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Students elect new SGA senators, justices

Voter turnout low

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Only 348 students, approximately 2.4 percent of the student body, voted in the Nov. 12 and 13 Student Government Association election, where 15 new senators and two new judicial council justices were elected.

"I'm disappointed in the voter turnout, but I wasn't surprised," said Sherree Davis, a current senator-by-appointment and newly-elected senator for the spring semester. "In the senator elec-

tion, fewer people vote. If they want their voice to be heard, they should vote."

"I'm always disappointed with voter turnout," said senator Mike Tobertga, chair of the SGA elections committee. "But it was actually higher than last year's."

SGA chief of staff and newly-elected senator James Pollitt said voter turnout in the fall election is typically lower than spring elections because executive board members are elected in the spring.

Four percent of students voted in the spring 2003 election.

Pollitt said this election was the first to use online voting, and

that the department expects to use it again in future elections.

"Looking at past results, I think it increased turnout by about 50 percent," SGA Executive Vice President Eric Fegan said. "I've heard nothing but positive things."

The new senators and justices will take office in January 2004, effective at the first SGA meeting of the semester. They will also attend the SGA winter retreat, the date of which has yet to be determined.

Jeff Ikor, James Pollitt, Sherree Davis, Josh Ruth, Kelly Keene, Heather Flannery, Joseph Mayer III, Heather Meeks, Ashley

Scholl, Heather Gilmore, Michael Vaughan, Paul Myers, Amanda Bailey, Christina Smith and Jennifer Wallace are senators-elect.

Billy Volk and Chris Whitworth, both write-in candidates, were elected to the judicial council.

The senators ran on individual platforms that varied from preventing tuition increases, implementing a system of parking appeals, expediting Albright Center renovations and improving campus dining.

Davis ran and was elected on a platform to improve dining ser-

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Tony Redell / Photo Editor
Students listen to a speaker at the STAR dialogue.

Past issues boil over at race forum

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At a forum to discuss issues of race at Northern Kentucky University, students re-opened a topic that divided the campus for several years during the 1990s.

Students are concerned about the presence of a statue created by artist Red Grooms, and the heated debate that ensued caused the Nov. 13 seventh annual Students Against Racism (STAR) dialogue on race to be extended by an hour-and-a-half to allow for an unplanned question-and-answer session with President James Vornha.

The statue, which depicts Kentucky-born director D.W. Griffith filming a scene from the movie *Way Down East*, was moved in 1998 from the plaza in front of the University Center to a spot near the Fine Arts Building.

Students had objected for several years to the statue's prominent location because Griffith's most famous film, *Birth of a Nation*, was used to recruit members of the Ku Klux Klan.

"It symbolizes what a campus represents," said James Davis, a sophomore public administration major. "We have American flags on campus to represent that we are a part of America."

In addition to the statue debate, students also voiced concerns over a perceived lack of coverage of minority organizations by *The Northerner* and relations between minority students and Department of Public Safety officers.

Speakers stressed that change can be accomplished through commitment.

"It takes commitment to create policy," said African American studies professor Rodney Daniels. "We need commitment, sacrifice."

Participants also advocated for the development of a major in African American studies, expanding Latino American studies and incorporating it into the curriculum.

"Racism hides itself in a variety of forms, the perpetrators and victims don't [always] see," said Daniels, one of several speakers at the forum.

STAR president Desera Favors said the creation of a major in the African American studies program

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Library opens holiday season

Children help make event festive

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Children from the Child Development Center caused quite a stir in Steely Library Nov. 14, but no one on the library staff tried to quiet them.

A group of campus members stood smiling around the 3-4 year-olds as the children marked the start of the holiday season by singing "Jingle Bells" and "Over the River" at the sixth annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the library last Friday morning.

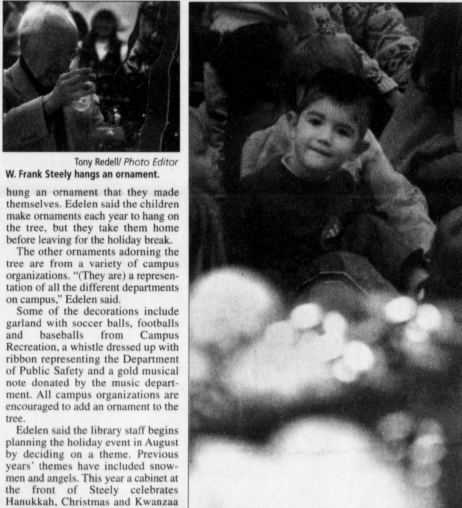
"(The event) gives the kids a chance to practice singing," said Cheryl Edelen, library specialist and one of the event planners.

Singing is only one part of the event, though. The event kicks off the holiday season, a time to step back from the hustle and bustle of everyday life to enjoy time of contemplation and renewal, said Arne Almqvist, associate provost for library services for Northern Kentucky University.

"It is a time to contemplate the accomplishments of the past year, we give thanks, we look forward to renewal for the next year," Almqvist said.

Dr. Jerry Warner, vice president for academic affairs and provost, hung the first ornament on the lit tree, followed by Dr. W. Frank Steely, namesake of the library.

The children from the CDC each



Tony Redell / Photo Editor
W. Frank Steely hangs an ornament.
Xavier Luding enjoys the colorful festivities on campus.

hung an ornament that they made themselves. Edelen said the children make ornaments each year to hang on the tree, but they take them home before leaving for the holiday break.

The other ornaments adorning the tree are from a variety of campus organizations. "They are a representation of all the different departments on campus," Edelen said.

Some of the decorations include garland with soccer balls, footballs and baseballs from Campus Recreation, a whistle dressed up with ribbon representing the Department of Public Safety and a gold musical note donated by the music department. All campus organizations are encouraged to add an ornament to the tree.

Edelen said the library staff begins planning the holiday event in August by deciding on a theme. Previous years' themes have included snowmen and angels. This year a cabinet at the front of Steely celebrates Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa with symbolic items for each holiday and information. The tree and decorated case will remain until right before Christmas.

Campus theft rising, 'most prevalent crime' on campus

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Despite the efforts the university has made to convert some learning spaces into "smart classrooms," many classrooms are losing their "smarts" as a result of theft.

Jerry Warner, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost, sent a memo to faculty and staff on Oct. 31 after \$8,000 worth of projectors and monitors was stolen

from a smart classroom.

According to Jeff Butler, chief of the Department of Public Safety, there has been a dramatic increase in theft this year, especially in technology-related items.

Since 2001, \$148,807 worth of technology equipment has been taken from campus. So far, the monetary amount stolen this year in technology-related thefts has increased over 245 percent from last year's figures.

"Theft is the major crime problem on this campus,"

Butler said. "It's the single most prevalent crime we report and investigate."

While Warner's memo primarily focused on theft of technology, Butler stressed that it doesn't stop there. Parking decals, credit cards, purses, book bags, cell phones and textbooks are among many other common items stolen across campus.

"It's not a matter of just technology theft," he said. "There is theft rampant across this campus."

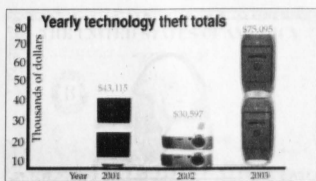
Recently, a 27-inch televi-

sion was taken from the residential village. Last year, a couch and chair were taken out of the Nunn Hall faculty lounge.

However, with the high-dollar value of equipment in these "smart classrooms," the recent technology theft is catching more attention.

Butler said that an easy solution would be to implement locks on all classroom doors. Many of the "smart classrooms" either aren't locked regularly or don't even have

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Mike Brennan / Illustrator

Gooooooooaaaaaalllllllllllll!

Senior Kendra Zinser conducted a hat trick helping the Norse advance to the Elite Eight. They take on Nebraska-Omaha, Saturday in hopes of advancing to the Final Four.

