

Campus calendar

Dec. 5-11

Dec. 6
Woman's Basketball vs. Kentucky Wesleyan College - 5:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Kentucky Wesleyan College - 7:45 p.m.

Dec. 8
Woman's Basketball vs. University Southern Indiana - TBA
Men's Basketball vs. University of Southern Indiana - TBA

A Night of Essence
The Black Woman's Organization hosts a "Simple Night of Essence Formal and Recognition Banquet", 7 to 11 p.m., Dec. 8, in the University Center's Ballroom. Guest speaker is Anthony Jones, executive director, of the Inroads Program. Tickets are \$18 for couples and \$10 for singles and will be on sale in the University Center during lunch and Norse Commons during dinner until Dec. 6. For more information, contact Courtney Calvin at Calvin@nku.edu or Kristin Stoner 559-572-7998.

Toy Drive
The Norse Leadership Society Freshman Service Leadership Committee is sponsoring a Toy Drive for the Northern Kentucky Children's Home (Devou Boys Home), on Dec. 15. A tree with the wishes of the boys' on the ornaments is located in the University Center. Bring donations to the Student Life office by Dec. 7.

Scholarships
Apply now for all NKU scholarships, either online at www.nku.edu-ofa or pick up a scholarship booklet in office of student financial assistance office, AC 416. Deadline is Feb. 1, 2002.

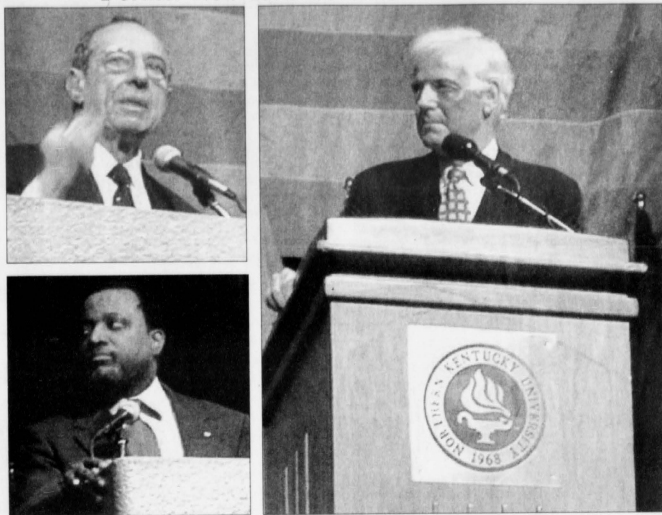
By Susan Bartels
News Editor

Higher education has been spared the as so far as Kentucky legislators cut the state budget to account for revenue shortfalls, but how much longer education can survive is still in question.

In a visit to Northern Kentucky University last week, James Ramsey, senior policy advisor to Gov. Paul E. Patton, said in the last and current fiscal year there has been three budget cuts and another could happen. If so, Ramsey said, it would be hard not to put education on the cutting table at that point.

University president James C. Votrubas responded by saying NKU has to take responsibility for its own financial future.

"You wouldn't be able to survive without government" -Former New York Governor Mario Cuomo



Former broadcaster Nick Chorney(Right) moderated a passionate debate between Republican Alan Keyes(Bottom left) and Democrat Mario Cuomo

Boos erupt during a heated debate between Cuomo and Keyes

By Jenny Plamen
Assistant News Editor

With broadcast media celebrity Nick Chorney as master of ceremonies, Ambassador Alan Keyes (R) engaged former New York Governor Mario Cuomo (D) in a lively political debate on Nov. 27 at Northern Kentucky University. Some of the many issues debated were the current war on terrorism, creation of military councils, taxes, big government, abortion, and stem cell research.

In a question-answer format Chorney began the debate by asking how the United States could win the war on terrorism.

"There will be a continuous war against terrorism. I doubt we will ever reach a point where we can say we have completed this process," answered Cuomo. "I think we have been fighting the fight against terrorism for a while

but sporadically and unintelligently without a focus, but now we have focus, now we know how serious it is, now we know who the enemy is, in general."

Keyes agreed with Cuomo that the war on terrorism is perhaps the "first perpetual war in our history" but added that one should not exaggerate the extent of this danger as being a new situation in American history. He said that the new threats posed since the Sept. 11 attacks were new to the current generation but not to America as a whole. Keyes continued by reproaching the government to some extent for not "taking the proper strategic approach to terrorism" but rather assuming a more defensive reactive approach instead of having an assertive policy.

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-Mario Cuomo

to deal with the terrorist threat," Keyes said. "On one level it's almost as if our government and our national security [is saying] 'We can't defend you, unless you surrender your liberty' and that's a bargain I will not accept." One issue both speakers generally agreed on was the opposition toward the proposal to create independent military tribunals to try terrorists. Cuomo argued that the United States would not want to make enemies in the world by using unnecessary and unjust military tribunals, which would discredit the United States.

While debating whether

America has too much government control in peoples' lives, Cuomo replied that in order to maintain the current standard of living, a sufficient amount of government is needed. He acknowledged there should be no more government power than necessary. Cuomo argued that because government organizes and maintains public education, infrastructure, Medicaid, welfare, health insurance and other such social programs that it is needed to a large extent.

Cuomo charged that, "You wouldn't be able to survive without government," which was met with an eruption of 'boos' from the audience and a scathing rebuttal from Keyes.

The evening closed peacefully with a brief open question time between the audience and speakers and Cuomo concluded the lecture by remarking that it had been an evening he would not soon forget.

Student organizations may take over Delta space

By Scott Wartman
Executive Editor

What to do with the 3,200 square feet of office space vacated by Delta in October will be the focus of a subcommittee of Northern Kentucky University's Space Committee.

Suggestions brought up by students and administration for the space located at the bottom level of the University Center include moving the Academic Advising Resource Center, creating a game room for students, creating a game room, using it for Greek meeting spaces or bringing in another corporation.

Since space is of the essence on campus, the former Delta office likely won't house another business, said Michael Baker, head of the space committee. According to 2000 statistics released by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, NKU is the most cramped college in Kentucky with 101 square feet per student. Western Kentucky University comes in second-to-the last with 105 square feet per student, and all other Kentucky colleges' square footage per student lies between 150-295. Baker said the campus space constraints mean the Delta office needs to be used for some type of student service.

"It will have to be student-related," Baker said. "That space shouldn't go to an off-campus entity."

Since the floundering state budget will likely delay the construction of the student union, Dean of Students, Kent Kelso, said the Delta space should be used for a student involvement center, which would house student organizations in the new student union.

"This is a way to achieve what we are going to do with the student union," Kelso said. "If we are not going to have a student union for awhile, we have to make the most out of the University Center."

Kelso, a member of the space committee, proposed moving the Student Government Association and student media such as "The Northern" to the space.

With SGA occupying the space, SGA president Katie Herschdel said this will provide a stable meeting place for all student organizations and is in a prime location next to the Student Life Office.

"That is the most expensive property on campus," Herschdel said. "Putting SGA there will kill two birds with one stone by providing more meeting rooms for any organization that is able to use and creating a student life center."

President of Delta Gamma sorority Jessica Wilson said Greek organizations are in need of a consistent meeting place.

Meeting a different location every meeting sometimes causes confusion, she said, and the Delta space could provide a possible solution.

