penny-pinch-

## Texas cleaning up after Bush

By Connie Mablin

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — It's been dubbed by some the "de-Bushing" of Texas: plugging holes in the state budget, banning new charter schools, overhauling the criminal justice system.

A swift unraveling of much of what George W. Bush stood for in Texas and prodded on the presidential campaign trail is dominating the legislative session, the first since the former two-term governor became president.

Ever popular, Bush still has supporters; several dozen lawmakers praised his proposed federal tax cuts.

Gov. Rick Perry, a fellow Republican, has spoken out in support of Bush and the legislation passed at Bush's urging, including tax relief.

"I happen to think not only were the tax cuts right, ending social promotion, all of those issues that we worked on along with the governor" were right, Perry said. "The governor was supposed to be those as were we in the Senate."

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ing, but they warn the next session could bring tax increases.

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston,

said lawmakers agreed to support Bush's presidential bid in 1999, the year Texas had a \$6 billion surplus and Bush won his tax cut.

"If that meant enacting some laws that you really didn't feel like were in the best interest of the people that you serve, but it wasn't going to pain them too much, then you convinced yourself that you were doing it for the greater purpose, the greater good," Turner said.

"The tax reductions and all the tax credits that we gave last time—were they prudent? No. Are we paying a price for them now? Yes."

Turner is sponsoring a bill that would delay a ban on social promotion, or the advancing of academically unqualified students to the next grade.

Bush supported the ban and has proposed doing the same thing nationally.

Turner and several other legislators say a tougher Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam, scheduled to be implemented the same year as the social promotion ban, is unfair to students. They will be evaluated by a test that itself hasn't been tested.

Texas Education Commissioner Jim Nelson, a Bush appointee, originally supported delaying the ban, but quickly changed his mind.

Senate Education Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said delaying the ban would be wrong.

"The child that is promoted with full knowledge that they cannot do the work at grade level is really the victim," Bivins said.

The House also has approved a bill that would ban new charter schools for two years and increase their regulation.

Bivins said he believes many of the problems could be solved by giving qualified charter schools more state resources. But he stopped short of ruling out a moratorium.

Backed by Bush, Texas began its charter school experiment in 1995, and Bush talked up charter schools during his presidential campaign.

Charter schools receive taxpayer money - \$218 million last year - but they're free from most state regulations.

Several of the 193 charter schools have been forced to close because of declining attendance, financial mismanagement and embezzlement. Students did consistently worse than other kids on last year's state skills exam.

Equally troubling to many legislators is the state's criminal justice system, which Bush ardently defended. Texas is the nation's No. 1 death penalty state. Forty inmates were put to death last year, and six have been executed so far in 2001.

Bivins' campaign focused on the national spotlight squandered on a system that has drawn criticism for, among other things, failing to adequately defend poor suspects.

This session has brought unprecedented change.

# African trio sets the record straight

By Karen Andrew  
Staff Writer

According to a group of Northern Kentucky University African female students, African women on American television and films are most often portrayed as naked females sitting in the dirt in front of a thatched hut preparing a meal. Or they may be shown as starving in their starvation-induced trance in a refugee camp while flies buzz around them and their emaciated children. These NKU students want to set the record straight.

Jane Muindi, Ngozi Victoria Uti, Sibuzani Mabuye and Fungisai Mugwagwa are all from Africa.

But, as they pointed out, Africa is not a country - there is neither one language nor national anthem for Africa. Africa is a continent made up of different countries. Muindi attended an NKU African program where the anthem of South Africa was played as the African national anthem.

And these women represent separate countries just as the other African students at NKU.

Muindi, a senior information sys-

tems major, is from Kenya, an east-central African nation. She said there are at least 52 languages spoken in her country alone; however, the official languages for business and general communication are English and Swahili.

This means that all Kenyans must learn two languages in addition to what might be spoken at home.

Uti is from the northwest African nation of Nigeria. Because her father was transferred in his job several times, her family lived in at least five different cities, including the capital of Lagos. She attended school in Port Harcourt.

"In my country we have at least 220 languages in Nigeria," said Uti. "Our official language is English, so most people do speak English very fluently because that's how we communicate with each other."

"Most people in Nigeria are at least bilingual or even more," she added that because she lived in different cities she learned the local language in each location.

Mabuye is from Zimbabwe, located on the eastern side of central Africa.

She is a freshman biology major (pre-med). She said she likes this area and plans to attend medical school at the University of Cincinnati or another area school. English is the official language in her country, too, but there are native languages spoken as well. Mugwagwa is also from Zimbabwe.

The women are from middle class families where education is very much valued. In each case, they said their parents would do everything to ensure their children received a good education.

"My dad goes on his way to get his children educated," said Mabuye. "My dad's a lawyer and my mom's a nurse. They really want me to be a doctor."

Uti said, "I went to a very good high school. We value education big time. My dad would do anything to get us to go to really good schools."

The women said that they have been asked silly questions by Americans such as, "do you live in

houses?" Do you know how to use toilet paper?" They get the impression that Americans think all Africans live in thatched huts and primitive conditions.

"Anytime you see African pictures, you see a hut," said Uti. "But that is not the only thing we have in Africa. We have mansions, skyscrapers - and we do have huts too. But here,

depending on where you look, you'll find huts here too." She said there are thatched roofs on some houses in the

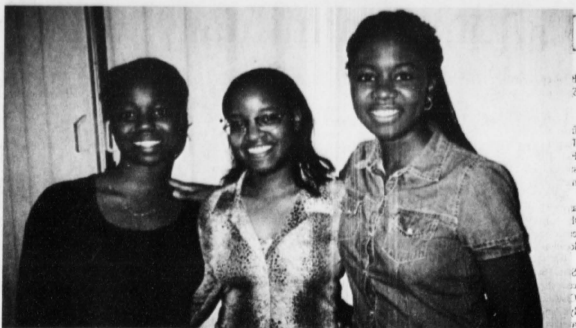
country. "For example, at the beaches, we have thatched houses, not because they couldn't build fancy houses but for the whole tradition of being close to nature. But when pictures are taken, it is misrepresented. They make it seem like that's all we have." Often the thatched buildings are considered luxury, especially when renting them at the beach.

"I showed people here a picture of my home in Zimbabwe," said Mugwagwa. "They said, ooh! You

have a swimming pool - a basketball court? You must be the queen of Africa! The average home in my country has a big garden, a swimming pool and a house."

She said that maybe some people don't have swimming pools and basketball courts, but still, swimming pools are fairly common in Zimbabwean homes as compared to the American homes.

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Karen Andrew/The Northerner  
Sibuzani Mabuye (Zimbabwe), Jane Muindi (Kenya) and Ngozi Victoria Uti (Nigeria), from left to right, want to set the record straight about African women and destroy the stereotypes of American television.

## Grant county center graduates receive recognition

Sara Reilly  
Staff Writer

Students' accomplishments were acknowledged at the first Grant County Program Celebration on Friday April 20. Nearly 40 students were honored for their achievements while taking classes at the Grant County branch of Northern Kentucky University.

Among those students was Carolyn Kimmon, who will graduate from NKU in May. "I thought the program was great. I loved it," Kimmon said. "I probably would not have gone to

college without it."

Kimmon, who began her postsecondary education at Grant County, holds the distinction along with Tameca Vannardall, who will also graduate in May, of being the first graduates of the program. "I would recommend it to anyone," Kimmon said. "It's a great start."