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NOV. 14, 2003
Friday-08:55 p.m.
Classification: TRAFFIC - Vehicle Stop
Location: UNIVERSITY DRIVE
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Subject observed traveling the wrong way on Campbell Drive. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Traffic Control Device (One-way sign) and Failure to Produce Proof of Insurance.

NOV. 14, 2003
Friday-02:30 p.m.
Classification: TOW - Vehicle Location: WOODCREST APARTMENTS - HANDICAPPED PARKING
Disposition: Closed
Summary: A vehicle was towed from the listed location for numerous outstanding parking citations.

NOV. 14, 2003
Friday-12:14 p.m.
Classification: TOW - Vehicle Location: OFF-CAMPUS
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Subject reported his 2004 student parking permit had been lost. Report filed for replacement by Parking Office.

NOV. 14, 2003
Friday-12:07 p.m.
Classification: TRAFFIC - Vehicle Stop
Location: KENTON DRIVE
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Subject observed traveling on Kenton Drive with expired registration. Subject was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration and Failure to Produce Proof of Insurance.

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For a full listing visit the DPS website at
<http://access.nku.edu/dps>*

Norators win eight trophies at competition

The Northern Kentucky University Norators Scholarship Team won eight trophies at the Berea College John G. Fee Invitational Nov. 14 and 15. The team won third place in the four-year large colleges/universities category. Katie Spiece won second place for novice poetry and third place for novice prose. Laura Teeter won third place for novice poetry and second for novice prose. Jim Herman won first place for novice extemporaneous. Rubin Dastoor won sixth place in impromptu and third

place in after-dinner speaking. He will compete in April's national competition in Rhode Island.

The team will compete again the first weekend in December.

Fair offers information on study abroad

The Office of International Programs held its annual Study Abroad Fair Nov. 17. Students had the opportunity to get information on how to earn academic credit while studying and traveling to other nations. Information was also offered on scholarships and

financial aid for participants.

Campus climate examined at meeting

The Campus Climate Task Force met Nov. 14 to discuss the state of residential life and race relations at Northern Kentucky University. Lindsay Hunter, RHA and SGA senator, presented her senior honors thesis "NKU Residents: Opinions, Numbers and Stuff," which discussed research on the attitudes and habits of dorm residents. Michael Mallot presented research on how taking race/gender courses affects students' attitudes.

Segway scooters recalled

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled 6,000 Segway scooters Sept. 26 because low batteries caused riders to fall off the machines. Three consumers claimed to be injured due to the faulty battery system in the motorized vehicle. Segway makers said they would install new software free of charge to warn riders when the battery is low. Newly-built scooters already have the updated software installed.

nationalbriefs

500 sick, 3 dead due to hepatitis outbreak

More than 500 patrons of a Chi-Chi's Mexican Restaurant in Pennsylvania have fallen ill with hepatitis A due to what officials believe was contaminated scallions, or green onions. This is the largest known outbreak of hepatitis A in the nation's history, and officials expect the number of infected to rise. Three patrons have died from complications related to the disease, an infection that attacks a person's liver. Hepatitis A is spread through uncooked foods and by an infected person who does not wash his or her hands.

U.S. to withdraw from Iraq by June

The U.S. has announced it will relinquish political power in Iraq by June 2004 and allow an Iraqi transitional government to assume control of the country, according to the Iraqi Governing Council. The council said it expects to select members of the new government by May. The plan also calls for the establishment of a permanent constitution and an elected administration by 2005. American troops are expected to remain in Iraq indefinitely, however and to work peacefully with the transitional government.

Patton settles misconduct allegations out of court

Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton settled ethics charges against him Nov. 16 with the Executive Branch Ethics Commission. Patton admitted to two charges of using his power as governor to advance the personal interests of his mistress, Tina Conner, while holding the office. He also admitted to violating part of the state ethics law. Patton was fined \$5,000 and received a public reprimand. The settlement came one day before Patton would have appeared at an administrative hearing on his conduct.

APB creates organization liaison reps

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Taking full advantage of campus life may be difficult for many students at Northern Kentucky University.

Since many NKU students are commuters, they may not always be on campus to participate in events. But NKU's Activities Programming Board is making some changes with the hope of increasing student involvement in campus activities.

The APB is made up of nine directors, 30 student members, an advisor and a new group of students that serve as organization liaison representatives. These students represent other student groups on campus that want their organization to be involved in campus activities.

"The liaison representatives give us a better understanding of what the entire student body wants," said APB advisor Stephanie McGoldrick.

"It is an opportunity for all student voices to be heard. When we all come together,

er, that is when we have the best programming."

The organization liaison representatives are also general members of the APB and serve on different event committees.

"By sitting on the committees, they are giving their organization an opportunity to have a voice," said McGoldrick.

According to McGoldrick, the APB hopes to add more diversity to the activities on campus.

They also want to have more events that will be available to commuter students who are not always on campus in the evenings, such as holding events during the day or between classes.

Abby Plageman, freshman, is a liaison representative for the Norse Dance Team. "Being a liaison rep makes sure that the dance team stays involved with campus events. I think that is extremely helpful to have the organization representatives because it ensures each group involvement with what activities are happening on campus," she said.

Dee Begley, senior, is a liaison representative for Phi Beta Lambda.

"We have a very fun group with a lot of



Photograph Contributed

APB directors at their last retreat.

different backgrounds, interests, and ideas to bring to NKU. I think the benefit to both of my organizations is the sharing of ideas and aide offered support to the areas that will ultimately affect the students at NKU," she said.

The APB holds many different events throughout the semester. To view the campus calendar, visit www.nku.edu/~apb/cal.htm.

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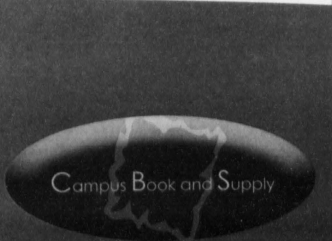
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Citigroup gives grant to NKU

\$25,000 will allow music department to offer programs for local youth

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Northern Kentucky University's music preparatory department received a \$25,000 grant from Citigroup for a project called "Funding for Arts for Youth in Northern Kentucky."

The grant allows the preparatory department to offer a beginning strings program at five schools in the Northern Kentucky region: St. Joseph, Crescent Springs Elementary, R.C. Hinsdale Elementary, Cline and Glenn O. Swing

Elementary.

The university will send instructors to these schools twice a week for an after-school program where students will learn to play instruments.

A portion of the funding will also provide scholarships to students who study music in the music preparatory department or participate in one of the department's many ensembles.

"We run about 1,100 people through here in one year's time," said Toni Sheffer, director of the music preparatory

department.

"We've been here for 10 years and it's just exploded recently."

Sheffer said the funding will provide a special musical training that is "quite expensive at this level."

Being a member of any one of the department's seven youth ensembles costs \$130 per semester. Private lessons cost \$170 for the 10-week session.

The price does not include instrument rental, related equipment, sheets of music or

other expenses.

"It takes more than one or two semesters – it takes a long time of training," Sheffer said.

Sheffer said the grant money is already making a difference. It has allowed the department to begin awarding scholarships to performers.

A majority of the grant was written to provide scholarships to those participating in the beginning strings program. But other scholarships are available to those who wish to study privately on their own instru-

ments.

Some of the funding will also establish a college preparatory curriculum for local high school juniors and seniors. The money would pay for things such as instructors and advertising in the schools.

"NKU was an obvious choice," said Johnna Fasold, vice president of public relations for Citigroup.

The grant is not Citigroup's only connection to the university. In addition to its partnership with the preparatory depart-

ment, Citigroup has been a supporter of NKU's Metropolitan Education and Training Services (METS). This year the Florence site has donated more than \$100,000 to programs in early, secondary and post-secondary schools throughout the community.

"We have enjoyed our partnership with NKU," Fasold said, "and look forward to sustaining that relationship through our common goal of lifelong learning for residents of the region."

SGA questions need for tuition increase at NKU

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Tuition has increased at Northern Kentucky University every year since 1987, and some members of the Student Government Association think school administrators should find other ways to balance the budget.