"Our space is pretty limited. It

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NEWS

DPS Reports

NOV 29 2001-Thursdays-07:20pm (Late Entry)

Location: UNIVERSITY DRIVE - CROSSWALKS - COMPLAINT RECEIVED. Safety Hazard

Female subject came to DPS Office to file a complaint regarding the insufficient lighting at the crosswalks on University Drive. Subject stated that on several occasions she has been nearly struck by vehicles while accessing the crosswalk. Subject stated that other stu-

dents have complained about the lack of street lights in that area. (Note: No other students have filed official complaints regarding this issue). A copy of this report was forwarded to the NKU Physical Plant for their information and corrective action study.

NOV 29 2001-Thursdays-02:55pm

Location: PARKING LOT B - THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING-Under \$300
Female reported that unknown subject(s) broke

into her vehicle while it was parked at the listed location on 11/28/01. Various personal items and her N.K.U. 2001-2002 Parking Permit were taken. Under investigation....

NOV 28 2001-Wednesday-05:44pm

Location: NORSE COMMONS - CAFETERIA - FIGHT
Multiple reports of a fight in progress at the listed location. Upon arrival, Officers

advised that the incident was no longer in progress, ended by Residential Life Assistants. Investigation determined that four (4) females had been arguing. No arrests were made. Charges were filed in this incident. The incident was referred to the Residential Life and Dean of Students

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NOV 27 2001-Tuesday-12:25am

Location: CERAMICS BUILDING - THEFT BY UNLAWFUL TAKING-Under \$300

Male reported that subject(s) unknown had removed a portion of a metal art project from the listed location. The area was checked and nothing else in the area appeared disturbed or missing. Under investigation....

NOV 20 2001-Tuesday-09:05pm

Case closed....

Location: STEELY LIBRARY - FOURTH FLOOR - SMOKE-Odor of Smoke-None Visible NO FIRE.

Smoke Alarm received from the listed location, via the EUSA Computer.

The Central Campbell County Fire Department responded to the area finding no evidence of smoke or fire. The N.K.U. Environmental Safety Officer

also responded and advised that the smoke was from subject(s) unknown cooking items in the microwave. The scene was cleared at 9:25pm.

Case closed....

Student organizations celebrate Kwanzaa

Seven-day holiday focuses on community, culture and family

By Sarah Black
Northerner Contributor

On Dec. 6, the African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, along with the Black Men's Organization, the African Student Union and Black Students United will host a Kwanzaa celebration on campus.

Kwanzaa, generally celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, is the African-American celebration of family and Black culture. To accommodate the Northern Kentucky University community it will be celebrated in one day but include all key parts of the holiday.

Michelle Peterson, director for African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, said Nana Yaa Asantewa, a storyteller, will be one part of the two-part celebration. She will tell stories about African culture and the celebration of Kwanzaa.

The program will include a celebration for children from local schools in the morning and in the afternoon for the Northern Kentucky University community. The afternoon celebration will be held at 1:00 in Business, Education, Psychology building, room 200 and will include African dance.

Peterson said that Kwanzaa is a

fun celebration because it celebrates African American culture and because it is unrelated to the other holidays during that time.

The celebration lasts seven days. It consists of putting a kinara, a seven-branched candle holder, with three red, three green and one black candle, on a straw mat in the center of a table. A new candle, as well as the previous days candle, is lit on each day of the celebration.

The black candle represents the African American people. The red candles are for their struggles now and in the past. The green candles symbolize their hopes for the future.

Each day of the seven-day holiday is dedicated to one of the seven principles that guide most African groups.

Umoja, which means unity, is the first day of Kwanzaa. On this day families join to light the black candle and to talk of unity. The day is about striving to keep unity within the community, family, nation and race.

Kujichagulia, or self-determination, is the principle for the second day of the celebration. During the ceremony a red candle, as well as the black candle, is lit and family members share their thoughts on doing what they believe is right for

themselves.

Ujima is the third day of Kwanzaa, which focuses on the principle of collective work and responsibility. The focus of this day is building and maintaining a community and sharing responsibility to help solve each other's problems.

On the fourth day, Ujamaa, the principle of cooperative economics is celebrated. This is the day when families collaborate on ways to maintain and set up their own businesses and to profit from them together.

Day five of the Kwanzaa celebration focuses on nia, the principle of purpose. Families talk about their purpose and goals they set for themselves. They work together to restore their community and its people to their traditional greatness.

Kaumba, or creativity, is the principle dedicated to the sixth day of Kwanzaa. On this day the celebration is about working together to do all that they can to make their community beautiful and beneficial to its people. They talk about the creative tasks they are good at, such as playing music or dancing.

The feast called karamu is celebrated on the sixth day. Many families come together for a meal of traditional African foods. After the meal there is African music and dance.

The last day of Kwanzaa, called imwema, is dedicated to the principle of faith. This principle is described

many questioned whether the military draft would be reinstated. The overwhelming response of students, 73 percent, was that the military draft should not be reinstated.

Currently men ages 18 to 26 are eligible to be drafted if it were reinstated. The survey posed the question, "If the draft were reinstated, and both men and women were included, would you willingly go to Afghanistan if you were drafted?"

Of the 270 surveyed, 45 percent said that they would willingly go if drafted. Of those that said yes, only 15 percent of them were females. Age also was a factor in this question with 47 percent of those 18 to 24 in age said that they would willingly go compared to 37 percent of those 25 years and older.

This was a telephone survey of a random sample of full-time students at NKU conducted Nov. 12 to Nov. 19 by members of journalism professor, Dr. Brad Scharlott's advanced reporting class.

as the belief in people, leaders, and faith. Families often talk about what they believe, their religious beliefs or their belief in themselves.

Deceased family members are remembered at each of the ceremonies by filling a cup with water or fruit juice. Some of the contents are poured into a bowl, to honor the family members and then the remainder is drunk. Before drinking the juice, members say their seven times the word "harabee" for the seven principles.

"Harabee" means let's all pull together.

This celebration was started in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, chairman of the Black Studies Department at California State University in Long Beach.

He created this holiday because he felt African Americans did not know about their history and wanted them to be proud of their past. He felt that this would help families grow stronger by sharing ideas and tradition.

It is believed this holiday is observed by 5 million Americans and possibly 10 million others around the world.

For more information on the celebration being held on campus contact the African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services office at 572-6684.

Correction

The Nov. 14, 2001 Article "Workers Attempt to Unionize" was incorrect. The petitioning and pamphlet distribution on behalf of the NKU Sodexo workers are not initiatives endorsed by the Students Together Against Racism organization. They are initiatives of a coalition of which several S.T.A.R. members are a part.

Nader's vice-presidential candidate speaks of reforming public health

By Jenny Piemen
Assistant News Editor

From the White Earth Reservation in northwestern Minnesota, Winona LaDuke, Ojibwe community organizer, ran for vice president of the United States in 2000 on Ralph Nader's Green Party ticket.

Using analogies to the challenges of motherhood in teaching children right from wrong, LaDuke spoke last Wednesday at Northern Kentucky University and illustrated her political ideas and goals concerning American society and government.

She spoke of government land theft, environmental problems, alternative energy options, wealth disparity, and terrorism.

Concerning land originally held by indigenous peoples now owned by the American government, LaDuke quipped, "how can I tell my kids not to steal and not [be able to] tell the government not to steal?"

LaDuke criticized the United States nuclear waste policy as a public health issue by saying the government's policy is to "take nuclear waste from 109 reactors and put it on trucks and trains, major American interstates, major American railways, drive it across reservations within a one half mile of 73 million Americans and dump it on an Indian reservation."

She also said each nuclear waste cask is equal to 250 Hiroshima bombs, which would cause serious problems if accidentally mishandled.