According to Sam Lapin, professor and coordinator of the Grant County Program, the program was implemented to encourage students to start their college careers. The program also offers classes for non-traditional students who wish to take courses to

improve their careers. "We have a good mix of both traditional and non-traditional students," Lapin said.

Lapin, however, says its intention was mainly to be a freshman campus. "It's a starter center. The success of the program grows every year."

That is precisely why Dr. James Votruba, president of NKU, thinks so highly of the program. He stresses that the program is of great importance to the community in Grant County. He also says the success is reflected in the favorable opinions of the residents in the area. "It has exceeded my expectations," he said.

Votruba says the program was started "with a dream that we had four years ago." Members of the Grant County community approached NKU with the idea of a community college. It seemed there was a problem in the area with too few high school graduates going on to college. He says it became a joint effort to take the university to the students in a more rural area, rather than the other way around. Votruba said the purpose was to "break down that barrier and expand access to higher education."

Kimmon, who lives 45 minutes from the main campus, said she

enjoyed that the program was only five minutes from her house. "I could come home between classes and was able to keep my job here (in Dry Ridge)."

She also said class size was smaller and she got a lot more help from teachers. After attending Grant County for a year and a half, she said the transition to main campus was much easier. "It gives you a chance to see if you're college material. If they get the start, they decide, 'yes it's for me' or 'no, it's not and go on from there.'"

Lapin did not have exact figures

available, but said that the program has a very high rate of students who go on to NKU or to other universities, such as the University of Kentucky.

Votruba, who spoke at Friday's celebration, congratulated the students on their persistence, encouraged them to aim high, and wished them continued success in the future.

The Grant County Program, located in Williamstown, opened in the fall of 1998 and has been attended by, approximately 300 students. There are two full-time and seven part-time faculty who teach between 12 to 15 classes per semester.

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# Fan Fair more than concerts

By Rick Amburgey  
Special Projects Editor

Every June, thousands of country music fans from all across the world flock to Nashville, Tenn. for the International Country Music Fan Fair. They leave the week-long event with a sunburn, a handful of autographs, and enough memories to last a lifetime.

Why would you want to go to Fan Fair? The answer is simple - because it's fun! Fan Fair is the only time of the year that practically the entire country music industry converges on one location.

Fan Fair, which is held at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds in Nashville, features concerts by almost most country music artist. Concerts begin around 10:30 a.m. and generally continue until about 10 p.m. each night. The average length of each show is about 30 minutes. However, some of the more established artists play closer to an hour. Some of the concerts feature special guests. Special guests that have appeared in the past include Dolly Parton, Waylon Jennings, Garth Brooks and Vince

Gill.

Fan Fair is more than concerts. It gives the fans and the artists an opportunity to meet and mingle with each other. Each artist has a booth and has times set aside for autograph signing. During these autograph sessions, each fan gets the opportunity to get an autograph, have their picture taken with the star, and to talk for a moment with the star.

The autograph lines tend to be very long, especially for the more established artists. Last year, some very devoted fans waited more than 10 hours for the chance to meet Vince Gill.

The early bird may get the worm, but at Fan Fair, the early bird and the fast runner get the spot in the front of the autograph line. The gates to the fairgrounds open at 10 a.m. There is a separate line for the fans who want to go to the grandstands for the concerts and the fans wanting to go to the artists' booths to get autographs. Veteran fans know to get in line early. Some fans get to the line as early as 6 a.m. and others camp out in the autograph line.

One can't always have to go through all that hassle to get the autograph of your favorite

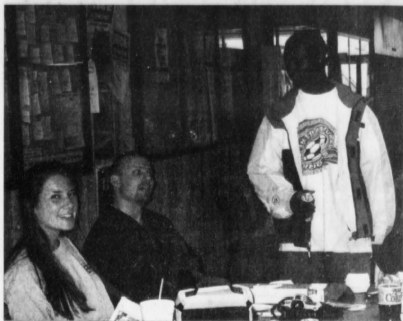
stars. CMT and TSN has a booth which features one to three artists at a time and the artists change hourly. There are 100 tickets given. You still have to wait in line, but it isn't nearly as long as at the other booths.

Waiting in line isn't all that bad. If you make the most of it. The time spent standing can seem to last forever. However, it allows fans from different parts of the world time to converse. Fans talk about everything from their favorite country song to what they are going to do that night. It allows fans with a common interest to get to know each other and become friends. Occasionally, it will even ignite the spark that will lead to a romance. There are stories about couples who met at Fan Fair - who are now married. Even if you don't find a partner for life standing in line to meet Tim McGraw, you can find someone to talk to and help pass the time.

Although Fan Fair doesn't occur until June, you don't want to wait until the last minute if you expect to get a ticket to this highly anticipated annual event. Tickets went on sale at the

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## Gettin' out the vote



Students sit in the University Center encouraging their fellow students to vote in the Student Government Association elections.

Journalist Davis/The Northern

# Novel looks into political spying

By Jason R. Crisler  
Production Manager

The right to privacy is not guaranteed in the United States Constitution.

Does this give the president of the United States the right to monitor Americans any way he sees fit?

"The Oval Web," a novel written by Northern Kentucky University's Director of Forensics, Dr. Robert T. Jones, explores the precariousness of this topic in this electronic age.

Roland Anderson, the president in Jones' novel, is capable of spying on every American citizen from an office in the White House, said Jones. The president is also attempting to do away with an individual is manipulating the president, the Federal Communications Commission Jones said that it has been rumored for years



By NKU professor Dr. Robert T. Jones

(FCC), he said.

According to the FCC's web site, the FCC establishes "policies to govern interstate and international communications by television, radio, wire, satellite and cable."

Derrick Wyler, a news anchor for the CTN Evening News, uncovers the president's plot, Jones said. Wyler is faced with the daunting task of finding out why. "What he discovers is shocking, and brings freedom of the press into direct conflict with presidential authority," Jones said.

Wyler discovers that an individual is manipulating the president, the Federal Communications Commission Jones said that it has been rumored for years

that someone or some group is pulling the president's strings. "Let's face it, we all answer to a higher authority," Jones said.

Wyler must then make the biggest decision of his career. "He debates whether he wants to confront the president, whether he wants to discuss the issue with the president privately or simply nail him on the air," Jones said.

Jones said that "The Oval Web" sprang from his background in broadcasting, his fascination with politics and media ethics and his awareness of the growing threat to our privacy because of technology.

"Since I started 'The Oval Web' in 1994, the threat has grown even bigger," Jones said. "I don't believe that the average person has any concept of just how fragile our privacy is. Anytime we talk on the telephone, use a computer or interact in any way with electronic technology, somebody is probably watching or listening."

"The Oval Web" will be carried at the NKU bookstore and can also be purchased on Jones' Web site, he said. He also said that the first chapter can be read on his Web site, [www.nku.edu/~jonesr/](http://www.nku.edu/~jonesr/).

## Pete's Poetry Corner

### The Best is Yet to Come

As I look back on all these years  
The miles I've traveled  
The rivers of tears  
I think of thoughts of  
What could've been  
And realize I can't remember when  
The words came so easy  
Yet so hard to say  
Why is it now that I want to stay  
To continue this journey  
And forge new paths  
The moment has arrived  
It's here at last  
So now I speak of uncharted territory  
Adventures to share,

Joy and care  
Standing now at this precipice  
Looking over the edge  
Or is it looking back  
Into that dark, black hole  
The road is behind me now  
A new one I pave  
A new road, with no potholes  
Perhaps only cobblestone  
But mostly smooth  
And fast  
Be my co-pilot  
And go along for the ride  
The darkness is past  
Blue skies and straight ahead  
is the future

By Peter W. Zubaty

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# Swinging in Newport

By: Cheryl Ritchie  
Staff Writer

Once a week, the York Street Cafe in Newport turns back the clock for its Thursday night swing dancing lessons.