Trey Orndorff, vice president for academic affairs, said at the Nov. 17 SGA meeting he has a hard time believing that the consistent increases were solely the result of economic hard times.

"That (period) includes some of our most prosperous times in the '90s," he said.

Orndorff said that, rather than relying so heavily on revenue raised from students, administrators should cut

spending and work harder to lobby for more state funding.

NKU receives less state money per full-time student than any other Kentucky university.

"Effective lobbying is what's going to get us more state dollars," Orndorff said.

The Board of Regents is expected to vote at its January meeting in favor of a \$300-\$400 per semester raise in tuition, effective for the 2004-2005 school year.

President James Votruba told SGA at its Nov. 10 meeting that as NKU's enrollment rose, so did its budget, and tuition increases were necessary.

But some SGA members disagree, noting that the proposed increase, which would raise tuition between 8 percent to 11 percent, is significantly higher than the 1.4 percent

growth in enrollment this year.

"Their argument that tuition must go up because enrollment has gone up is not a valid argument," said Eric Fegan, SGA executive vice president and tuition committee chair.

SGA members are concerned that NKU could lose both current and prospective students as tuition rises relative to other Kentucky universities. NKU's yearly tuition of \$3,744 is third-highest among the eight state universities.

Orndorff said that administrators have created a "top-heavy institution," with too much of the budget devoted to expenditures, like the university president's salary, that do not directly benefit students.

Fegan said the tuition committee seeks input from students on budget recommendations, which he will present to SGA at its January retreat.

Election

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vices on campus.

"I want to see more competition in dining services on campus so prices may go down and we can get higher quality food," she said.

"I feel (Sodexho) is not meeting the standards we would like to see and that they've set for themselves."

Josh Ruth said he plans to stick to his platform of keeping tuition low and making sure Albright renovations stay on schedule when he takes office in the spring.

"My main goal now, and in the spring, is to do whatever I can to help keep our tuition down," he said.

"I think it's an atrocity that our university budgetary issues are consistently being placed on the shoulders of the student body."

Jennifer Wallace said she will commit herself to encouraging student voting and representing students as a sena-

tor.

"One of my goals as senator-elect for spring is to get better information as to where students can vote, so that all students voice their opinion," she said.

"I also hope to be the voice for students who have many obligations at home as well as their studies."

Of the 17 students elected, 14 ran on the "Norse Pride for Student Government" ticket, led by Pollitt.

Pollitt said the ticket was created to "have a better voice (for students) on campus."

He said the ticket plans to maintain "an active role" in TeamNKU, which lobbies in Frankfurt for university concerns, including tuition rates.

"We're going to fight to keep tuition reasonable," he said.

"If we're not careful, they're going to keep raising it (in congruence with recent

increases.)"

Fegan and SGA President Chris Pace ran on a ticket together last spring and were the first students to do so at NKU.

"We gave it a shot, and it seemed to work pretty well," Fegan said.

He said it is common for student government candidates at other universities to show solidarity by running on a ticket together.

SGA has been plagued by the resignation of 10 SGA members this semester, leaving positions open in the senate. Toberga said the available seats will not be filled by the newly-elected senators, but by students appointed by SGA.

"We do have some openings for this semester still," Toberga said.

"We will make an appointment, and whoever we appoint will have to run in the spring."

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Theft

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locks installed.

"This is where the problem lies with technology theft," he said.

Although DPS has repeatedly requested this situation to be corrected, their pleas have been ignored, Butler said.

"Many of the faculty have suggested that students need access to the classrooms for the purposes of studying (and) using equipment during non-classroom hours, and they want to make that access available," Butler said.

"And that is reasonable, but when things are being stolen, then it's no longer so reasonable." DPS Operations Officer Jeff Martin sees a simple way to overcome this obstacle.

"We're pretty free about coming in locking and unlocking doors so students have access," Martin said, "but we know who's in there."

Warner's memo also suggested that locks be put on classroom doors.

"Theft is a crime of opportunity, and

if we eliminate opportunity, we'll reduce criminal theft," Butler said.

According to Butler, this applies to all situations, not just the recent theft of technology.

He said he often hears about personal belongings being stolen when the situation could easily have been avoided.

Theft is bound to happen when book bags are left unattended in University Center or valuables are left in unlocked lockers at the Albright Health Center, he said.

Butler even mentioned a recent scenario where a brand-new laptop was stolen out of the backseat of a convertible with its top down.

"If you make your property vulnerable to theft, there are people who will steal it," he said.

"If you make it less vulnerable, they are less likely to have the opportunity to steal it."

"(Thieves) go for the easy targets," Martin said. "They're basically lazy people, or they'd be working for a liv-

ing."

The large sum stolen this past year is bound to have a big effect on the university, Butler said.

"While many of the theft losses of the university equipment is recouped through insurance claims, the insurance premiums rise accordingly," Butler said, "and in the long haul, you're going to suffer."

Martin noted there is also a large consequence of the thefts that the university doesn't cover — one's education experience.

"(If) everything your professor was going to do that day revolved around technology, there's a wasted day, a wasted entire class period, that you don't get the benefit of. How do you put a price tag on that?" Martin said.

"You have to call off class for a day for a dumb reason — because somebody wouldn't lock the door."

Senior Jennifer Quammen is in a computer programming class that was robbed of its "smarts" before the semester even started.

"In a programming class it is difficult to understand the concepts without seeing the programs executed during the lecture," she said.

"I've gotten used to 'smart classrooms' in the science building and now am ready to learn with the assistance of computers," she said.

Dr. Donald Galli, professor of Quammen's computer programming class, sees how the theft of his classroom's equipment has an effect on the class.

"It's sort of frustrating," Galli said. "If I had the equipment, I could actually demonstrate the programs. So now I can't do that. I just say, 'This is what they would do.'"

Butler and Martin said that everyone on campus can help out with the growing problem of theft.

"Students, faculty, and staff need to take personal responsibility to see that an opportunity for theft does not exist," Butler said. "We have to all work together to prevent the problem. Everybody has to collectively work

towards making this a less opportunistic environment for theft."

"If you see something that doesn't look right, please call us," Martin said.

"We'd rather go check out something silly than not check something out and have someone steal something."

"Crimes can also be reported anonymously on the DPS website."

"If you see somebody steal something, you have an obligation to do something about it; you can't just turn your head and ignore it," Butler said.

"The next time it may be your property."

Dialogue

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has been a goal discussed at the past three dialogues on racism, but little action has been taken on the proposal.

"From our perspective, nothing happened (since last year)," said STAR vice president Brandon Hill.

David Okafu, president of the African Student Union, asked why African history courses were offered only as survey classes and didn't provide in-depth detail about African countries, whereas, he said, European and U.S. history are more specialized courses.

Dr. Michael Washington, director of African American Studies, said the department does not have enough staff members to teach more classes.

Washington said he has drawn up a plan for a major, but that the proposal has stalled when he tried to gain support from other departments so that the curriculum can offer a variety of classes from different fields of study.

One class that students and Washington proposed creating is a sociology class that would present African American issues and also examine how to succeed in a society that often neglects minorities.

Votruba suggested that the proposal be re-examined, and said he will sit down with Washington to discuss it.

Jemarr Mack, president of the Black Man's Organization, discussed racial profiling by DPS, saying that an African-American male was strip-searched in a campus parking lot.

DPS Chief Jeff Butler said that a student's mother made such an allegation in the past, but an investigation turned up no supporting evidence.

"To my knowledge there has never been a strip-search on this campus in my three years here," Butler said in a telephone interview.

"When things like this happen, it feels as though they're

stepping on our pride," Mack said.

Mack suggested diversity training for DPS officers, faculty and staff, and the creation of a committee that would oversee DPS conduct.

Votruba advocated examining the issues and creating a university environment that reflects those values.

"The systems here are different than the systems where we come from, and it doesn't do us justice," said Olsina Mbela, an international student from Ghana and a junior information systems major.

Mbela said the attitudes of some students toward international students has caused many to transfer or consider leaving NKU.