As a solution to nuclear energy, LaDuke suggested investigating alternative energy options such as wind, water, and solar power.

The Great Plains are the Saudi Arabia of wind power and could supply up to 50 percent of the present electrical consumption of America as compared with 13 percent with nuclear power, she said.

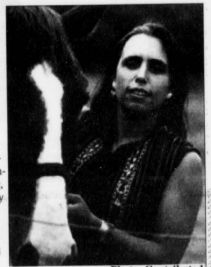


Photo Contributed

LaDuke poses with a friend

"America is a country which totally worships greed and over-consumption" which can be seen in the disparity in wealth amongst its people, said LaDuke.

Some of the richest people in the world are corporations such as the Republic of Wal-Mart with a higher Gross Domestic Product than 100 countries in the world, yet they can not afford to pay decent living wages to workers, LaDuke complained.

"[LaDuke] is very on point, especially about corporations and their impact on people," said Brandon Hill of Students Together Against Racism.

Regarding the events of September 11 and her stance on terrorism, LaDuke answered that she has a zero tolerance policy, but the U.S. government should not fund various terrorist organizations.

LaDuke said, "We have no absence of money to do the right thing in this country, what we have is an absence of political will."

When asked whether capitalism was pragmatic to Green goals, LaDuke admitted, "I'm debating that right now myself."

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WORLD & NATION



Cuban leader Fidel Castro delivers a speech condemning the Cuban Adjustment Act outside of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, Cuba, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2001. Castro told tens of thousands of Cubans that U.S. immigration policies were to blame for the deaths of 30 Cubans who perished at sea this month trying to reach the U.S.

WORLD Castro says U.S. immigration policies caused 30 deaths

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA (AP) — Wearing a black armband of mourning with his olive green uniform, Fidel Castro told tens of thousands of Cubans Tuesday that 30 of their compatriots perished at sea this month because of "murderous" U.S. immigration policies. Thirteen children were believed to be among 30 people on a 30-foot

speedboat that capsized in the Florida Straits on its way to South Florida.

Castro blamed the "murderous Cuban Adjustment Act" for those and hundreds of other similar deaths over the decades, saying that Washington has long ignored Havana's demands that the law be abolished. Havana says the 1966 law encourages Cuban migrants to undertake dangerous sea journeys with the

hope of living in the United States. The act allows Cubans, unlike foreign migrants from other countries, to avoid repatriation and later apply for American residency based simply on country of birth. Castro also accused the U.S. government of violating migration accords between the two countries by doing nothing to combat the growing trade in illegal migrant trafficking between Cuba and the United States.

NATION Investigation into Green River killings dwindled for years _ until DNA results

By LUIS CARRERA
Associated Press Writer

KENT, Wash. (AP) — In 1984, the Green River slayings were the focus of a task force made up of dozens of investigators trying to find the person responsible for the deaths of 49 women in the Northwest, the nation's worst unsolved serial killings.

Detectives followed thousands of leads, interviewed victims' friends, witnesses and possible suspects in killings around Seattle and Portland, Ore.

But virtually all the task force could say publicly was that the killer might be driving a primer-spotted pickup truck with a canopy, and he might look like one of several composite drawings.

By last summer, King County sheriff's Detective Tom Jensen was the lone investigator left on the case. In an interview then, Jensen had said investigators' best hope might be tissue samples from the five initial bodies.

On Friday, that work paid off, said King County Sheriff Dave Reichert, who worked as a detective on the original task force.

Gary Leon Ridgway, 52, a long-time suspect, was arrested as he left work at a truck company for investigation of homicide in the deaths of four of the women.

"I feel absolutely wonderful," Reichert said Saturday. "Sometimes, you almost want to slap your face and say, 'This is really happening.'"

Ridgway waived his initial court appearance Saturday. He is being held without bail and charges must be filed by Wednesday, said Prosecutor Jeff Baird.

Defense attorneys Mark Prothero and Jim Robinson declined to comment.

LOCAL

Mayor unveils preliminary arena financing plan

By CHRIS DUNCAN
Associated Press Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Mayor Dave Armstrong on Tuesday unveiled a preliminary financing plan for a new downtown arena, a vital component to Louisville's pursuit of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets.

Armstrong has been secretive about details of the plan for weeks, drawing the ire of the city's Board of Aldermen and other business and civic leaders.

He released the plan in front of the full 12-member board before it unanimously voted to delay approval of a \$50,000 contract for the consulting firm that put the plan together. The city has been working with the Goal Group for three weeks, under an ordinance that allows the use a consultant for up to 30 days without the board's approval.

The plan breaks down into three parts: the cost of the \$250 million arena project.

The arena itself would cost \$188.5 million, and another \$7 million would go toward renovations to Freedom Hall, home of the University of Louisville Cardinals, where the NBA team would play until the arena is built. A \$31 million parking garage would also be built, and \$1.5 million in renovations would be made to Louisville Gardens, a seldom-used downtown arena the team could utilize as a practice facility. The remainder of the cost would pay for the property where the arena complex was built, Deputy Mayor Jane Driskell said.

A taxing district created around the arena, which would include money from taxes on players' salaries, parking revenue and a surcharge on tickets, would generate 58 percent of the project's cost. The Hornets are expected to contribute 32 percent. Tricon Global, the Louisville-based parent company of KFC, has promised millions to the franchise for naming rights to the team and the arena.

The city would be responsible for the final 10 percent, generated through a bond issue.

Strip, mountain-top mining takes toll on wetlands

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Strip mining and mountaintop removal are taking an excessive toll on streams and wetlands throughout Appalachia, according to two federal agencies, which blame the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

At issue is the corps' practice of issuing a nationwide five-year permit for surface mining.

Since 1997, the corps has allowed such streamlined permitting for a variety of activities, from the maintenance of flood-control channels to the installation of utility lines. It does so because the agency presumes the effect on aquatic habitat will be minimal.

But that's not the case with mountaintop mining in parts of eastern Kentucky, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In a letter sent to the corps, the EPA concluded that "there is no data to suggest that these impacts are minimal."

The Fish and Wildlife Service, in a document still being debated among Bush administration officials, charges that damage to aquatic and terrestrial ecological systems from surface mining has been "unprecedented."

The critical comments from Fish and Wildlife were in a document, obtained by The Courier-Journal, that is not yet part of the official record.

For 1900, the corps, which has jurisdiction over the Clean Water Act's wetlands provisions, authorized 306 surface mining projects "that collectively destroyed almost 14,000 acres of aquatic habitat and nearly 88 miles of stream channels," the Fish and Wildlife Service comments said.

In all, more than 900 miles of streams have been filled in mining regions, according to agency. The majority of the losses were in the corps' Huntington District, which includes portions of eastern Kentucky, as well as West Virginia and other Appalachian states.

However, the corps required the mining companies to offset the aquatic habitat losses with environmental enhancement projects, Dobyns said. For example, while 13,755 acres within the Huntington district were destroyed in 2000, companies made improvements meant to offset those losses on nearly 41,000 acres, she said.

Bill Taylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said mining companies have been more than successful at offsetting damage to wetlands, streams or rivers, even with mountaintop mining.

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FEATURES

Students share advice for studying and taking exams

By Sarah Black
Northern Contributor

Final exams are just around the corner. Have you started studying yet? If you are like the majority of college students you haven't. But don't feel bad, your time has not run out yet. Your fellow students have even offered to share some tricks of the trade that they have picked up along the way.