On the third floor of the cafe five rotating instructors provide dance lessons, every Thursday. First, the instructors teach the basic six-count dance used in swing called East Coast. In the second lesson instructors teach the Lindy Hop, a dance popular in the 1930s and '40s, for the advanced dancers.

Gabrielle Dion, an instructor at the cafe, said the instructors go slow enough during the lessons for people to be able to jump right in.

The cafe averages about 70 people every week for the dance and 15-25 people for the lessons.

The five instructors who provide the swing dancing lessons call themselves the CincySwing group. The group formed in January.

Sue Putman, an instructor, said York Street Cafe had a live band providing swing music for the dancers on the second floor for a couple of years. The owner of the cafe decided that it wasn't working out and had to cancel it. Five of the dancers were upset about it and made an offer to the owner.

The owner decided to rent the third floor out to the group. The group sets up

their equipment every Thursday and provides everything needed to swing dance. The group takes money at the door and cleans up everything at the end of the night. The group shares all profits with the cafe.

The instructors travel around the United States to workshops where instructors learn different swing dancing styles and some of the five teach other places and private groups.

"We always had a good court group when it started in the '90s. Whether or not it is a fad or an interest, people like to watch it and learn," Dion said. She said most of the students she has taught have liked it and have stuck with it.

Maria Hammond, one of the students, said she will be at the cafe every Thursday night. She said she thinks she has learned a lot in her first lesson. "It's a lot of fun," she said.

"I love it here. I have found out about it a month and a half ago and have been here every Thursday," Jody Larsen, a regular dancer, said. "Swing dancing is different; you meet a lot of people and everyone is friendly, compared to club dancing. It's better for single men because usually there are more women," he said.

The cafe is open for all ages to come and swing dance. Kandy Thompson-Cannon, an instructor, said ages usually range from 18-60 years-old. "I think most

people are in their '20s. We still have people who are older," she said.

Dion said people could only swing dance to one type of music in the 1930s and '40s and now people can swing to the Beatle Boys or country. People can also put a '90s twist into swing, which creates different styles. Dion said she invites people to come try it. She said she thinks it is a good way to meet people.

Putman said if you show up without a partner, then you'll get one.

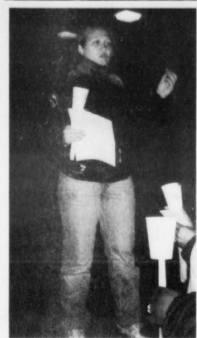
"You can't help but to have fun," Putman said. "You leave your troubles at the door."

Lessons are from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. every Thursday and cost \$5. If you already know how to swing dance, general admission is from 9 p.m. - midnight, for \$3 per person.

There are only two other main places to go swing dancing in the Cincinnati area. They are Mr. Pitiful's and University YMCA. Mr. Pitiful's is on Main Street in Cincinnati. A live band plays there on Wednesday at 9 p.m. and admission is \$3. Jesse Fatherree teaches lessons.

The YMCA is located in Clifton. Lessons and general admission are \$5 together. YMCA teaches East Coast swing also. This is only provided on Fridays from 8-9 p.m.

For further information go to [www.cincyswing.com](http://www.cincyswing.com).



Annette Fournier explains the significance of the paper "Cranes" used to honor Timothy Thomas's memory at Thursday night's vigil. Sadako, a Japanese little girl, developed leukemia after being exposed to radiation from the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in World War II. A friend told her if she could fold 1000 paper cranes, she would fly up to where the gods were. Sadako only managed to fold 700 before she died. After her death a statue in her memory was erected in Hiroshima Peace Park and people from all around the world sent cranes which will be placed in a stream to float away. Students remembered Thomas on Thursday as they sang spiritual songs and released their paper cranes into Lake Inferior.

# Tri-Beta makes a home for butterflies

By Karen Andrew  
Staff Writer

A group of students gathered Thursday afternoon to enjoy a cookout and clean up the butterfly garden just outside of the Natural Science building on the plaza level.

In its first work session of the season, the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society (Tri Beta) members cleared brush and trash as well as some non-native plants.

"We weeded exotic plants not native to Kentucky," said 2001 president Phyllis Spurr. "We really want to make this garden representative of what you'd find in Kentucky." She said that most of the non-natives were plants donated in the past.

"We had to take donations - we couldn't just turn them away," said Spurr.

"However, they are not appropriate for a vision. We're slowly pulling them out and soliciting for native plants."

Spurr said that the club's vision for the garden evolved from the desire to provide a native habitat for butterflies and other area wildlife. Originally the garden space was a paved area so in the fall of 1996, the club cleared it and dumped in dirt to try to beautify the area.

The remainder of the campus' landscaping is so manicured and one of the goals of Tri Beta is to leave the butterfly garden in a mostly natural state.

There are several reasons for maintaining the native garden. "We want to attract indigenous and immigrating insects that are native to the area," said Natasha Yust, Tri Beta historian. "Some of the plants in there now don't meet the life cycle of butterflies. We want to grow plants that meet

every stage in the life of butterflies and other insects such as flower nectar."

"There is a decline of butterflies in this area," said Spurr. "To attract them we want to leave the garden in its most natural state and not use chemicals."

The butterfly garden also provides laboratory material for biology and botany classes. "The biology classes study plant

"We really want to make this garden representative of what you would find in Kentucky."

-Phyllis Spurr

adaptation and mimicry, the wildflowers are studied by botany classes and the entomology course uses it to study insects," said Spurr.

"We have a mix of natives and garden cultivars," said Cynthia Cain, alumna member. "But we plan to include more native plant species - ones that butterflies and caterpillars would like."

Cain said the following plants fulfill this requirement and can be found in the garden: purple cornflowers, asters, sedum, lilacs, cherry trees, butterfly weed, coreopsis, rudbeckia (also known as black-eyed Susans and yellow cone flowers), thyme, lambs ears ("bees love lambs ears") and yarrow.

Spurr said that there will be more work sessions as well as ongoing maintenance duties such as watering. Plans for the garden this year include installing birdhouses.

The club is looking for volunteers, even non-Tri Beta members.

"We're hoping to make Friday afternoons our workdays, starting around 2:00," said Spurr. She said anyone interested in volunteering should contact the biology department and leave their name and phone number for her to contact.

Tri Beta also maintains the "Beta Beta Beta Butterfly Garden Page," accessed through the university's Web site (click on Student Life, then on Beta Beta Beta). "We urge you to get involved," said Cain on the Web page. "This is a highly visible project that is enjoyed by many people throughout campus and the community. We also encourage people inside and outside the NKU community to get involved."

# Local theater performs musical guaranteed to touch hardest of hearts

By Lyndsey Yeager  
Staff Writer

In their fall production of "Oklahoma!" Footlighters celebrated the past.

Their winter production, "Steel Magnolias," highlighted the trails and triumphs of contemporary life. In keeping with their 2001-2002 season theme "Past, Present, Future," their spring musical "Weird Romance" dares to go where few shows have gone

before - the future!