Four committees will be formed to address these issues and see to it that the proper procedure is followed to make changes on campus. The BMO is also considering putting out an independent publication to



Photo by DJ Carter

The sculpture of Kentucky-born director D.W. Griffith has caused controversy on campus in the past.

address minority issues on campus, according to Favors.

"My eyes were opened to a side of the story I have never heard before," said Andy Hixson, vice president of public affairs for the Student Government Association.

Hixson said he would like to see students who have a "passion for change" get on the ballot to run for SGA in the spring semester.

He said that the representation of minorities in student government does not reflect

university demographics, but he added that his door is open for all students and their concerns.

Favors encourages students and faculty to get involved and help create change to increase the value of the education NKU provides to students.

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editorialnote

Dealey still lives in 1963

By BREE CULNAN
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I have stood in the 3-acre site once known as the "Gateway to the City." It's smaller than what you'd imagine it to be, and little has changed since 1963 - minus the protruding skyline and grown trees. It's as pretty as a picture but almost overshadowed by the fact that it's the location of a grisly murder scene.

This is Dealey Plaza: The site where 36th president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was assassinated 40 years ago this Nov. 22.

Dallas has historically preserved the area, having dedicated it as a national history landmark only in 1993, on the 30th anniversary of Kennedy's death. There is a "blink and you miss it" plaque on the ground adjacent to where the fatal shooting took place, but there are no enormous shrines or statues of Kennedy. They've kept it simple and sweet.

Looming continually in the background is a brick building on the corner. Now the Dallas County Administration Building, it is more famously referred to by its former name, The Schoolbook Depository, where Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired the fatal shots. It's missing the large Hertz Rent-A-Car billboard and clock from on top of the roof, and there's now a special entrance in the back to reach the sixth floor, which houses a museum, but it is instantly recognizable.

While I was in Dallas on newspaper business, I wanted more than anything to take a step back into an era in which my parents were schoolchildren, and newspapers were filled with stories of the modern-day Camelot. The Kennedys.

Most everyone has his or her own theory on the assassination or the possible conspiracy behind it. So much had happened in such a short span of time: the President was killed, a police officer was murdered and a defector to the Soviet Union was arrested in connection to both

deaths and was then murdered by a mobster before any answers had surfaced. Perhaps "Who shot the president?" will remain one of the greatest mysteries of all time.

I have probably seen the Zapruder film a million-and-one times. Kennedy brushes his hair to the side. He's smiling and waving until he abruptly falls. He and his limo-mates are obscured from view as they pass behind a highway sign. He then reappears holding his neck; he's hurt and wife, Jackie, seated next to him, leans over to see what's wrong. Just as the does so, mere inches away, the fatal shot is fired and Kennedy falls backwards and into her side.

As Jim Garrison would say, Kennedy fell "back and to the left."

"And back and to the left." Before arriving in Dallas, I found myself agreeing more with the conspiracy theory that Oswald did not fire that last shot. After standing on the sixth floor of the former book depository, I found myself agreeing even more. While the "sniper's corner" is blocked off in a glass-enclosed area, you can stand two windows down to get a similar viewpoint. The angle is awkward and it's hard to believe that three shots from that window would have created the damage done to Kennedy and then-Texas Gov. George Connally.

Actually standing there, and in the middle of Elm Street down below, changes your perspective on things. People tend to take history for granted unless they've experienced it firsthand or revisited the site themselves. How many people have flocked to where the World Trade Centers once stood?

Standing in Dealey Plaza made me think. I thought about life; I thought about death. I thought about fear, and about government and I couldn't stop wondering, "Why here?"

Despite the triple underpass and the train tracks and the noise of a big city, Dealey remains trapped in silence. It's perfectly quiet and serene and hard to imagine the immense controversy that



Bree Culnan / Photographer

Dealey Plaza: now a National Landmark

would spawn from what happened at that very site.

After 40 years, the area has changed very little. There are parts of Dallas that seem frozen in time; it's still 1963 there. And with 1963 remains the mystery, Who Killed JFK? The Warren Commission said Oswald did. Director Oliver Stone says it was a group governmental conspiracy. I say, I don't think we'll ever know.

Since my Dallas trip, I have researched and read until my eyes crossed and I was nodding off with my keyboard. I am almost convinced of some things and almost completely unconvinced of others. All of the "answers" I've found have only led me more questions.

As the character David Ferrie says in Stone's film, JFK: "It's a mystery wrapped in a riddle inside an enigma."

Letters to the editor

Racism must be faced, addressed

To the editor,

I would like to issue a rebuttal to the letter to the editor concerning racism.

I was appalled and disheartened at the comments made. Agreed, racism is a very sensitive issue and I would venture to say that it reached NKU long before the incident involving "Ms. African American Freshperson" (as Mr. Wanninger condescendingly stated) transpired.

The exploitation of racism is a direct result of media coverage, in this case by the *Northerner*, which was relatively unbiased, (which is generally not the case), and personal opinions stemming from personal experiences.

In other words, this incident merely blew racism's cover on NKU's campus.

The heart of the issue is that excessive force was used by the Department of Public Safety. Regardless of how threatened the victim (FYI: I refuse to use this term loosely) I refuse to use this term loosely. I refuse to use this term loosely. I refuse to use this term loosely.

However, that is not the real issue that I am addressing. According to Webster, the definition of racism is "a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race."

This, by definition, excludes blacks from being able to be racist. Why?

Blacks are the minority and have not (and can not) experienced the same amounts of

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racial discrimination that white have and continue to do.

In turn, racial discrimination is what perpetuates an inferiority complex among blacks, despite the complex being authentic or false.

The whole "get over it" notion revealed in Mr. Wanninger's letter leads me to believe that there is still a problem among some whites in being sensitive to an issue that took approximately 400 years ingrain and will not be resolved overnight.

Yes, it is a fact that blacks have their own prejudices to face but being insensitive and ignorant does not at all help the situation.

Lastly, I would like to address slavery.

It is very true that the Western region was the first to abolish slavery. But, the west was also the first to introduce the dehumanizing enterprise that initiated generations of emotional instability.

Hence, what is going on in Africa today.

I do appreciate the letter issued by Mr. Wanninger because he brings up a valid point.

All people (esp. blacks and whites) need lessons on race relations.

It is imperative that blacks and whites alike bring their

issues to the forefront instead of hiding behind the excuse of "I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings."

It is time that we, as NKU, become the trailblazers in finding a realistic solution to racism.

Katrina Lightbourne

Senior, pre-nursing

Group doesn't promote lifestyle

To the editor,

I was deeply disturbed while reading "Lifestyle choice put on pedestal."

Why wouldn't NKU support the GLBTQ summit? The comment that disturbed me the most is when he stated "The main thing that got to me is that they included high school students." Why wouldn't they include high school students.

I think he was trying to imply that gay people are all pedophiles.

I am glad that some high school students have the courage to come out or to support those who do.

I also do not see the correlation between promoting leadership and promoting "an alter-

native lifestyle on a pedestal."

Bridget DeLong

Senior

Applied cultural studies

Think before judging others

To the editor,

I am writing about with the letter to the editor in the Nov. 12 edition of *The Northerner*. "Racism" is not just a white issue."

As a native American student I was totally offended by this person's views.

I feel racism is a delicate issue and for a student to say "African Americans bring their prejudices to the table and 'quit blaming 'the man', is totally messing up. Racism is something you are taught or you choose."

I see black students all the time and the ones I have talked to are not racist.

Let me give this student a piece of advice: think before you judge others and put a label on them.

You need to take a deep look at yourself.

Sarah Montgomery
Freshman, undeclared

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north poll responses

Compiled by Tony Redell

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish and why?



Chad Hauke
Senior,
Construction management

"Pumpkin pie. It tastes good and it's my favorite pie."



Marchelle Crawford
Senior, social work

"Chitlins. Nobody likes it and it's good."



Jason Hill
Freshman, art

"Corn bread. Because it's buttery."