First and foremost, don't procrastinate. As easy as it can be to do, it can also affect that final grade you get on your report card.

"If I have learned anything in college it is not to procrastinate,"

Jennifer Potter, junior secondary education major, said.

Procrastination can lead to unnecessary stress right before an exam, which we all know is something that doesn't help when taking an exam.

Rachel Dietz, senior journalism major, suggests that you start studying before the night before the exam, especially if you have more than one final in one day.

Study guides can also help when studying for a final. Professors take the time to make them up so they are beneficial to the student.

"I like to make my own study guide before the test, that way I have all the important information

in one place," Natalie Blust, graduating finance major, said.

"With the study guide, you can look over it right before the exam or even in the classes prior to the final," Blust went on to say.

Flash cards can also be useful when studying for a final. Writing a key word on the front and the important information on the back, side of the card can be a way to test yourself on the information.

Scott Gunning, sophomore public administration major, uses flash cards when he has a lot of terms to learn.

"The flash cards are a good way for me to quiz myself on the infor-

mation," Gunning said. "Using flash cards make studying boring information slightly fun."

Tiredness is a problem many students encounter while studying. Often times while reading over information, your eyes start to shut. Steve Bodde, sophomore accounting major, offers a solution to that problem.

"After studying for a while I tend to get a little sleepy, so I'll just take a short 15 minute nap to get refreshed and then back to the books," Bodde said.

Throughout a night of studying, he may take two to three short naps. They keep him going so he

can study wee into the night.

Some students focus on memorizing the information that is going to be on the final. Cindy Folsom, senior journalism major, suggests that you understand the information instead of just memorizing it. Understanding the information gives you a better chance of being able to apply it to the final exam.

Often forgotten about are the Web sites offered by many textbooks, which can be a useful tool. Melissa Hodke, junior information systems major, goes to the textbook Web sites and takes the practice quizzes to help prepare.

A fun way that Emily Sand, sen-

ior marketing major, uses to help remember large sums of information, like steps in a process, is to make up phrases that correspond to the information. We all remember from grade school math class, Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally.

Don't forget that studying doesn't have to be a solo task. Working with a partner or a study group can also help when preparing for that final exam.

"When you work with a group the other members can help you to better understand the information and share ways they use to remember the information," Blust said.

RA's work to involve students

By Elaine Koenig
Northern Contributor

Resident Assistants (RAs) have to balance being a student, leader, policy enforcer and friend with residents in the dorms, and it doesn't always turn out to be the relationship they want.

Joe Zeimner, an RA in Norse, said his residents should realize he's not there just to get them in trouble. "I'm a student too," he said. "I have to obey the same rules everyone else does."

RAs have long had the reputation of being "narks." But Todd Duncan, director of University Housing said policy enforcement is the last aspect of being an RA.

"The greatest emphasis our RAs work on is building community," he said. "It's important to be able to know and contact residents, and to connect them with each other and the University."

RAs get students involved by creating social and educational programs; programs that aren't always successful. RAs can work three to four hours planning a program, getting approval and spreading the

word to have only 10 residents show up.

Upperclassmen that live in Norse and Woodcrest are the hardest to get excited and attend programs.

"Norse and Woodcrest upperclassmen have jobs, harder classes and have already found a niche at school. They don't always have time," Zeimner said. "Programs are a lot more successful in the traditional dorms where underclassmen haven't found their niche and are looking to meet more people."

When programs don't work, Zeimner goes back to his residents to find out why, and find out what kind of program they would want to attend.

Most programs fulfill their purpose of educating and bringing out residents. On Nov. 13, RAs planned a program about self-defense for students. Fifteen residents showed up, met new people and learned how to protect themselves in case they were ever attacked.

Rebecca Hensley, a junior organizing studies major, attended the self-defense program for those exact reasons.

"I like to get involved on cam-

pus," Hensley said. "I'm interested in programs that let me know what to do in certain situations. Programs about awareness are really important."

After going to school, working for the University and planning programs, RAs still have to balance a relationship between residents and themselves. Some residents complain RAs aren't as approachable as they should be.

Angie Gail, a social work junior, said RAs cling together and don't always branch out to their residents. "They need to show they are still students," she said. "They all sit together at one table and don't talk to anyone else."

Hensley has had positive relationship with her RA, Dave Braud.

"He'll do anything he can to help my roommates, or me" she said. "I know I can go to him with a problem and he'll keep it confidential."

An RA's duties also include getting information out to residents, working the desk in Norse Commons or Kentucky Hall and working some weekends.



Scott Wartman/The Northern

RA Joe Zeimner (right) at work behind the Norse Commons information desk with staff member and biology student Rusty Uhlmsieck

8C8 makes big splash with debut

By Cheryl Ritchie
Features Editor

Original sound and creative lyrics characterize the first album of local heavy alternative band, 8C8, which released its first album, "Melbourne," on Nov. 23.

The Northern Kentucky band has been together for a year and a half, with the most recent addition, 27-year-old guitarist Joe Beck, about eight months ago.

Beck is a 1998 Northern Kentucky University graduate with a degree in Information Systems. He has been a member of other local bands including Glassmoon and Half Inflated Demon Lords.

Beck said his favorite thing about performing with 8C8 is playing its original music and watching the crowd sing back.

"We never played a cover live," said 21-year-old bassist Joe Daniels.

The 21-year-old vocalist Jeremy Smith said, "I don't think famous bands have energy," and added that his favorite thing is the energy playing live.

Channel Z 97.3 fm plays "Hollow," "Relative Words" and "1:43 a.m.," which are the top three songs from the "Melbourne" album. The station plays 8C8's music on the program, "Local-Sunday." This show runs every Sunday from 10

p.m. to midnight and plays local bands' songs and other songs that aren't heard often on the radio.

Jason Appleton, 8C8's manager with opulent Records, said the band's album will be available at all independent record stores and Web sites.

8C8's future plans include booking tours as far as Chicago and Cleveland and to catch the attention of major labels.

To find out about concert tour dates log on to 8C8's Web site 8C8band.com.



Photo contributed

Local rock stars 8C8 released their debut album in November. From left to right: Shane A Iford, Joe Daniels, Jeremy Smith, and Joe Beck.

Omnicon Delta Kappa plays hosts to a variety of activities and honors student achievement

By Tiffany Lewis
Northern Contributor

Omnicon Delta Kappa formed out of Washington and Lee University by 15 students and faculty leaders, said Betty Mulkey, ODK advisor for Northern Kentucky University's chapter.

"The purpose of the NKU circle of ODK is to recognize the contributions of our student leaders," Mulkey said. "To become a member is a distinct accomplishment."

According to Chris Vaughn, ODK president at Northern Kentucky University, the organization is a national leadership honor society recognizing over 200,000 men and women from more than 250 colleges and universities as members of ODK. "It (ODK) recognizes and encourages those students who

have achieved success in one or more of the following areas: scholarship, athletics, journalism, speech, mass media, creative and performing arts, campus/community service, social and religious activities, and campus government." Mulkey said. "The membership comes from all walks of life on campus.

Bringing these students together, many of whom had not met before their induction into ODK, creates a leadership organization that brings

varied student perspectives together."

Vaughn, being ODK president, is currently the only officer of the organization. However, nominations have been made for vice president, secretary and treasurer. Elections took place on Nov. 30.

Membership requirements include being a junior or senior, having a 3.25 GPA and being involved on campus. "Twenty-eight new members were inducted this semester and 20 members were inducted last April," said Vaughn. "We inducted Dr. Voruba as an honorary member."