Though relatively unknown to the public, "Weird Romance" is quickly becoming a cult favorite, among musical theater aficionados. "Weird Romance" is a fast-paced, well-written, plot and character-driven show with the music by Alan Menken ("Little Shop of Horrors," Disney's "The Little Mermaid," "Aladdin," "Beauty and the Beast"). The show consists of two one-act musicals, each of which explores the endurance

of love and romance in the face of an uncertain future. As such, each act is set in the future (think *Amazing Stories* television series). This show is funny and intelligent, yet guaranteed to touch even the hardest of hearts. As an added bonus, Footlighter's production marks "Weird Romance's" regional amateur/professional debut.

The first Act, *The Girl Who Was Plugged In*, is a kind of 21st-century

Cinderella story in which futuristic costumes, lighting and special effects help to satirize our consumer culture's growing obsession with beauty and conformity. Can goodness, love and romance prevail over greed, cynicism and materialism? Only time and the final scene will tell!

The second act, "Her Pilgrim Soul," is kind of a romantic ghost story set in the very near future and explores the inner journey to love. In this story, a seemingly

supernatural event shakes the orderly world of a brilliant research scientist, forcing him to face the importance of love in the grand scheme of the universe.

A great show always needs a great cast. They are: Kelly Cobb, Chuck Coley, Jim Curtis, Mike Fielder, Ken Goldhoff, Jim Herzner, Jason Miller, Gretchen Phillips and Laurie Schneider. Lyndsey Yeager is currently enrolled as a theater major and dance minor. Cast member Jason

Miller is an alumnus of Northern Kentucky University.

The Footlighters are located at the Stained Glass Theater, Eighth and York St., in Newport. If you would like to learn more about Footlighters or wish to reserve tickets to see "Weird Romance" May 3-19 with the curtains rising at 8 p.m. on weekdays and 7 p.m. on Sundays. For information call (859) 291-7464 and leave a message.

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# Punk Rock bliss at Vans Warped Tour

## Concert festival will bring non-musical performers as well

By Dan Mecher  
News Editor

You don't even notice that your nipple ring has been ripped out, or that a stream of blood is trickling down your chest. You don't care that you're starting to go deaf in your left ear, or that your right one has been completely deaf for an hour already.

Even after you fall to the ground and become trampled by dozens of steel-toed boots, leaving a collage of waffle-like patterns embedded in your forehead, you're still convinced that you are having the time of your life.

The parades, once they peel you off of the concrete, tell you to stay off your feet for a while. What do you do?

"Yeah, right," you tell him. You're not about to miss the next band, so back to the mosh pit you go.

There may be nothing worse than having a nipple ring torn out, but missing the 2001 Vans Warped Tour this summer might come close.

Punkers from across the country will have a chance to catch quite a few of their favorite bands at one concert. And there will be much rejoicing and moshing.

In its seventh year of providing a bit of annual punk rock bliss, the Warped Tour has already released a preliminary outline of performers scheduled to appear. A number of long-established acts, including the Vandals and Pennywise, are included on the bill, along with a few late-breakers.

Among those at the top of the list is one of the newest bands from Cold Springs, Fla., New Found Glory.

The quintet's popularity sprang from the 1999 Warped Tour when they were featured on one of the event's local stages and actually outdrew the main stage headliner.

In an interview with Launch Music News, vocalist Jordan Pundik called the tour a "punk rock summer camp."

"We eat breakfast with all the bands and stuff," he said.

So far, 77 bands have been announced by the tour's creator, Kevin Lyman, and additional groups are expected to be added before the tour begins in Arizona on



Macho Sasquatcho retaliates with a suplex off of the top rope.

June 22.

The concert festival will also bring a number of non-musical performers, including professional skateboarders Mike Frazier and Jesse Fritesh, who have both been featured on ESPN's X Games. Along with inline skater Scott Crawford and several other extreme sports athletes, these boys will be pulling off tricks on the half-pipe, seeing who can hit the best stunts without landing on his face.

Those that don't get their jollies from the skaters may instead enjoy throwing corn tortillas at competitors of the Warped Tour's newest feature, *Incredibly Strange Wrestling*.

Originally started five years ago as a satire of Mexican lucha libre wrestling in San Francisco, this phenomenon is no WCW or WWE. The ISW, rather, pits "luchadores"—by names such as 69 Degrees, the Mexican Viking, and Twoonky, the Loveable Neo-Nazi—against each other in brutal competition. The wacky combatant sport costumes that range from

skin-tight thongs to fuzzy suits resembling Chewbacca from "Star Wars."

And then, there are the flying tortillas.

Count Dante, play-by-play announcer of the federation, said the projectiles thrown by audience members are actually a precautionary measure.

"They were throwing bottles, cups, garbage—you name it and our luchadores were getting pelted with it," said Dante. Instead of cracking down on audience members, Dante said ISW promoter Audra Morse decided to begin supplying harmless corn tortillas at the shows for fans to launch.

Dante called *Incredibly Strange Wrestling* a perfect match to the ear-shattering soundtrack of the Warped Tour. "ISW has always BEEN a punk rock show," he said. "The Warped Tour is a definite step up for us, but we always run shows with punk rock bands."

Since word got out that this year's Warped Tour will be featuring ISW, local underground fighters/punkers have already begun to feel the itch to get into the ring with the professionals.

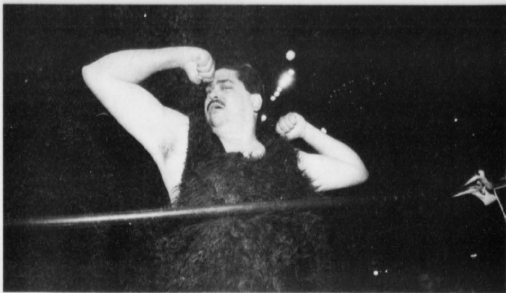
"I'm going to get ready to put some slap-nasty on that buttocks," says Cody Ramey, also known as "The Pickle" of Striker's Grove Meanest Man Contest in Ross, Ohio.

Ramey's years of training, which he describes as, "wrestling on the floor with my dad," may or may not be enough to put him above the competition. Unfortunately for "The Pickle," he won't be getting a chance to find out.

"We never let audience members into the ring," Dante said. "Sorry." *Incredibly Strange Wrestling* will be touring the full seven weeks of the Vans Warped Tour.

The closest the festivities will get to Cincinnati on its 40-city escapade will be at the Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky. The tentative date is July 15, but could be subject to change. Tickets cost \$19.99.

And one more thing: just remember that earplugs are only for posers.




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Top: What's that smell? The Mexican Viking stands victorious.

Bottom: Supergal delivers the Pulga Splash to the furry Macho Sasquatcho. Don't try this at home kids!







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# Highlights from 2000-01 NKU sports season

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.  
Sports Editor

By Aaron Stamm  
Staff Writer

The 2000-01 NKU athletic season has provided many highlights from all the different sports that have taken place over the past year.

We the sports writers here at *The Northerner* have picked out the best highlights from the past season in both the men's and women's categories.

## Women's Sports Stories

In the 2000-01 athletic season, the women of NKU provided great action and performance for the university.

The women's programs at NKU have really developed over the years with great pride and tradition. This continued in the 2000-01 season.

The season also provided outstanding coaches who led their teams to victories.

The university brought in J. Webb Horton to continue the success in women's tennis. It was also a season of firsts for many of the athletes in the programs.

Here is the best of the 2000-01 NKU women's sports.