Aaron Carter

Senior,
Applied cultural studies

"Collard greens with turkey necks. It's the way my great-grandma used to cook them."



Melissa Jackson

Sophomore, undeclared

"Cherry salad. It's a dessert but not too sweet."



Carmelia Corbin

Freshman, undeclared

"Stuffing because my mama can cook it good."

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wednesday

- FSLC Leadership Fair Student Life
- African American Student Affairs will be having their Soul Food Fest Part One from 5-7 p.m. in the Baptist Student Union. Sign up sheets are in UC 352 and you can contact Rhonda Sneed at 572-6684 with any questions.
- Join Norse Nation for lunch and be sure to wear your black and gold pride to receive lunch for a buck!
- A Norse Visitation Day will be from 12:45-3 p.m. in the Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required. Contact Office of Admissions at 572-1400.
- There will be a Speak Off in the TV Lounge today and tomorrow from 8 a.m.-8 a.m.
- The Native American Student Organization will have a cook out in the UC plaza from 4-6 p.m.

thursday

- Theta Phi Alpha will sponsor a Perkins Night at Perkins on Route 27 from 5-9 p.m.
- There will be a Symbiotic Woods Concert at 8 p.m. in Graves Hall. It is free and open to everyone.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. will have their Night of Royalty in the UC Ballroom at 8 p.m.

friday

- The Eighth Annual "Tip Off" Tailgate will be held before the first basketball game NKU vs. Gammon. The tailgate will be held at the Campus Recreation center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Stephanie McGoldrick at studentlife@nku.edu
- The annual Turkey Trot will be held at noon and is sponsored by Campus Recreation. Everyone is invited to run, jog or walk this one-mile pre-Thanksgiving event. Prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be provided. To register or for information call 572-5197.
- A Norse Visitation Day will be from 12:45-3 p.m. in the Welcome Center. Reservations

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- are required. Contact Office of Admissions at 572-1400.
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity is having a bake sale on the second floor of Nunn Hall from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

saturday

- Delta Gamma is having a Crush Party from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Get tickets from Delta Gamma.
- The Students for the Re-Legalization of Hemp is having an Informal Gathering and Social Event in the UC Ballroom at 7 p.m.

sunday

- Theta Phi Alpha Scholarship Banquet and Mother-Daughter Day will be in the UC Ballroom at 12:30 p.m.

monday

- The Photo Club is having a photo sale running until tomorrow in the UC plaza 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- The Blue Apple Players will perform in Graves Hall from 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and plays for school children will be at 10 a.m. and noon.
- The NKU Preparatory Department will have a recital at 7 p.m. in Graves Hall.

tuesday

- The Baptist Student Union is offering a free Thanksgiving Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center. Everyone is welcome.

Banquet: Lesson in hunger

"One out of every five people in the world lives on less than \$1 a day," is the hard hitting quote that the Activities Programming Board is using to promote their First Annual Meal of Fortune.

In collaboration with FSLC, Office of Student Life, First Year Programs and the Department of Sociology, APB is sponsoring this event on Thursday Nov. 20 from 4-6:15 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

Stephanie McGoldrick, the APB adviser and program coordinator for the Meal of Fortune described it as an interactive banquet for the entire campus community.

"Students will walk away with a lot more than what they came with," said McGoldrick who seemed to want to keep the actual event a secret to provoke curiosity and increase attendance.

In order to participate in the event, McGoldrick said that students should pick up a FREE ticket in the Office of Student Life UC 10 and also bring a non-perishable food item or hygiene product to the event. Seating is limited so get your ticket as soon as possible.

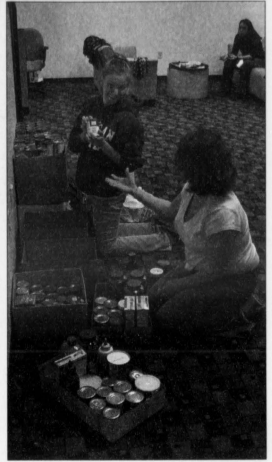
The event will address social issues that can help make a difference to fight hunger and poverty in the Greater Cincinnati area.

There will be four non-profit agencies that the products will be donated to and whom will also be attending the event: Welcome House, Brighton Center, Mary Magdalen and Be Concerned.

The interaction will "put you in the shoes of someone else for a moment in time," said McGoldrick.

With the Holidays coming in, this event will be a great experience to participate and help less fortunate, McGoldrick said. Students can also learn how to volunteer after the event on a personally kept.

By keeping the activities at the event a secret it will be "hopefully intriguing," said McGoldrick. All she could tell us is that it will be interactive and the students will "walk away with something big."



Tony Redell/Photo editor
Kate Brodbeck and Michelle Eviston prepare for Meal of Fortune by boxing can goods up.

Entertainment awards recognize NKU

By EMILY CHALFANT and STUART MACKENZIE
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The seventh annual Cincinnati Entertainment Awards (CEA) will be held Monday to recognize and honor "the best in local theater and music from the past year," according to City Beat, and for the first time, some of the nominees are performers from Northern Kentucky University.

The CEAs were created in 1997 to acknowledge Cincinnati's best performing artists.

"The awards also were created to raise funds for LINKS (Lonely Instruments for Needy Kids), which collects and repairs musical instruments that are distributed free of charge to student musicians throughout Greater Cincinnati," according to City Beat.

Four people affiliated with NKU have been nominated. These include two professor nominations. Arretta Baumgartner who was nominated in the category of best performance by a local actress in a supporting role, she played Gilly in the Ovation Theatre Company's rendition of "The Two Towers." And DeAnne Byll was nominated as a part of the cast of "The Boys Next Door" in the category of best community theater production.

Two student nominations joined the professors.

Andrew Bernhard

Andrew J. Bernhard, a junior theatre major, was nominated for the 2003 CEAs in the category of Best Performance in a Musical by a Local Actor.

Best Performance in a Musical by a Local Actor. Bernhard was nominated for his role as "the Padre" in NKU's Fall 2002 production of "Man Of La Mancha".

This is Bernhard's first nomination for a CEA and he feels very privileged to be publicly acknowledged for his work.

"It is flattering to be recognized by Cincinnati while enrolled as a student," he said. "I am very thankful for this distinct honor."

Bernhard's love of acting began at a very young age.

"When I was very young I wanted to be a priest because they got to speak in front of large groups of people...I started taking acting classes at The Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park when I was five years old," he said.

"I continued at the Playhouse for eight years with training in all aspects and styles of performance."

After high school he accepted a scholarship to NKU's Acting Program in the fall of 2001.

Bernhard is very grateful to the NKU theatre department. "I'd like to thank NKU for their fantastic theatre program," he said. "Specifically I'd like to recognize Ken Jones, Dr. Sam Zachary, Michael King, and Joe Conger for their wisdom and support."

He plans to attend the awards ceremony with his friends and colleagues. "If I win the CEA for Best Actor in a Musical—I will accept it with much pride and thanks to our community," Bernhard said.

"It will definitely help me in the future when I seek professional work in New York City. Most

performances in a musical by a local actor

- Bridget Conforti as Charity Hope Valentine, in Sweet Charity (Northern Kentucky University).
- Angel Rieda as Queenie, in The Wild Party (UC's College Conservatory of Music).
- a belh Harris as Yitzhak, in Hedwig and the Angry Inch (Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati).
- Betsy Wolfe as Luce, The Boys from Syracuse (UC's College Conservatory of Music).

of all. I will hold it close to me as a token of appreciation from my home—Cincinnati."

Bridget Conforti

NKU graduate of Spring 2003, Bridget Conforti is nominated in the performances in a musical by a local actress category for her role as Charity Hope Valentine in last spring's "Sweet Charity," said Conforti.

This is the first time Conforti has been nominated for a CEA, but she did win an award from NKU for Best Actress in a Musical for the same role.

"Each year the theatre department holds an awards ceremony for the past season. It's sort of a mock Tony Award ceremony that's not quite as serious," said Conforti.