Leigh Ann Schroeder, last lecture committee chair for ODK, has been a member of ODK since last semester when she says the "circle was reactivated on the NKU campus."

"It hasn't been the smoothest semester because 75 percent of the people who joined in the spring graduated in May, before we really started any programs or planning," explained Schroeder. "That left us with about five active members willing to give of their time."

During the "reactivation" semester the group's major focus was coordinating one event to get ODK's name publicized and to raise funds. Schroeder said ODK's first fund-raising was the "Last Lecture Series," which featured advisors and faculty members on campus giving speeches. According to Schroeder, the idea was for the speakers to present as if the opportunity were a chance to give their "final" speech. Dr. Voruba gave the first speech titled, "What Constitutes the Good Life."

"He gave examples of what he felt a person should do to live life fully," said Schroeder. "It was excellent."

Feeling that the first program was a success, ODK has decided to present the "Last Lecture Series" every semester. "It will be what ODK is most noted for," said Schroeder.

Vaughn said ODK is planning a Murder Mystery Dinner, which will be open to campus members to help raise funds. "Currently, we are planning on the scripting being done by members of ODK and actors being NKU students," said Vaughn.

A council of honor societies that would consist of representatives of different honor organizations is also planned for next semester. Mulkey said several ODK students are also involved with other honor

societies, which all serve as a "unique form of recognition."

"The council of honor societies will be a group that brings together all the honor societies on campus and helps increase their membership, sponsorship of activities and awareness of their group on campus," Vaughn said.

Mulkey said she could imagine CHS coordinating a program on topical issues with each of the different honor societies bringing their perspectives to attention. In the spring ODK will approach the societies and their advisors across campus. "I hope they will find some value in participating in the council," Mulkey said. The American council of honor societies already engulfs most of the campus honor societies. O

VIEWPOINTS

North Poll

"What do you think about a financial penalty for course shopping?"



Jeff Iker
Sophomore, Undeclared

"This is another way to take money from the students."

Afsan Khokhar
Undeclared



"They shouldn't stop us from doing it because if we cannot do good in a class then we drop it."



Laura Padolik
Chemistry Professor

"Seems awfully hard to monitor. Students who are specifically course shopping is penalizing students who aren't."

Tom Fontova
Junior, Speech Communication



"I don't think students should be doing it and if a financial penalty will prevent them from course shopping then I'm OK with it."

In reply to James W. Binney: "Don't Oversimplify Terrorism and the Middle East"

By Dr. Jonathan T. Reynolds
Assistant Professor of History

In the November 28 edition of *The Northerner*, Mr. Binney takes exception to both the content and tone of a faculty panel held some nine weeks before and entitled "Addressing the Tragedy" (a response to the attacks of 9-11). Describing the event as a "lawdy affair" and "hasty retorts (sic) to emotions and misinformation," Mr. Binney was particularly offended by one particular statement, which he (mis)quotes as "How many of you feel guilty for all of the starving children in Iraq?" As both a participant of the panel and as the speaker in question, I feel compelled to remedy Mr. Binney's misquote and also respond to some of what he sees as the shortcomings of the panel discussion.

Through the miracle of videotape, I was able to check both the content and actual content of the statement in question. In response to a question from the moderator regarding the lack of popular awareness regarding harmful US policy in the Middle East, I asked the audience "How many people here spend time fretting about the loss of Iraqi civilians as a result of US sanctions?" The tone here is very different from what is presented in Mr. Binney's misquote, and the absence of the term "guilty" is critical, since he relies on a "guilt" theme throughout his letter. This is erroneous, since I recall no one on the panel suggesting Americans should feel guilty. I

do recall some very interesting discussion of how to help one's children cope with such disaster, and distinctions between, as well as debates over appropriate US response and the sanctity of Civil Liberties. Indeed, the real thrust of Mr. Binney's article is not what was actually said during the discussion. Rather, Mr. Binney has created an issue with which to take exception, and which appears to be that any recognition of misplaced or misguided American policy in the region legitimizes the actions of terrorists such as bin Laden.

Since the key issues in question for Mr. Binney seem to be Saddam Hussein and the sanctions against Iraq, let us examine these topics in a bit more detail. In fairness, I must first agree with Mr. Binney that a key element of the problem in Iraq is Saddam Hussein, and there is no doubting that Hussein is a malevolent soul who has committed many number of atrocities against his own people and others. I disagree, however, with Mr. Binney's oversimplified "Hussein bad/US good" dichotomy. The question, rather, is whether the US has done anything to actually stop Hussein, or whether certain US actions have actually made the situation worse. Certainly, when Saddam Hussein invaded Iran in 1980 he was supported, rather than condemned by the US, since we were perfectly happy to help him cause death and suffering among the Iranians (similarly, we supported the Taliban in the early 1990's because

they too were opposed to the Iranians). When Hussein killed approximately 200,000 Kurds in 1988, the US government looked the other way. Only when Hussein's rampant aggression threatened to monopolize the flow of Kuwaiti and Saudi oil did the US oppose him. Further, when Iraqi Kurds rebelled (with US encouragement) in 1991, we stood by as the recently "defeated" Iraqi military crushed the Kurds (with the aid of poison gas). Mr. Binney attacks the "wholesale ignorance" of Americans with great vigor, yet his own knowledge of recent Middle Eastern history, like his recollection of the panel discussion itself, appears selective, at best.

There is no doubt that were the government of Iraq more noble, there would be far less suffering in the country — with or without sanctions. But this misses the point. Were the Iraqi government more noble, there would be no need for sanctions. The sanctions in question were implemented to punish Iraq for non-compliance with UN weapons inspectors. What have these sanctions done to punish the ruling elite of Iraq or prevent Iraqi weapons programs? Mr. Binney himself recognizes that they have done little or nothing. Rather than weakening Hussein, these sanctions, maintained largely at US insistence, have in effect punished only the common people of Iraq. Further, these sanctions have provided Saddam Hussein with an excuse to starve uncooperative elements of the Iraqi population while at the same time

reaping propaganda rewards by "standing up" to the United States. Have sanctions done anything to improve the situation in the region? I think not. Have they contributed to the suffering of the (largely blameless) Iraqi population? I think so.

To conclude, let us return to the basic thrust of Mr. Binney's argument, that to question the past policies of the US is to aid terrorists by legitimizing their actions. This raises a most serious issue. Is admitting previous US mistakes, such as by condemning sanctions against Iraq, un-American or, during wartime, even treasonous? Or, conversely, is to do so the right or even obligation of concerned and informed citizens? I support the latter interpretation. Mr. Binney, at one point in his editorial, asks "What is this person promoting?" In reply, let me state that I promote an awareness of history — in all its positive and negative aspects. I hold no illusions about Saddam Hussein, bin Laden or the Taliban — I find their policies and actions offensive and immoral. Neither, however, do I choose to ignore our own government's offensive and immoral actions. Is our government, by and large, more moral than that of Saddam Hussein and the Taliban? Certainly. Could we do a much better job all the same? Without a doubt. It is only by an honest recognition of where we have gone wrong in the past that we can do better in the future.

Why the news is annoying

By Rich Timothy
The Utah Statesman

(U-WIRE) LOGAN, Utah — I've finally discovered something I find more annoying than those Geico commercials: CNN's coverage of the war. Actually, I'd have to say CNN's coverage of anything.

I understand the need to discuss current events, actually let's clarify that. I understand the need to report current events, but I do believe there is something called overdoing it. Seriously, how much television coverage is needed to discuss a video recording from a missile running into a building?