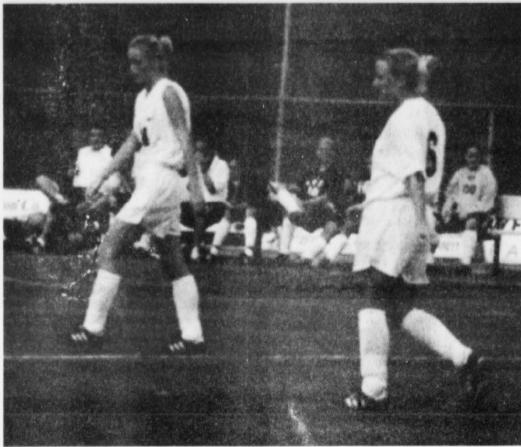
1. NKU women's soccer team advancing to the NCAA Division II Championship with a 21-2-2 record. The team won the GLVC Championship as well on the season.

2. Junior basketball player Michelle Cottrell received the Gatorade Division II Player of the Year Award. She also captured the GLVC player of the year.

3. Athletic Director Jane Meier receives the WBCA (Women's Basketball Coaches Administration) Award. The award is voted on by the women's coaches and goes to the most outstanding administrator in the university sports department.

4. The NKU tennis team led by Coach Webb is currently 16-3 in matches including both fall and spring season. The Norse are currently competing in the conference and NCAA Tournaments. The only three losses for the Norse occurred against division one teams such as Morehead State and Wright State.

5. The NKU volleyball team advanced to the finals of the NCAA Regional Tournament with a 27-7 record. They were also 13-3 in the conference and were



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

The NKU women's soccer team provided the biggest thrill among women's athletics this past season when the team went all the way to the NCAA Division II National Championship game, where it lost to UC-San Diego 2-1 in December.

GLVC Tournament Champions.

6. Volleyball coach Mary Biermann retires at the end of the season. She was replaced by long-time assistant Carlos Chia.

7. The women's basketball team finished the season with a 25-5 record and 17-3 in the conference. The Norse advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

8. Senior soccer player Tricia Ruark was named GLVC Player of the year scoring 42 points on the year. She scored 11 goals and had 20 assists. She was joined by forward Betsy Moore as a Division II First team All-American.

9. The women's cross country team won the Greensboro Invitational September 23. For the meet,

the women had top finishes by several runners including first place finish by Lisa Faulkner, second place was Elaine Koenig and Anna Moore finished in fourth.

10. Senior softball pitcher Kim Bina is just three wins away from the University's single season win total of 16. She is 13-5 going into the weekend games.

11. The NKU volleyball team had three ladies make the All Great Lakes Region Team: junior Bethany Gaistrigh and seniors Jessica Buraker and Bobbi Casey.

12. The NKU women's basketball team will say goodbye to four young ladies who have meant a great deal to the Norse program. Guard Heather Livingstone, forward Jessica Jensen, forward Julie Covens and guard Michelle Tuchfarber have led the Norse program to its first NCAA National Championship in school history.

Men's Sports Stories

The 2000-01 NKU men's athletic program provided some highlights too, including a revamped baseball team and numerous records set by the basketball team.

The season also saw the golf and cross country teams break school records and travel to new heights. The following is the best of the men's sports.

1. The NKU baseball team has turned it around this season. After racking up a total of 29 wins last season, the Norse have already won 31 games under first-year coach Todd Asalam.

2. The NKU basketball team advanced to the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Championship against archival Kentucky Wesleyan College in March. The Norse upset Southern Indiana in overtime in the semifinals to get to that point.

3. The NKU golf team won its first ever GLVC Championship in October. Junior Steve Landrum came in first place and was named GLVC Player of the Year. Freshman Brandon Brown finished second and earned All-GLVC honors. Coach Darryl Landrum was named GLVC Coach of the Year.

4. Senior basketball point guard Craig Conley broke the NKU all-time assist record during the NCAA Tournament in March. Conley ended his four-year career with 530 assists.

5. Senior baseball player Matt Mason broke the school RBI record in one game with nine RBIs in one of the team's spring break tournament games in Florida back in March.

6. The basketball team recorded its best start ever in its history at 13-0 when it beat Southern Illinois-Edwardsville by 24 points at Regents Hall in January.

7. The NKU men's cross country team posted a perfect score of 15 at the Greensboro Invitational in September. Sophomore Ryan Carskadon came in first place with a time of 27:13. Kevin Alessandro finished second, Chris Lenhof-third, Pat Sullivan-fourth and Brian Alessandro-fifth.

8. The Norse basketball team shocked Kentucky Wesleyan, beating them by 20 points at Regents Hall in January.

9. The NKU men's soccer team made it to the GLVC Tournament in November.

10. Senior basketball center Todd Clark was cleared to play this season. He took advantage of it by earning GLVC Player of the Week once this season and was fourth on the team averaging 10.5 points per game and scoring 357 total points.

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# The Northerner NKU Athletes of the Year



*Jennifer Davis/The Northerner*  
Michelle Cottrell (#22) has won many awards over the years, including Division II Player of the Year.

## Michelle Cottrell

NKU women's basketball junior Michelle Cottrell was tied for Women's Athlete of the Year honors.

She led the Norse back to the NCAA Division II Tournament this past season and was the first NKU athlete ever to earn NCAA Division II Bulletin Player of the Year honors.

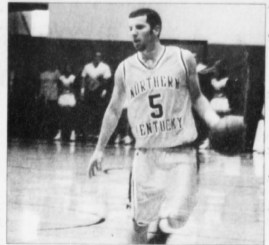
The other women's athletes that received votes were Betsy Moore, Jessica Buroker, Kim Bina, Lissa Faulkner and Breanne Hall.

## Craig Conley

NKU men's basketball senior point guard Craig Conley was named the Male Athlete of the Year.

Conley broke an NKU school record with 530 career assists, which he broke against Kentucky Wesleyan College in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament in March.

Other NKU men's athletes that were given consideration were Matt Mason, Ryan Carskadon, Mohammed Janah, Brandon Brown and Shawn Barone.



*Rachel Dietz/The Northerner*  
Craig Conley has worked hard his four years he played on the NKU basketball team.

## Jamie O'Hara

Women's tennis junior Jamie O'Hara was also named Women's Athlete of the Year.

She earned her third straight GLVC Player of the Year honor this past season after going undefeated in the GLVC for the third year in a row (32-0 over that stretch).

She is currently 17-2 this season heading into the NCAA Division II Tournament in May.



*Rachel Dietz/The Northerner*  
NKU tennis sensation Jamie O'Hara is a perfect 32-0 against her GLVC opponents the past three years.

## Upcoming Games (home games in bold)

### Baseball

Sat., April 28  
Sun., April 29  
Mon., April 30

Lewis(DH)  
Lewis  
**Transylvania**

1 p.m.  
1 p.m.  
4 p.m.

### Softball

Sat., April 28  
Sun., April 29

Wisconsin-Parkside  
Lewis

1 p.m.  
1 p.m.

# This Week in NKU Sports

## NKU golf team places fourth in tournament

The NKU men's golf team finished tied for fourth place in the NCAA Division II District IV Tournament at the Deer Creek Golf Course in Auburn, Indiana last week. The Norse ended the tournament with a team total score of 619, the same score the University of Wisconsin-Parkside received.

In the individual competition, NKU junior Steve Landrum shot a 150 and came away with a sixth place finish in the two-day event.