She first became interested in performing while taking dance classes as a child. She said her teachers and training gave her the confidence to perform for an audience.

"I came from a school where the girls were ath-

performances in a musical by a local actor

- Brian Anderson as Tony, in West Side Story (Foothill High, Inc.).
- Andrew J. Bernhard as the Padre, in Man of La Mancha (Northern Kentucky University).
- Michael Buth as Prince Boris and especially Baba Yaga, in The Frog Princess (Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati).
- Eric Daniel Santagata as Burns, in The Wild Party (UC's College Conservatory of Music).

— courtesy of www.citybeat.com

letic and very sports-minded. Dancing wasn't exactly the most popular extra-curricular activity, but I found a place for myself there," Conforti said. "It was something that I really enjoyed doing and felt like I was good at."

Although she is proud of her performance in "Sweet Charity," Conforti cannot choose what her favorite role was.

"That's like asking a mother to choose between her children," she said.

Conforti will attend the awards ceremony and even perform a song from "Sweet Charity."

Judges and local music and theatre critics determine nominations for the awards. Public voting determines the winners of most categories, according to CEA officials.

The awards ceremony will be held at Old St. George adjacent to the UC campus. Tickets can be purchased through City Beat's Moral Mushroom (<http://www.citybeat.com/cea/show2003.html>) for \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door.

Artwork benefits library

By ANGIE HULL
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Since the beginning of November, students have had a chance to help the Steely Library as well as further their knowledge in the world of art.

Steely Library's Archives opened to John A. Ruthven on Nov. 8. Ruthven is an artist, but he is also a naturalist, an author, and a lecturer.

In 1971, he founded Wildlife Internationale, Inc., which enabled him to publish some of his limited edition prints.

"His work is different from some of the other artists I have seen at NKU," Andrea Smith, sophomore, education major. Ruthven is an internationally known artist, having had his paintings unveiled and displayed by Presidents Gerald R. Ford, Ronald Reagan and George Bush in the White House.

Frank Stallings, president of Friends of Steely Library said he is happy to have the opportunity to have such a well-known artist displayed at Northern Kentucky University.

The reason we were allotted this opportunity Stallings said was due to the fact that Ruthven is familiar with campus.

"He's a friend of the university," said Stallings. "He was born in the Cincinnati area."

On display are 21 original paintings by Ruthven. Although they vary in size, all of the paintings are of different wildlife scenes.

"I am moved by the fact that there is so much detail," Stallings said.

While at the exhibit if you notice a painting that catches your eye and you wish to purchase it, on Nov. 22 the art will be going on sale.

Students should know that part of the proceeds from the exhibit will benefit the Steely

Library. When students visit the exhibit they will receive a folder with pictures of Ruthven's prints, which are also available to buy.

If you are not interested in buying, just take time to look around and notice some of the beautiful paintings in the room.

Stallings said that one of the smallest paintings, "White Bird," is his favorite.

He added that he thinks some of Ruthven's paintings of birds are the most detailed and therefore the most interesting.

The exhibit began Nov. 9 and will continue through Nov. 22. The display is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., or by appointment by calling (859) 572-5863.

For more information on get online at <http://library.nku.edu/fs/>



The Runabout Past-Eaters, dressed here in Halloween costumes donated by local costume companies, are a new children's theatre troupe from the NKU theatre and dance department. See page 7 to learn more about the group.

Costumes worn by the Runabout Past-Eaters were provided by the following costume stores:

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Tim Dawner / Photographer

Counter clockwise from left: C.J. Fryer, Derek Lee, Kate Thompson, Karie Miller, Kathleen Anderson, Carly Fry, Josh Beshears, and Aretta Baumgartner decorate masks preparing for their upcoming production.

Paste-Eaters glue together for kids

By C.J. Fryer
Staff Writer
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The students were very busy with their projects. There were large pieces of multi-colored construction paper all around. Scissors and colored pencils were scattered across the floor.

Surprising as it may be, this was not a grade school art class. This was the setting of a theatre college course at Northern Kentucky University. This two-hour credit course is one of the three NKU Tour Troupe classes, this one focusing on children's theatre.

"The intent of forming the group is in response to part of my duties and responsibilities here to do community based theatre projects," said Daryl

Harris, a lecturer in the department of theatre and dance.

Harris along with Aretta Baumgartner are facilitators of the course. The group of students enrolled in the class, who are known as The Runabout Paste-Eaters, include junior Josh Beshears and seniors Kathleen Anderson, Carly Fry, Megan Hilbert, Derek Lee, Karie Miller, and Kate Thompson.

According to Harris, the group creatively came up with their name. Runabout is an abridged word for child, and Paste-Eaters was one of their brainstormed ideas, which they liked the best because it sounded rebellious.

Harris wanted to work on projects that have Underground Railroad related themes, focusing on the idea of freedom and produce shows

for an elementary school audience, as opposed to the other troupes that are mainly designed for an older audience, middle school and up.

"I grew up in children's theatre. It was for children, by children, and even though we had a young audience it wasn't cheesy," Karie Miller said.

"We didn't wear nurlenecks in primary colors and sing songs about looking both ways before crossing the street. It was true theatre."

In addition to providing entertainment to children, Harris believes the group can give them much more.

"It's a social use of theatre, using it with kids teaching social skills, communication, collaboration, and expression," Harris said.

Currently, the Runabout Paste-Eaters are working on a

production entitled "Shel's Shorts", a compilation of various works by children's author Shel Silverstein.

Silverstein has produced

such works as "The Giving Tree", "Where the Sidewalk Ends", "A Light in the Attic", and "Falling Up". There will be a preview of this production Thursday, Nov. 20.

It will take place at the Black Box Theatre at 3:30 pm, and is open free of charge to anyone.

Harris is excited, as this will be the group's first time in front of an audience. They

will have a feedback session after their production, which will last about 20 minutes.

"We're using his

script," Harris said, "dramatizing each of his pieces in different ways."

"I signed up for this class because kids desperately need the arts and

need to experience theatre," Miller said. "When I was a kid, theatre changed my life."

Harris's only prerequisite for the course is a passion,

with skill, talent, and training optional.

"We're structuring the troupe as a collective theatre company... everybody does everything," Harris said, which includes making props for their productions.

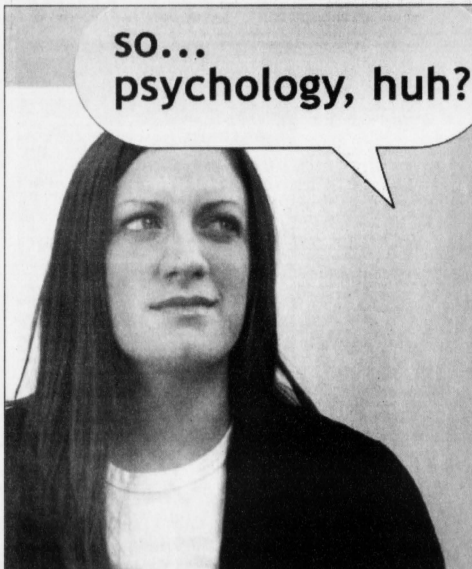
"Hey, I'm getting college credit to play with construction paper and dance around and make a (fool) of myself," said Miller. "I can't complain."

If you're interested in writing a production for a youth audience using a theme of freedom, the class is having a playwrighting contest.

The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2004, and a pair of season subscriptions to NKU Theatre and Dance's 2004-2005 and \$50 are up for grabs. Contact Daryl Harris for more details.

"I'm getting college credit to play with construction paper and dance around and make a (fool) of myself,"

- Karie Miller



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Sports Scene



with Kyle

Runners use club to train

As Steve Kruse finishes up another year as Head Coach of Northern Kentucky University's Cross-Country teams, he looks forward towards the off-season.

An offseason that, for most cross-country coaches, would include their runners training with the help of the university's track and field team. This is not so for Kruse.