Personally, I thought it only takes two showings, the 5 o'clock news and again at 10 o'clock, but mainly for a recap, but boy am I wrong.

Apparently it takes three days of constant 24-hour coverage with minute-by-minute analysis of video from retired generals to missile flight pattern experts.

Then we still need additional recaps of all this coverage in a little scrolling word bar that constantly repeats short restatements of what has been discussed earlier that day.

Personally, I think we should work on passing a bill that states if the news is not reporting actual news, the entire reporting team should be soaked in a tub filled with Mr. Bubbles for three hours so they are a nice pruny texture and then be publicly popped on the butt with a wet towel while they sing apologies to the American people to the tune of "Break on a Leash."

All of which would be aired in place of their nightly time slot. I'll bet the news would become more pertinent for everyone if this were to actually pass.

If anything, I suppose I can always turn off the news and go watch Harry Potter.

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Letters to the Editor

Another look at adult learner numbers

Dear News Editor:

Thank you so much for the recent article in the November 14, 2001 edition of the *Northerner* regarding our adult learner office and program. The information shared will help students about the many services we provide and help get the word out to students that we are here...for them!

I would like to share some additional information that our readers might find interesting about our adult learner population.

Number of adult students (aged 25 years old and older) at NKU (excluding Chase):

Fall 1999 3,891
Fall 2000 3,986
Fall 2001 4,038

Though we've experienced a 13% decline in the number of adult learners on campus from fall 1997 to fall 2000, since the Office of Adult Learners was established the total number of adult students on campus has increased (see above).

Also, as noted in your article, there was a recent change in the age definition of an adult learner from 25 to 21. According to fall 2001 enrollment data, there are currently 8,027 students aged 21 years old or older on campus, which represents 66% of the total (non Chase) population. We're doing everything possible to provide adults and students taking classes at night or weekends with the resources necessary to be successful on campus. We encourage any student who needs our assistance to call (859) 572-6495 or stop by the office in UC 118.

Again, thank you for your article and helping us spread the word about the services of the office to adult students. We recognize this important segment of our university population and look forward to serving their needs.

Sincerely,
Alicia Revelly
Assistant Director
Adult Learners

SPORTS

Defense wins games

By Elaine Koenig
Staff Writer

The Norse women beat Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) team Indianapolis University Thursday night, 66-53, keeping Indy outside most of the game.

When the Norse women were on their game, they were unstoppable. Indianapolis couldn't penetrate Northern Kentucky University's defense to get to the basket. Nor could Indy stop the Norse offensively.

But, when NKU loses intensity, they turn the ball over and miss easy shots. Trailing NKU 35-27 going into the second half, Indianapolis went on an eight-point scoring run in the first five minutes.

Indianapolis called a time-out with a score of 39-35, NKU. But after the timeout, NKU came out strong, scoring 14 points the next four minutes and allowing Indianapolis to score only two points. NKU's intensity dropped again with about three minutes left, and Indianapolis had already started a run to close the lead to seven points by the last minute of the game.

In the last minute, Junior Amy Mobley twice threw a pass down the floor to senior Michelle Cottrell for an easy lay-up, helping rally the Norse women back to a 13-point lead.

"When we have intensity, we do it well," Coach Winstel said after the game. "But when we don't, we struggle."

Intensity is something Winstel knew her team had to work on, even before the game.

"We just need to keep working on our intensity on defense and our discipline on running our offenses," Winstel said. "We have been turning the ball over entirely too much."

The Norse had 18 turnovers Thursday night.

Cottrell also realizes intensity is something the team needs to work on, and said they have new strategies to get it going during the game.

"When someone has a good play, we make sure we celebrate on the floor," Cottrell said. "The bench is always talking and cheering, and when someone comes in, they are



Molly Corfman/The Northerner

Senior center, Dana Schubler, takes a tough shot in the 66-53 win over the University of Indianapolis.

supposed to give her a high five and encouragement."

Cottrell scored 26 points and had 15 rebounds, her 39th career double double.

Junior Bridget Flanagan also had a good game, scoring 10 points and playing tough defense against Indianapolis' Erin Moran.

Flanagan held Moran to only three points in the second half.

Flanagan got in Moran's face, used her arms and wouldn't let her read the plays, Winstel said.

"I just told myself to stay on and put pressure her," Flanagan said.

This past summer, Flanagan spent a lot of time at open gym and playing in leagues. She can tell the

improvements.

"I'm just a lot more confident shooting inside," she said.

Mobley scored ten points and helped the Norse with three rebounds. Junior Kristin Polosky contributed six points and seven rebounds to help the Norse win Thursday night.

The Norse women are now 4-0, and 3-0 in the GLVC. The NKU women have beaten Indianapolis University the last 13 times they have faced them and are riding on a 27 home-game winning streak.

They face Kentucky Wesleyan tomorrow evening at 5:30 in Regents Hall.

Athletes of the week

By Elias Hajjar/Sports Editor

Craig Sanders

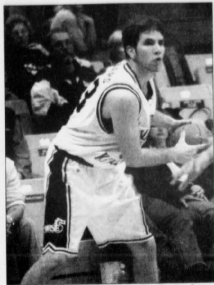


Photo by Molly Corfman

Northern Kentucky University's Craig Sanders, a 6-foot-3-inch senior from Cincinnati, is the Northern Male Athlete of the Week.

Sanders guided the men's basketball team past Lewis University, 88-73, overcoming a 20-point deficit Nov. 24. Scoring 22 points, Sanders helped coach Ken Shields receive win No. 250, most in school history.

In the 106-85 victory over Central State University in the championship of the John L. Griffin/Lions Club

Classic, Sanders scored 20 points and received all-tournament honors. In the first round of the tournament, Sanders carried the Norse past Ferris State University, 79-71, scoring 19 points.

Sanders also scored 12 points as the Norse defeated the University of Indianapolis, 76-53, improving their record to 5-1.

Sanders has scored in double figures in 26 consecutive games and is only 13 shy of tying the record set by Brady Jackson.

Michell Cottrell

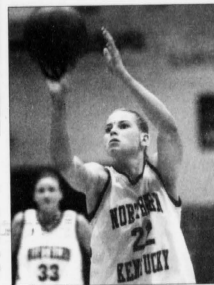


Photo by Molly Corfman

Northern Kentucky University's Michell Cottrell, a senior from Florence, Kentucky, is the Northern female Athlete of the Week.

Cottrell has led the women's basketball team to a 4-0 record with great scoring and rebounding. She scored 27 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the 70-54 win over Georgetown College, and 20 points and 11 rebounds in the 74-43 victory over Lewis University.

Cottrell also scored 26 points and pulled down 15 rebounds as she led the Norse past the University

of Indianapolis, 66-53, Nov. 29.

In the victory over Indianapolis, Cottrell recorded double-double no. 39 for her career and moved closer to becoming NKU's all-time career scoring leader. She is just 83 points shy of passing Peggy Vincent for the lead.

Through the first four games of the season, Cottrell is averaging 22.8 points per game and 11.5 rebounds per game. With those kind of numbers Cottrell is well on her way to the all-time record.

This week in Sports

Men's Basketball

- Dec. 6 KY Wesleyan home 7:45 p.m.
- Dec. 8 S. Indiana home 7:45 p.m.

Women's Basketball

- Dec. 6 KY Wesleyan home 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 S. Indiana home 5:30 p.m.