Freshman Brandon Brown was only one stroke behind Landrum (151) and finished in eighth place.

Scott Stark did well for the Norse too, notching a 156 and finishing in 26th place.

Ferris State won the tournament with a score of 593. Grand Valley State was second with a 607, and Northwood finished in third place with a 615 score.

NKU baseball team loses two nail-bits against Indy, splits two with SIUE

The NKU baseball team played two NCAA Division II nationally ranked top 25 teams and three Great Lakes Valley Conference teams last week.

The Norse lost twice to 10th-ranked Indianapolis last Wednesday. They also split doubleheaders against Southern Indiana Saturday and No. 25 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Sunday.

In the first game against Indianapolis, the game went deep into extra innings with the Greyhounds winning 4-3 in 13 innings.

Mike Kocher hit a pinch-hit RBI single in the inning to win the game for Indianapolis.

NKU senior Jason Martin and junior Steve Walton had three hits apiece for the Norse. Also, NKU senior Matt Mason added two hits and drove in two runs in the game.

The Norse didn't have much of a chance in game two as the Greyhounds scored six runs in the second inning to take a 6-0 lead.

However, the Norse made a late run in the game, scoring three runs in the seventh inning, but they fell short 7-6.

Martin was again the leader for NKU as

he went 2 for 3 at the plate and drove in two runs. Justin Raschulte also added two hits in the game.

With the two wins, Indianapolis (No. 1 in the North Central Region) leads the season series against the Norse this year by a count of 2-1.

NKU went back on the road to play Southern Indiana Saturday.

The Norse split two games against Southern Indiana, losing the first game 15-9 and winning the second 4-3.

In the second game, NKU scored three runs in the second inning and after Southern Indiana tied the game at three apiece, the Norse scored the winning run in the eighth inning.

Chris Osterkamp led the charge for NKU, batting 3 for 4 at the plate and driving in two runs.

Beau Brake and Shaun Erie added two hits apiece for the Norse, and NKU pitcher Tom Unkraut picked up the win, improving to 3-0 on the year.

The Norse couldn't grab both games of the doubleheader as Southern Indiana scored at least two runs in every inning except for the third inning, the only inning they didn't score, in game one.

NKU came up with five runs in the fifth inning to take a 9-7 lead.

However, Southern Indiana also scored five runs in the fifth and went on to win the game by six runs.

Walton drove in four runs for the Norse and went 3 for 4 at the plate. Also, Raschulte had three hits, including a homerun and two RBIs.

NKU finished out the week against No. 25 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Sunday.

The Norse won the first game 5-4 as they scored three runs in the first inning and scored the go-ahead run in the seventh inning on an error to pull out the victory.

Eschan went 3 for 4 at the plate and drove in a run. Erie also contributed two hits for NKU.

In game two, the Cougars pounded out 15 hits and defeated the Norse 6-2 to claim a split of the doubleheader.

After the long stretch of road games, NKU is now 33-15 overall and 11-10 in the GLVC.

Men's tennis loses in first round of GLVC Tournament

The NKU men's tennis team went into the GLVC Tournament last Friday as the No. 4 seed as it took on the No. 5 seed Bellarmine in the first round.

The Norse, however, lost two of their three doubles matches and lost to the Knights 5-2 in the tournament. NKU only won one singles match, Jon Peters being the victor.

The Norse had beaten Bellarmine earlier in the regular season.

NKU didn't let the loss bring them down as they beat St. Joseph's College 5-0 in the losers bracket as Chris Robertson and Tom Fontonva were both victorious in their singles matches, winning in straight sets 6-0, 6-0.

Robertson teamed with Peters and Fontonva also teamed up with Shawn Barone to easily win their doubles matches against the Puma faithfuls.

NKU advanced to the fifth place game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, the No. 6 seed, Saturday.

The Norse ended the GLVC Tournament winning the fifth place trophy after defeating SIUE 5-2.

Robertson, Peters and Ted Walkup all won their singles matches, and NKU won two of its doubles matches in claiming the victory.

NKU ends its tennis season with a 12-10 overall record and a 6-3 finish in the conference.

The Northerner would like to congratulate all of the NKU players and coaches for making the past athletic season so successful.



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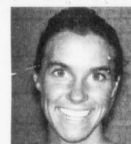
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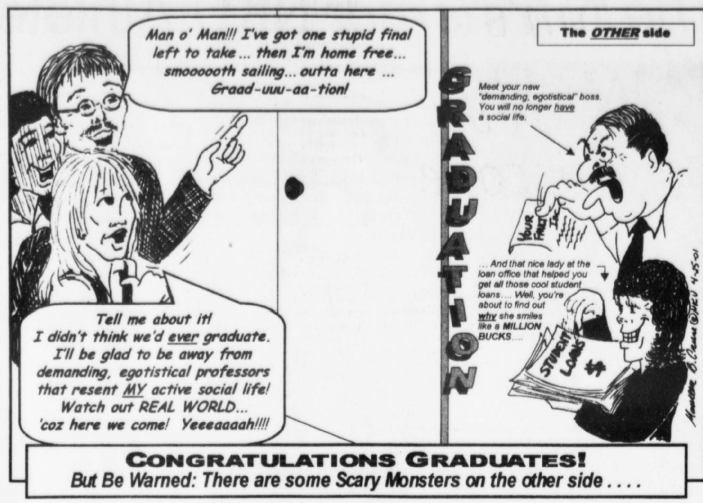


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## So long, and thanks for all the fish

**By Forrest Berkshire**  
Editor in Chief

Look out world, they're lettin' me out. That's right, I've served my time. Sure, they tacked on a couple extra years for bad behavior, but they've finally run out of reasons for keeping me locked up. So I'm getting out, and I'm bringing a couple of cons from this poor unsuspecting world. Just don't get in our way and you might be okay.

So what is there after school? Does anybody out there know? Everybody keeps talking to me about jobs and careers and all this other stuff. Huh? Sounds like a drag to me, a job.

No, I'm looking for a life. I'm talking about a life bigger than life. There is nothing that can stop us, but don't think they won't try.

It's dangerous out there. The life of a student is typified, among other things, by poverty. At least, those of

us who stopped sucking our thumbs and moved out of mommy and daddy's. With poverty comes debt, especially credit card companies. Those blood-sucking leeches get their claws into us early, when we're desperate.

People always tell me "If you didn't want the debt, why did you take the money?" Well, huh, let me ask you something. If you were dying of thirst in the desert and the devil appeared in front of you and offered you a drink of water in exchange for your soul, would you say? With the interest rates some of these companies charge your soul would seem cheap by comparison.

So that's when they first get their claws in you. But they won't let go. Now you're a graduate. Now you're worth even more.

Here's a tip, don't fall for it. Just say NO to the new car and the nice house. It's all a trap. It's all nothing. We have not invested so much time, effort and pain to simply slide away for the money lender taskmasters. Do something else. Live. Things are just that. Don't

let them tell you different.

It's all a pack of lies out there. They invented marketing for a reason, to convince you that you need something. Guess what, if you need something, you know it. I need food. I need water. I need sex. I do not need a SUV. I do not need a nice watch, I do not need a vacation in the Bahamas (although I will admit the vacation would be nice).

We are young, and we are free. The world is out there for us to take by the horns and force it to conform to our standards.

This takes strength and plain stubbornness. It is easy to settle for the easy, nice things. It is easy for us to sell our souls to the corporate Satan and take his luxuries.