A true track-and-field team ceases to exist at NKU. It is the only school in the Great Lakes Valley Conference to compete in cross-country, but not track and field. So Kruse and his group of runners are sort of left to fend for themselves. While a true track-and-field team does not exist at NKU, most of the runners on the cross-country team do run on the track and field club. The club was started up by Kruse and is used as a way to keep his players in shape during the off-season.

This chance to compete allows the runners to stay on par with other schools, but it can come at a price. Since the club sport is not a NCAA sanctioned sport at NKU, the runners on the team and Kruse are responsible for coming up with the money to pay most of the costs involved with running.

"Ideally, it would be great to have an official track team at NKU. It's not likely right now because of the money situation," said Kruse. "The athletes a lot of the time have to buy their own food and travel expenses. We're pretty much doing it self-sufficiently."

Kruse has tried to find ways to come up with some money to be used for the club, including the annual Valentine's Day race held on campus in February. Kruse says the club, which consists mainly of members of the current cross-country team, has full support from the Athletic Department, and has proven in the past it has the ability to compete with those schools with official track and field teams.

"We run against a lot of schools with track teams and we are very competitive," Kruse said. "We even compete against a lot of larger schools in the area."

The club which runs both indoor and outdoor track-and-field events, usually competes off and on from December through the spring semester. They have competed against bigger schools, such as the University of Cincinnati, University of Louisville, Indiana University and University of Dayton. Kruse says this gives his team the chance to see where they stack up against bigger schools.

"It allows us just to see what we have," said Kruse, "and helps with making us a more competitive team."

Kruse also explains that the lack of a track team also affects what runners are interested in running for NKU's cross-country teams.

"Track is king," said Kruse. "It's a major hurdle to overcome, for one who an athlete who is set on running both track and cross-country while in college."

Kruse and his teams will continue to find ways of funding their track club, with the hopes of help coming in the future. Kruse, for one, believes that eventually it will happen.

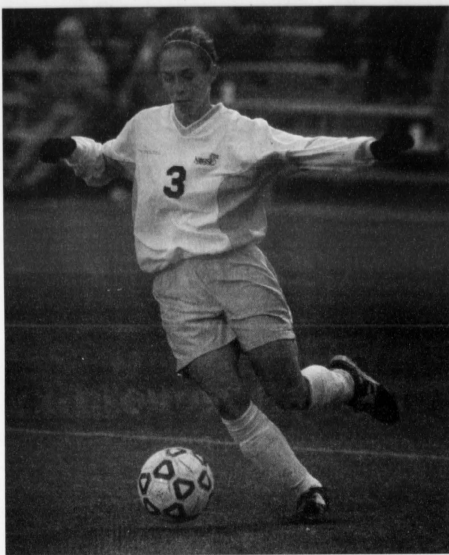
"I think that - down the road - you will see NKU get a track-and-field team," said Kruse.

For now, he will continue to gather his teams together and the offseason with their own money and resources. In hopes of making themselves better in order to stay competitive and in shape for the upcoming cross-country seasons.

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Soccer advances to Elite Eight

Zinser scores three in win



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ALLENDALE, Mich. - Given the NCAA Tournament history of the Northern Kentucky University women's soccer program, it is anyone really surprised by this outcome?

The fact that third-seeded NKU posted a 4-3 win over top-seeded Grand Valley State University on Sunday in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region championship match probably will not shock anyone. The victory gave NKU its fifth straight regional title, and the Norse advance to meet the University of Nebraska at Omaha in next Saturday's NCAA Division II national quarterfinals at Omaha, Neb.

But few would have expected the defensive-oriented Norse to score four times against a Grand Valley State team that earlier this season posted a 1-0 victory against NKU in Wilder, Ky. In that contest, the Lakers held the Norse to just four shots in the second half and won with a late goal.

"Our team is much more focused and determined than earlier in the season, and these players have improved dramatically," Sheehan said after his team upped its record to 17-2-4. "Grand Valley State is a terrific soccer team with a number of talented players, and we were excited to have the chance to play them again."

"We started off very strong in this game, and Kendra Zinser was outstanding," Sheehan said.

Zinser, a senior and a grad-

uate of Mercy High School in Cincinnati, tied a career-high with three goals Sunday. She netted two goals in the first 22 minutes to give NKU a 2-0 lead.

"Without a doubt, Kendra had the best game of her career," Sheehan said. "She scored three goals, but she nearly had two more scores, and she played as well as I have ever seen her play."

Zinser's third goal - which was assisted off a corner kick by Amy Martini - gave the Norse a 3-1 lead early in the second half. Grand Valley State (17-2-2) cut the lead to 3-2 on Shannon Carrier's score at the 60:11 mark, but Martini converted a penalty kick five minutes later to extend NKU's advantage to 4-2.

Carrier scored her second goal of the match one minute later to make it 4-3, but NKU was able to hold off the Lakers, securing the win.

"Our team played exceptionally well, and they had to do that to beat a great team like Grand Valley State," Sheehan said. "I can't say enough about this team, and the way they have improved since we began practice back in the summer."

NKU will face a familiar opponent next Saturday in Nebraska at Omaha (16-3-2). The Mavericks eliminated NKU from last year's NCAA Tournament, in a tightly contested 1-0 match.

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USI upsets Norse in tourney

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The Great Lakes Valley Conference volleyball tournament ended surprisingly for NKU in the semifinal round when the University of Southern Indiana upset the Norse winning three out of five sets. NKU was the No. 1 seed and the University of Southern Indiana was the No. 5 seed.

NKU won the first two games in usual fashion, outscoring the Eagles 30-15 the first set and 30-24 in the second game. The Norse appeared confident going into the third game but something changed as the Eagles gained momentum. Laura Ellerbroch and Leanne Gross of Southern Indiana seemed to catch fire, leading the way recording 15 kills a piece in the match. Once the Eagles took the lead in the third set, NKU was unable to come

back, dropping the game 30-23.

The fourth game was like the third despite Kristin Koralewski and Cammi Welter each having six kills. The Norse had a total of 14 errors in the set. After Welter had two kills in a row, helping to cut the lead to 19-18 it looked like the Norse would make a comeback but it just wasn't enough to stop the Eagle momentum. The set ended in the USI's favor 30-27, evening the match at two games a piece.

Ellerbroch, Ashley Riordan and Natalie Atzinger of Southern Indiana led the attack in the fifth and deciding game helping the Eagles jump out to a quick 5-0 lead. The lead would eventually be stretched to 9-2 before NKU was able to make a comeback. The Norse fought back to even the score at 9-9 however they were unable to get over the hump, as Southern Indiana took the game and the match with a 15-10 fifth game victory.

Senior Nicole Salisbury was

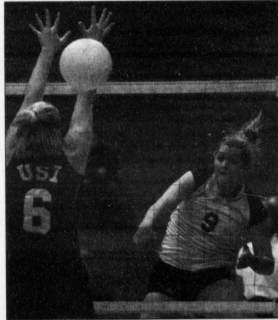
almost unable to comment on the game due to the emotional loss.

"We worked really hard to get where we are and the way we played today is not what it takes to compete on a national level," Salisbury said.

Junior Amber Timmons said that the Eagles just wanted it more in the fourth set and that NKU just couldn't stop the Eagle's slide in the fifth set.

Cammi Welter had 21 kills and Kristin Koralewski had 19 kills for the match. NKU's record is now 24-11. Even with the loss, the Norse received an invitation to the NCAA tournament, where they will take on the University of Findlay, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Marquette, Mich.

It is the seventh time that NKU has received a birth into the NCAA Division II tournament. With a win the Norse should be Northern Michigan (26-0) in round two.



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NKU senior Nicole Salisbury smashes the ball past a USI defender. Salisbury's efforts were not enough as NKU fell 3-2.

Ex-provost hanging up ref whistle



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Redding referees a game between Georgia and Florida last year. Redding, who was an NKU administrator for 10 years is in his last season of refereeing college football games.

Former NKU administrator Rogers Redding enters his final year officiating college football games in the Southeastern Conference

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On Saturdays Rogers Redding, former vice president of administration and finance at NKU, exchanges his suit and tie for a black and white striped shirt.