Men's basketball upset by unranked Wisconsin-Parkside

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team struggled offensively in suffering its first loss of the season last Monday as the Norse lost on the road 67-54 at the hands of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

"We just didn't have a good ball game," NKU head coach Ken Shields said.

NKU was limited to only 38 percent shooting from the field, including making just three of their three-point attempts (3 for 19) in the game, while the Rangers shot 47 percent in the game (61 percent in the second half).

"You have to start your offense at the three-point line," NKU senior Craig Sanders said. "We have to move on our screens. We've been working at it."

The Norse also lost at the De Simone Gymnasium for the third time in four games there, and NKU head coach Ken Shields said it is been tough for his team to win on the road against the Rangers.

"We've had trouble in that gym the last four years. We've been a nemesis there, but they are a vastly improved team," Shields said.

The Norse trailed by only two points at halftime but fell behind by double digits in the second half. NKU did cut the Rangers lead to

five with three minutes left in the game. However, Wisconsin-Parkside ended the game on a 10-2 run to secure the victory.

"In the last seven minutes of the game, we relaxed and missed some assignments," said Sanders, who scored 11 points for the Norse. "We were trying to play catch-up on their home floor. You just can't do that."

Shields said that neither team shot well in the first half of the game, but Wisconsin-Parkside really picked it up in the second half. "In the second half, they shot the ball better. Defensively, we were careless."

The Rangers also rebounded NKU 41-26 and finished the game with 14 assists to NKU's six.

"We beat ourselves," said Sanders. "We got beat fair and square, but we just have to pick it up from there."

Quintony Moman led the way for Wisconsin-Parkside with 17 points and nine rebounds. Marlon Grice added 15 points and seven rebounds for the Rangers.

"They're a team that has three seniors," Shields said. "Their other starters, Moman, who is athletic, and (Brian) Maasricht, are juniors and are three-year starters. They do a very good job defending."

The Norse had three players in double figures. Junior Brenden Stowers came away with 17 points for NKU, shooting 5 for 8 from the field. Junior Darrell Fields scored

Thursday night in Regents Hall, the men's basketball team improved to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference after defeating the University of Indianapolis, 76-53.

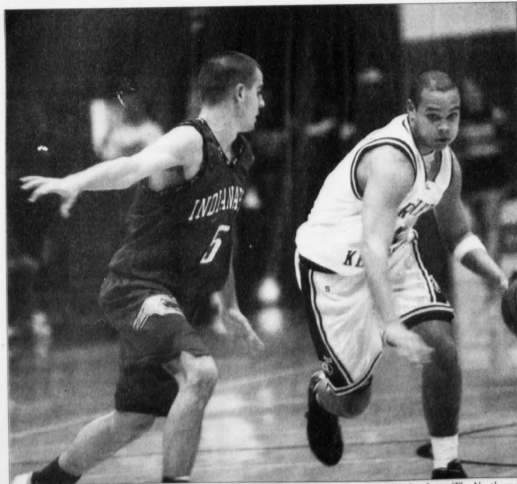
10 points and grabbed four rebounds off the bench.

Sanders scored in double figures for the 25th consecutive time dating back to last season for the Norse, but in this game, he only made four of his field goal attempts and was 0 for 6 at the three-point line.

"If I would have hit some of my shots, we probably would have won the game," he said. "But this is a brand new team. We have many more games left."

Coach Shields said that his top three shooters had off nights, including Sanders, senior Carl Mitchell (seven points) and junior Bobby St. Preux (two points) and caused his team to stumble.

"They had very much off nights. Sanders was way below normal and had an underachieving game. Other than Brenden's performance, it was frustrating and disappointing," he said. With the defeat, NKU dropped to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.



Molly Corfman/The Northerner

NKU guard Jordan Stowers, drives past a University of Indianapolis defender in Thursday night's 76-53 victory.

OTHER NEWS

DELTA

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would help out to have a set place to meet," said the "You always have to reserve a different room on campus which can be difficult."

Kelso cautioned that a student center is only a proposal and isn't out of the idea stage.

The sub-committee is yet to hold its first meeting to assess the situation.

With the Natural Science building scheduled to close in Dec. 2002, Baker said the university might use the space as a new home for the Academic Advising Resource Center.

"That will be a critical need we will need to address," Baker said. Some students still feel more employment opportunities for students are vital.

Sophomore Education major Paul Sullivan said because a lot of students lost their jobs on campus when Delta left, the university should bring in another company.

"It's nice to have jobs on campus, because if you live on campus, you don't need a car to go to and from work," Sullivan said. Baker tried to ally student concerns about bringing in more jobs and said the university plans on set-

ting up businesses around the campus, including a possible hotel in the recently-purchased Thriftway lot on State Route 27.

President James Votruba said he puts the question of how to use the Delta place as one of the university's highest priorities and NKU needs to get as much out of the University Center as possible.

"We are as packed into that building (University Center) as you can get," Votruba said, citing that the building was built when NKU had only 5,000 students.

Baker said the decision ahead of the space committee will be a tough one.

"We have to look at both the short and long term needs," Baker said.

SGA is currently taking a survey of student opinion on what should be done with the Delta space.

Herschede said SGA wants to know if students would or would not like to see the space used for the following: Academic Advising Resource Center, a banking service, a copy center for students, another corporation and jobs, Fidelity expansion, a game room, a Greek room or meeting space.

Students with suggestions and comments should bring them to the SGA office in UC 208 or e-mail them to SGA@nku.edu.

BUDGET: NKU's financial future

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adjustments in what out-of-state students pay.

Tuition, according to Votruba, is the last thing that will be considered. Katte Herschede, president of the student government association, said she hopes the marginal growth incentives, such as increasing class size, will help to offset the increases in tuition.

"We're going to do everything we can to keep tuition low," said Herschede. "It's a tough situation." Votruba's finalized plan will be presented to the student government and the Board of Regents in January.

"Any changes in tuition and fees must be approved by the Board," Votruba said. "Other elements of the strategy regulating growth can be initiated by the administration with consultation with students, faculty and staff."

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Student fees were used to design this new toilet paper dispenser in the Natural Science building

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Harry Potter enchants public

By Robin Hampton
 Staff Writer



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone stormed theaters and delighted kids of all ages. Readers of the popular book series left the movie startled when producer Chris Columbus' (Mrs. Doubtfire and Stepmom) kept the script as close to the book as possible.

The movie chronicles the life of young Harry Potter, played by Daniel Radcliffe, as he begins his first year at Hogwarts Academy for Witchcraft and Wizardry. He has lived in a closet under the stairs at his aunt and Uncle Dursley's since his parents' death when he was an infant. Through strange letters delivered by owls and a visit from the huge Hogwarts groundskeeper, Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane), Harry discovers his parents were wizards and he is to become one too. Hagrid takes Harry shopping for supplies in the hidden Diagon Alley. Here Harry begins to realize he is a bit of a celebrity in the magical world. One disappointment for readers is the omission of the roller coaster-like ride Harry and Hagrid take at Gringott's Bank to get to Harry's vault of money.

Once on the train to Hogwarts, Harry quickly meets up with his soon-to-be friends. The first is the poor but lovable Ron Weasley. Rupert Grint played the redheaded and one of the scenes with his facial expressions alone. The other is Hermione Granger, played by

Emma Watson. Harry also meets his nemesis Draco Malfoy, played by Tom Felton, who also appeared in Anna and the King and The Borrowers.