We are all free, if we allow our minds to be free. If we allow this screwed-up world to shackle our minds with wants and needs, then we are imprisoned within our own minds.

So join me and my friends. Be free, we'll tear this world apart and put it back together the way it ought to be.

## Buy my book, I need the money

**By Rick Amburgey**  
Special Projects Editor

Another chapter of my life is coming to a close, and many new ones are begun.

As I prepare to graduate from Northern Kentucky University, it is only fair that I acknowledge NKU for being a key factor in my success.

I came to NKU three years ago as a freshman. I am leaving as a journalist, a songwriter and an author.

I am pleased to announce that my first book, *Matters of the Heart*, will be in bookstores nationwide by the end of the year.

The book is a collection on over 100

poems that I have written over the past few years.

Many of these poems were written at NKU. The topics range from love, to love lost, to social commentary.

I believe that the book gives the reader a good insight to who I really am because most of the poems were written about personal experiences.

Even before my first book is published, I have already finished two more books.

The second is a novel: a coming-of-age tale about the relationships and friendships of twentysomethings in a small Eastern Kentucky town.

The most recent book I have completed details my experiences working for

college newspapers, and contains over 80 pages about my experiences working at *The Northerner*.

I decided to write a book about my college journalism experiences to pay tribute to those who have most influenced my career.

During my time at NKU, I established myself as a songwriter, by landing a publishing deal and winning honorable mention on a song I co-wrote with my publisher.

Although I love writing books and songs, my true love is journalism.

Journalism is where NKU has impacted me the most directly. Working for *The Northerner* has proven to be a tremendous opportunity.

It gave me a chance to have an almost daily experience in the field, allowed me to learn alongside and even compete with some of NKU's best up-and-coming journalists.

I also had the opportunity to attend conferences that I would not have been able to otherwise, where I heard lectures from some of the nation's best journalists.

The experience established me as a professional journalist by winning four awards from the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association.

I am proud to have walked the corridors of NKU. It has made me a better man.

## No cubicles for me, give me comedy

**By Peter W. Zubaty**  
Executive Editor

What a long, strange trip it's been. Given the circumstances surrounding my college career, I think Jerry Garcia wouldn't mind me borrowing the phrase.

During my long and eventful college career, I have seen many things. Four presidents, parties in which the number of keys was 150-plus, the rise and fall of many great and sometimes not-so-great bands, suicidal artists, napping, race riots, a dumb war over oil, ethnic cleansing, jail cells, and far too many young people taking themselves way too seriously.

Which leads me to one of the things that will surely fill chapter after chapter in my forthcoming book (title yet to be determined): comedy. With all

the depressing things that happen in the world on a daily basis, it is refreshing to find the comedy in the world.

Practical jokes, laughing at others' dumb mistakes, laughing at your own dumb mistakes, marveling at the amazing stupidity and naivety of some people, the oft-times sick and sadistic stuff, and wondering how some people even have the common sense to get out of bed in the morning; these are some of the things that turn my crank.

But now, all that fun is supposed to end. Now we are supposed to trade in our shorts and jeans and t-shirts for silly-looking stiff suits and candy-ass dockers and slacks. We are supposed to trade in our fun and joy for quarterly reports, middle-management meetings, sales quotas, and organizational

chase are some of the things that turn my crank.

All this in the quest for the mythical American

Dream. You know what it is. Ridiculous-looking land yachts, a four-bedroom house with a two-car garage built on top of what used to be a swamp or a garbage dump, children who never see their parents because their parents think that they can buy their children's love with useless crap rather than actual real quality time.

The American Dream is dead. Unless of course you view said dream in terms of possessions, sitcoms, reality shows, commercials and homogenized music.

Maybe it is still out there. I suppose it is up to me to attempt to find it. If it can be done, I will do it. And you know what? I'll have fun trying, going to exotic places and seeing interesting things while the rest of you clowns where it up in your cubicles for the man.

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Ladies and Gentlemen: Before beginning this week's horoscopes, I would like to address the matter of the recent riots and all of those who were affected. Last week I saw many problems developing in Arles, who also is the god of war. I felt that extreme tension would arise with the coming of the full moon and failed to report any of this. It came to my attention that the riot would take place through the stars and I am sorry for any problems that developed through my negligence.

Arles (March 21-April 20)



You are feeling rather on edge this week but this too will pass. There are new opportunities arising in different aspects of your life, so you should grab on and bring them into your life. Love is on a downslide and rise simultaneously and should be accounted for. Don't be fooled into a false sense of security or you will fail.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)



Possession is nine tenths of the law. You will be hearing that a lot. Try your best to avoid illegal activity or threatening situations. If you allow yourself to fall into these situations, you will suffer. Take some time alone and ask your significant other to lay off for a minute so you can regroup yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



You have burned to many bridges in your past, so stay on your current path. Look around you as to find what you should be doing. Make amends with different people whom you have injured. Relationships are not the strongest this week and you should mind your tact and games to avoid strife.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



You have done well for yourself and your common sense is a guide for others right now. Let your surroundings seek in and back in your present glory. Love lies kick off to a great start and you may have lost your breaks. If you are getting into a relationship, jump in. If you are leaving one get a running start.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



The Beatles said all you need is love. They were right. Watch the way you carry yourself, as it may lead to conflict with others who your conservative nature will lead you into harm's way. Be sure to compliment people and don't dwell on your problems. Look yourself to the level of others. Drop the sense of authority in order to help. Use aggressive people to be mediators between yourself and others. Third parties tend to get the situations much better than you will.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22)



Stay at home. Other people are still running wild mentally and your conservative nature will lead you into harm's way. Be sure to compliment people and don't dwell on your problems. Look yourself to the level of others. Drop the sense of authority in order to help. Use aggressive people to be mediators between yourself and others. Third parties tend to get the situations much better than you will.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



You have successfully navigated your way through any real troubles you have had and now people look to you as their guide. Set an example and allow yourself to take control of the situations around you. Do not get cocky, people will leave your following very quickly otherwise.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)



Your Idealism is a treasure as it allows you to take the chance and create a better future for those around you. You are a fairly pure soul as it seems compared to the rest this week. Manipulation leads to the better for all people. Twist words and play with minds for a better chance in your future.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20)



Your wisdom is lacking and the fire is overtaking your soul. You will enter relationships without a future on whom. This will quickly slide into depression and pain. You need to continue your inner search before you can worry about others. You have great potential, just you need to take the time to develop.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)



You are coming to yet another ending. This, however, is a very good one. You will learn much about yourself this week, so take all of the knowledge you accumulate and interpret it; not on your own but with friends. Discover who your friends truly are, they are few and far between. You will learn this soon enough.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)



Love is being forced on you. By yourself only. Be afraid of the possible consequences of this. Take time on your own. AND LISTEN TO ME THIS TIME. As an independent thinker you are better off single during this next week. No one truly understands you except for the compassionate (Pisces).

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)



The most evolved of the zodiac needs to mind their manners this week. Your cockiness this week destroys friends and makes enemies. Your best friend may be your worst enemy. You have created enemies with your obsessions and they will wound you until death unless amends are made. But then again, that last part is only my own interpretation. Everyone may love you without exception.

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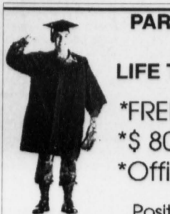
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## LEADERSHIP:

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11) and Wednesdays (beginning September 12) from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. The seminar is a non-credit course.