Redding has spent his weekends for the past 16 years refereeing NCAA Division I-A football games, but this year he will hang up the stripes and try to find time to be a fan instead of an official.

"People think this job is a seasonal thing," said Redding. "But, with everything I do during the off-season, it really is a year-round job."

Redding spends the first four days of the week working as vice chancellor of academic affairs at the University of Colorado at Colorado

Springs before taking off on Friday to work for the Southeastern Conference.

He referees games featuring teams such as the University of Florida, Louisiana State University, University of Tennessee and the University of Georgia. He can be seen on national television almost weekly and has to do his job in front of at least 50,000 screaming fans every time out.

"I started 30 years ago, after a couple of my friends got me interested in it," said Redding. "I had to start by refereeing Pee-wee and junior high football games in Texas, and it just kind of grew from there."

Redding got his start in college football, officiating in the now-defunct Southwest Conference. After moving to work at NKU 10 years ago, he began refereeing for the Southeastern Conference. He is regarded highly enough by his peers

that he has worked three National Championship games - the 1991 Orange Bowl, the 1998 Rose Bowl and the 1993 Orange Bowl.

"The Orange Bowl" between Miami and Alabama in 1993 was probably my most memorable game," said Redding. "It was the first year the bowl alliance was formed, with the No. 1 and 2-ranked teams in the nation playing each other."

The chance to visit such stadiums as Georgia's Natus Stadium and LSU's Tiger Stadium are just some of the benefits for Redding in his job.

"Those are really special places to visit," said Redding.

Redding is also well-known for writing many different referee study guides and conducting workshops and clinics throughout the off-season - all of which help contribute to his reputation as a referee.

hotseat



with Elias Hajar

This week Elias sits down with men's basketball player, Mike Kelsey.

Elias Hajar: Sharell Sardon said last week in the Hot Seat that the men's team wouldn't have a better record than the women's team once the season ended. Is she right?

Mike Kelsey: No, definitely not. I think we'll definitely have a better record than the women's team. They are coming into the year as one of the top teams, and we're coming in and no one really knows about us yet. It would be wrong for me to say they would have a better record than us, but I hope they win as many games as possible too. But I don't think she's right.

EH: With the departure of Brenden Stowers you have taken over as the leader/go-to-

guy on the team. Do you like the pressure and responsibility that comes with the role?

MK: Definitely. You always want to be the guy who takes the last shot, and Brenden was that for us last year and he did a good job with it. I'll take the torch and run with it.

EH: You scored a game-high 15 points against the University of Cincinnati. Are you good enough to play for the Bearcats?

MK: I think a lot of guys on our team could play for the Bearcats. Some of the guys on our team can shoot the ball better than anyone they have.

EH: Is UC overrated?

MK: They got a lot of guys hurt. They played with about five guys, but when we played them, I didn't think they were a top-15 team in the nation. I think the guys who were sitting out are going to be key players for them, so you can't really tell yet.

EH: Do you think college athletes should get paid?

MK: No. That would just ruin college sports. They get their school paid for, so I consider that getting paid enough.

EH: In the first Hot Seat ever (last semester), I asked teammate Sean Rowland if he should be a starter on the team and he said jokingly, no "I can't jump, I'm slow, I'm not athletic and I can't shoot." With that said, how do you feel about him being the starting point guard this season?

MK: I think he totally won the job. He deserves it, he's a hard worker like a lot of us on this team. We're not the most athletic team, we're not the fastest and can't jump the highest, but hard work is going to take us a long way. Sean is a great leader, and to have him as a point guard is great.

EH: Your brother is a former Xavier University basketball player and current assistant coach under Skip Prosser at Wake Forest University. In a one-on-one game between the two of you, who wins?

MK: Right now, I win. It would be a much closer battle if I was playing him during his prime, but right now he's been out of it for a couple of years, so there would definitely be some fights and stuff here and there, but I think I can take him.

EH: Fact or fiction: Ken Shields is the best coach you've

ever played for?

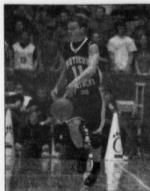
MK: Fact. He knows how to win.

EH: Fact or fiction: Sean Rowland is the worst shooter on the team?

MK: Fiction. Sean is a good shooter; he just thinks he can't shoot and if he just goes out there and quits thinking about it, he's a good shooter.

EH: Fact or fiction: Lisa Guerro is a better sideline reporter than Melissa Stark was on Monday Night Football?

MK: Fact. She's a good-looking woman and I just think she's better.



Mike Kelsey

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Women's Basketball

At Holiday Isle Classic (Tavernier, Florida)
-Thursday, Nov. 20 vs. Nova Southeastern @ 6:30 pm
-Saturday, Nov. 22 vs. TBA @ TBA

Tuesday, Nov. 25 vs. Findlay @ 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 29 vs. Missouri-St. Louis @ 1 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 1 vs. Quincy @ 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball

John L. Griffin/Lions Club Classic (at Regents Hall)
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-Saturday, Nov. 22 vs. TBA @ TBA

Wednesday, Nov. 26 vs. Thomas More @ 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 29 vs. Missouri St. Louis

Monday, Dec. 1 vs. Quincy @ 7:45 p.m.

Volleyball

Thursday, Nov. 20 vs. Findlay @ 7:30 p.m. (first round NCAA Tournament)

Women's Soccer

Saturday, Nov. 22 vs. Nebraska-Omaha @ 1 p.m. (quarterfinals of NCAA Tournament)

Cowboys and Panthers face off; Titans may win

Football Picks



with Dominic Wise

Dallas Cowboys vs. Carolina Panthers

What an outstanding job Bill Parcells has done with the Cowboys this year. Are the 'Boys back?

So far this season it has seemed that way. You can't overlook the job John Fox has done in Carolina this season. No one expected them to sweep the defending Super Bowl champions this year. Who would have thought, going into this season, that both of these two teams would be at the top of

their divisions?

You can't say enough about the job Stephen Davis has done for the Panthers. He seems to be a perfect fit for their smash-mouth-type of offense. I look for Davis to get his 25-35 carries against a very talented young Cowboy's defense. This will be a very low-scoring game and a game of field position.

The Panthers will continue to run Davis between the tackles until someone can stop him, which hasn't happened yet. I look for Davis to get another 100-yard rushing game and for

the Panther's defense to rattle Quincy Carter and the Cowboys offense.

Prediction:

Panthers 14 Cowboys 10

Tennessee Titans at the Atlanta Falcons

This is my blowout game of the week! One more week, Falcons fans, until you get your Michael Vick back. I know the city of Atlanta will be excited. If you are a Falcons fan, I think you would want to turn this game off and just wait until next

week when you get your quarterback back. This game could get ugly real quick. The Falcons did beat the New York Giants a couple weeks ago, thanks to Tiki Barber's fumbling problems, but I don't see the Falcons getting lucky again and beating Steve McNair (this year's MVP) and the Titans.

The Titans are on the roll and McNair is putting up career-high numbers in the passing game. I look for McNair to throw for over 200 yards in the first half then sit most of the second half. This could be the

breakout game that the fading Eddie George needs to resurrect his career. I look for him to get 100 yards.

I would have given the Falcons a chance if Vick was playing. How much do the Falcons miss Vick? Just look at their record and passing stats. Their last three games, they have been averaging 150 yards passing, which won't win you too many games in the NFL. I like the Titans in a romp.

Prediction:

Titans 34 Falcons 13

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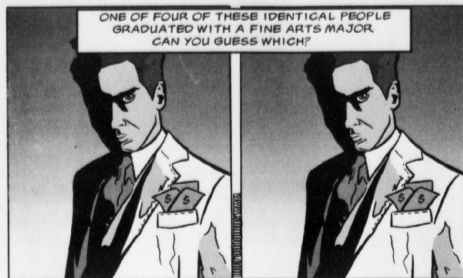
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