Many special effects came off as fake. The quidditch match, a hockey-like game played on broomsticks, was exciting to watch until the Harry's broomstick attempts to buck him off. It was then obvious the scene was computer generated. Other effects such as the dining hall decorated with floating candles and pumps, the talking sorting hat, and the wizard's chess game were all impressive.

The story does use the different talents and abilities of Harry, Ron and Hermione during the climax. The children's eccentricities are portrayed as assets.

The two and half-hour movie holds the attention of the moviegoers both young and old. The audience can follow and enjoy the movie without having read the book. The supporting cast makes the movie even more enjoyable. Maggie Smith has been acting on stage and screen since 1963 with notable roles as the Mother Superior in Sister Act (1992), the housekeeper in The Secret Garden (1993), and the aged Wendy in Hook (1991). Smith por-

trays the strict Professor McGonagall. She is also in charge of the Gryffindor House, where Harry resides at Hogwarts.

Coltrane steals the show as the lovable Hagrid. His affection for dangerous creatures, such as dragons and three-headed dogs, and unfortunate habit of talking too much often get him in trouble but endear him to Harry and the audience.

Richard Harris plays the headmaster Albus Dumbledore. His experience as King Arthur on both stage and film, give him the grace, presence and authority to portray this character.

Alan Rickman has made a career of playing characters the audience loves to hate. He began playing the German terrorist in Die Hard (1988). Rickman then continued as the Sheriff of Nottingham in Kevin Costner's Robin Hood (1995). In Potter, Rickman plays the seemingly evil Professor Snape. Whether he is against Harry or not, audiences leave the theater not liking Snape at all. Unfortunately, the movie does not divulge Snape's reasons for not liking Harry.

The leaves some questions unanswered. However, if it explored every topic in Rowling's first book, the movie would be five hours long. Then, what would be left for the sequel, which began filming the Monday after Sorcerer's Stone release? If viewed as pure entertainment, with a touch of morality, the movie is enjoyable and worth seeing on the big screen.

WNTV CHANNEL 15 Program listings

<p>December 5 12 - 2 a.m. WNTV original programming 2 - 4:30 a.m. The Shawshank Redemption 4:30 - 6 a.m. Cats and Dogs 6 a.m. - 8 a.m. Crazy Beautiful 8 - 10 a.m. WNTV original programming 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cats and Dogs 12 - 2 p.m. Zilo 2 - 4:30 p.m. Almost Famous 4:30 - 6 p.m. WNTV Original programming 6 - 8 p.m. The Nighttime Before Christmas 8 - 10 p.m. America's Sweethearts 10 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. The Perfect Storm</p>	<p>December 6 12:30 a.m. - 3 a.m. Notting Hill 3 - 5 a.m. The Nighttime Before Christmas 5 - 7 a.m. America's Sweethearts 7 - 9:30 a.m. The Perfect Storm 9 - 10:30 a.m. Notting Hill 10:30 - 12 p.m. WNTV original programming 12 - 2:30 p.m. Shrek 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Burly Bear 5 - 6 p.m. Practical Magic 6 - 8:10 p.m. Baby Boy 8 - 10:30 p.m. 12 a.m. The Muppets Christmas Carol 10:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. Meet the Parents 12 - 2 p.m. WNTV original programming 2 - 4 p.m. Lora Croft: Tomb Raider 4 - 6 p.m. Zilo 6 - 8 p.m. America's Sweethearts 8 - 10 p.m. One Night at McCool's 10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Legally Blonde</p>	<p>December 7 12 - 2 a.m. Meet the Parents 2 - 4 a.m. Practical Magic 4 - 6:30 a.m. Baby Boy 6:30 - 8 a.m. The Muppets Christmas Carol 8 - 10 a.m. Meet the Parents 10 - 12 p.m. Practical Magic 12 - 2 p.m. WNTV original programming 2 - 4 p.m. Lora Croft: Tomb Raider 4 - 6 p.m. Zilo 6 - 8 p.m. America's Sweethearts 8 - 10 p.m. One Night at McCool's 10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Legally Blonde</p>	<p>December 8 12 - 2 a.m. Crazy Beautiful 2 - 4 a.m. America's Sweethearts 4 - 6 a.m. One Night at McCool's 6 - 8 a.m. Legally Blonde 8 - 10 a.m. Crazy Beautiful 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. America's Sweethearts 12 - 2 p.m. One Night at McCool's 2 - 4 p.m. Legally Blonde 4 - 6 p.m. Crazy Beautiful 6 - 8 p.m. America's Sweethearts 8 - 10 p.m. One Night at McCool's 10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Legally Blonde</p>	<p>December 9 12 - 2 a.m. Crazy Beautiful 2 - 4 a.m. America's Sweethearts 4 - 6 a.m. One Night at McCool's 6 - 8 a.m. Legally Blonde 8 - 10 a.m. Crazy Beautiful 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. America's Sweethearts 12 - 2 p.m. One Night at McCool's 2 - 4 p.m. Legally Blonde 4 - 6 p.m. Crazy Beautiful 6 - 8 p.m. America's Sweethearts 8 - 10 p.m. One Night at McCool's 10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Legally Blonde</p>	<p>December 10 12 - 2 a.m. Crazy Beautiful 2 - 4 a.m. America's Sweethearts 4 - 6 a.m. One Night at McCool's 6 - 8 a.m. Legally Blonde 8 - 10 a.m. Crazy Beautiful 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. America's Sweethearts 12 - 2 p.m. One Night at McCool's 2 - 4 p.m. Legally Blonde 4 - 6 p.m. Crazy Beautiful 6 - 8 p.m. America's Sweethearts 8 - 10 p.m. One Night at McCool's 10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Legally Blonde</p>	<p>December 11 12:30 a.m. - 2 a.m. Shrek 2 - 4 a.m. Jeffery 4 - 6 a.m. Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas 6 - 8:30 a.m. Mission Impossible 2 8:30 - 10 a.m. Shrek 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Zilo 12 - 2 p.m. The Muppets Christmas Carol 1:30 - 4 p.m. WNTV original programming 4 - 5:30 p.m. The Nighttime Before Christmas 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. The Shawshank Redemption 8 - 10:30 p.m. The Legend of Bagger Vance 10:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Mallrats</p>	<p>December 12 12:30 a.m. - 1 a.m. The Nighttime Before Christmas 2 - 4:30 a.m. The Shawshank Redemption 4:30 a.m. - 7 a.m. The Legend of Bagger Vance 7 - 9 a.m. Mallrats 9 - 10:30 a.m. The Nighttime Before Christmas 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Shawshank Redemption 1 - 3 p.m. WNTV original programming 3 - 5 p.m. Burly Bear 5 - 7 p.m. Practical Magic 7 - 9 p.m. Cat and Dogs 9 - 11:30 p.m. The Talented Mr. Ripley 11:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Lora Croft: Tomb Raider</p>	<p>December 13 1:30 - 3:30 a.m. Practical Magic 3:30 - 5 a.m. Cats and Dogs 5 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. The Talented Mr. Ripley 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Lora Croft: Tomb Raider 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Practical Magic 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. WNTV original programming 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Zilo</p>
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 11 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Mission Impossible 2

December 14
 1:30 - 3 a.m. Shrek
 3 - 5 a.m. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
 5 - 7 a.m. America's Sweethearts
 7 - 9:30 a.m. Mission Impossible 2
 9:30 - 11 a.m. Shrek
 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
 1 - 3 p.m. Burly Bear
 3 - 5 p.m. WNTV original programming

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 7:30 - 10 p.m. The Perfect Storm
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