The seminars will kickoff with a reception on September 5 for all class members and teachers. At the end of the 10 weeks, students who graduate from the class will participate in a graduation ceremony.



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## AFRICAN TRIO

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"Everyone wants a piece of land," said Mabuye. "In fact, everyone has so much space in their backyards."

"It's a traditional aspect - you're not complete unless you have land," said Mundi. Uti added that a family will own a big piece of land which they can divide up among the children.

Mugawaga said, "When I first came here and was eating in the cafeteria, an American girl said to me, 'Please don't think I'm so ridiculous and I'm so ignorant, but how did you go to school?' Did you go to school with elephants? Do you use the river for transport? Do you know what these buildings are like? Do you have air conditioning, a satellite, Internet, phones? If I said I didn't have all that, how would I have come here in the first place?"

The American also asked Mugawaga why her English was so good and Mugawaga replied, "That's because we were a British colony. We grew up bilingual - speaking our native language and English. In my country you can't go anywhere if you don't have a certificate in English. You don't get a job. They look down on you if you don't know English."

Some Americans may not believe this but, there are fast food restaurants in Africa.

"But not as popular as they are here," said Uti. "And in my country, money's not so much throughout the generation, but the older people consider frozen food to be gross. We can preserve our food in the refrigerator but nothing frozen. We eat very healthy - we like our food fresh from the marketplace."

And, they said, food is not wasted

in their countries.

"It's considered immoral, where you use money or not. Why would they throw away food if the next person needs it?" said Uti. "I think this whole idea of Africans starving, it depends on where you go, but that is not an image to use to represent a whole continent."

The women agreed the United States is advanced in such areas as technology and the economy and things move fast here.

"Take the Internet, for example," said Uti. "I know the U.S. started this, but the rest of the world has joined in. When I went back to Nigeria last summer, I took some ideas with me and helped my aunt. When people travel from one country to another, they bring ideas from there to here just as much as I'm taking ideas back home."

The women all agreed that family is very important in all of their cultures. "We have very strong family ties," said Uti. "Our families are ultimate. But that doesn't mean we don't pursue our individual goals. We came here to get our education but we know what's going on back home. I traveled a lot because I schooled out of state. But my family is just as close as I had not moved an inch."

"When I came here, after I paid my tuition, I was broke," said Mabuye. "But I called my mother and said I didn't have money. She found a way to get the money and sent it."

"I was so surprised when I came here and saw a kid using his parents in court. For goodness sakes, that's one family," said Uti.

And although the women said that

African society is still somewhat male-dominated, there are still opportunities for women in their countries. According to Mugawaga, in Zimbabwe, there are five women in parliament - one woman even has a political party. There are also women's business organizations to help women because men do not respect them. But the women are making a difference.

"In Africa, it's pretty difficult for a woman to get her rights," said Mabuye. "A lot of men don't like to see women progress. But the average home that succeeds in Africa has a woman in it. We have very few men who run families - they can't do it."

Uti added, "In my family, the woman is the backbone of the family. My dad works really hard - we do appreciate the men. But the women are really in charge."

Uti's aunt has her own business, one that resembles Kinko's in the United States. When Uti went home for a visit, she had many ideas and convinced her aunt to add an Internet café where the public has access to computer and Internet use.

"Women can run their own businesses," said Uti. "There are challenges because our society is still paternalistic. Just like in America, we do hear all the stories on TV on how women are suffering. Yes, there are some of that even here. What's here is change."

She added, "If you go to Africa, some people will only see the negative stuff, the stereotypes - and transfer it there. People are people regardless as whether they're in Africa or America."

## FAN FARE

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January and can be purchased through Ticketmaster outlets. According to Ticketmaster, tickets for Fan Fair 2001 will be \$90, plus handling charges.

The \$90 charge only covers the admission to Fan Fair, which includes access to the concerts, autograph booths and two meals throughout the week. It is more efficient to buy a Fan Fair Travel Package. These vary greatly depending on what tour company you book your package through. One of the most popular over the past several years is the packages offered through Opryland Reservations.

You can call (615) 883-2211 for more information about packages or to make reservations.

## SAFETY: Don't speed!

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Crowley said it is never permitted.

When a group of more than 15 need transportation, she prefers to put them in the university bus, in which the school provides a driver. "But we only have one bus," she said. "Without the funds to purchase a new bus, we will have to continue using the vans."

NKU does have a clean record, having never experienced an accident involving injuries in the 15-person vans. More common incidents usually involve someone hitting

throughout Nashville during the week. Another popular place in Nashville to hang out is the Wildhorse Saloon. You can sit at the bar and have a drink or ten or you can get out on the dance floor and see everyone who you can Boot Scoot. The Wildhorse is also usually the site of many charity events during the week. These events are open to the public and are usually a good place to see your favorite singers. No matter how you decide to budget your time, you will have a lot of fun. After all, you might find yourself standing behind Mark Willis in the concession line or casually passing Tim McGraw on the street.

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ting a pole while backing up, said Crowley.

The NHTSA study was a response to a number of widely publicized single-vehicle van accidents that occurred in 2000, all but one involving rollovers.

to teach students leadership skills but also to help newer students to become familiar with NKU early on. This will also help to make their college experience more enjoyable.

"Our goal with this program is to find student leaders early in their college experience and teach them the skills to become a successful leader and student," said Tiffany Mayse, one of the instructors for the seminar.

The only requirements to enroll in the seminar are for the student to be a freshman or sophomore with at least a 2.5 GPA. They must

also have past leadership positions in high school or campus organizations. They must be a full-time student at NKU and have past community service participation.

"The seminar will really be pushed by the Student Life Ambassador Team at Transitions and the beginning of school," Mayse said.

Students can pick up applications in the Student Life Office. The date for applying is yet to be decided, except that it will be sometime in September. For any questions, call Mayse at 572-5806.

## JEMMOTT

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council to be accountable for police. "That could be a big one," he said.

Elaa Mihou, a member of Students Together Against Racism, went further to say that a review committee should be established to monitor the police. "The police police police themselves and nothing happens," she said. "There needs to be an outside agency."

Jemmott later added that change does not happen overnight, but that "each one of us has something we can do on our own level."

In addition to being a member of the NAACP, Jemmott, 81, has also served as chairman of the Covington Independent School Board. He was also a part of one of the early integrated battalions in World War II.

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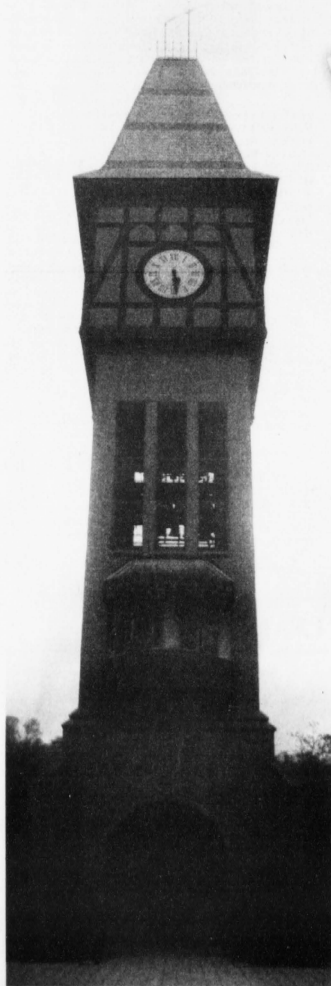


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