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If you're a beer lover and interested in learning more about your favorite suds, check out www.beer.com. You can check out the latest beer news, find any bar, pub or nightclub in the U.S. or Canada. They even have a beer of the month. Remember, you must be 21 to enter!

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Nov. 30, 1954: Elizabeth Hodges is struck in the hip by a meteorite while she is sleeping on her couch. This is the first modern instance of a meteor hitting a person.

Nov. 30, 1993: President Clinton signs the Brady Bill, which puts a five-day wait after buying a handgun.

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Women's soccer returns to Final 4

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

Last season, the NKU women's soccer team made it to the NCAA Division II Final Four. This season, the expectations were much higher for the Norse. After the team's 1-0 win over Mercyhurst College Nov. 18 at the Town and Country Sports Complex, NKU advances to the Final Four for the second straight year.

"We were really beat up last year. We were worn out and inexperienced," said coach Bob Sheehan. "The bulk of our team was the sophomores. We have learned from it."

It was a tough road for the Norse in advancing to the next round of the tournament. NKU defeated Mercyhurst earlier in the season by a score of 6-2 on the road.

Mercyhurst, however, stepped up its defense by playing a more aggressive game this time around. "We were expecting a hard-fought game," NKU junior Jeanna Martin said. "We know we're a better team than they are. We just needed to come out and show it."

The aggressive play led to six yellow cards, three for each team, in the game. "Mercyhurst was very physical," Sheehan said. "We had to

take it upon ourselves to play a clean, hard game."

Despite that, the Norse held its ground and continued with their strong play. NKU junior Betsy Moore said, "In the second half, we played better and walked away."

The stepped-up play in the second half proved to work out as planned for the NKU soccer team. With seven minutes to go in the game, Martin made a cross-field pass to teammate Moore, who poked in the decisive goal for the Norse. "The few chances I get to the ball, I had to capitalize on them," Martin said. "If I got it up there, I knew somebody would put it in."

NKU held on to the 1-0 victory, and the team is excited to be going back to the Final Four again. "We know how awesome it is to get to the Final Four," Moore said. "We just had to play harder and play like ourselves."

"It's well-deserved; it's well-earned," Martin added. "We're a great team altogether."

Playing on its home field gave NKU the edge in the game, as it has all season. Sheehan said, "Our players love playing here. It utilizes our players' quickness."

Sheehan said he felt you had to give a hand to the Mercyhurst ball team, because they really came to play. "They did a great job today;



Rachel Dietz/The Northernner

The NKU women's soccer team had a reason to celebrate after beating Mercyhurst 1-0 at the Town and Country Sports Complex to advance to its second straight NCAA Division II Final Four.

They played very well."

The Norse, ranked fourth in the NCAA Division II poll, improved to 20-1-2 with the win. The Norse haven't had an official loss since the second game of the season. Now, the team is halfway to its goals.

Moore said, "We wanted to win out and win the National Championship."

NKU is two wins away from getting that National Championship. The Norse next battle No. 1 ranked Barry (Fla.) University in the Final

Four Nov. 30 in Miami Shores, Fla., at Barry University. The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. The Norse have never faced Barry.

The NCAA Division II Championship will be played Sat., Dec. 2 at 1 p.m.

Making A Stand



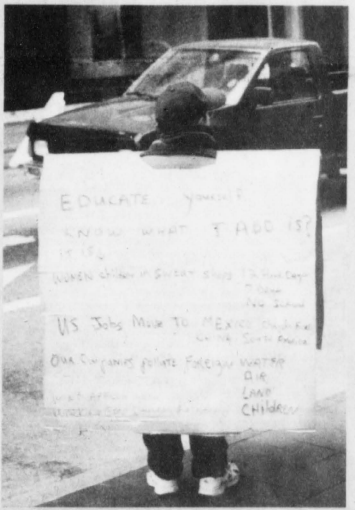
Forrest Berkshire and Dan Mechet/The Northernner

Opponents to globalization organized a protest against the Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue held in Cincinnati.

Hundreds of protesters rallied in the streets and on Fountain Square, while hundreds of police in riot gear mobilized to meet them. The situation led to some tense stand-offs between protesters and police, and in some instances turned violent. Police armed with tear gas and riot gear arrested several protesters over the weekend.

The Northernner sent their representative into the mix on the final day of the protest, to see what was really going down in down town.

Read about his experiences and what he saw from both sides on page 4.



NKU wants better atmosphere for campus

By Hlevani Baloyi
Managing Editor

The Master Plan behind making Northern Kentucky University's campus green comes down to whether Northern Kentucky University's budget will cover the cost.

Director of Campus Planning Mary Paula Schuh said the university's goal is to provide a more inviting atmosphere by adding trees and shrubs. "We want to develop an outer living area for students," she said. The design and taskforce set up to investigate the possibilities of enhancing NKU's image has estimated that this project will cost between \$500,000 and \$700,000.

The plan describes five areas in particular where greenery would provide the campus with an effective face-lift: The Nunn drive entrance garden, the campus green, the central plaza by University Center, campus

gateways, and the campus streetscape.

Schuh said that \$35,000 has been raised to plant trees in pots on the central plaza and

it is estimated to be completed within the next two years. Funding for the campus green will cost one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to plant trees around the university's parking lots, along the curbs of the streets and around buildings.

However, the taskforce has run into budget problems in raising the money for the rest of the campus image landscaping plan. Schuh said a majority of the money still has to be raised and private money from alumni could be the best solution to the problem. "The money for the 50,000 trees will

depend on private money, which has not been raised yet," Schuh said.

The increase in greenery to NKU will be in conjunction with the outdoor recreation center which is estimated to cost \$150,000. The outdoor recreation will consist of two basketball courts, two volleyball courts and a picnic shelter. "The plan is to develop trails that go through the woods to provide more recreation for students," Schuh said.

The new outdoor recreation center has factored in \$6,500 for shrubbery and trees. Director of Campus Recreation, Steve Meier said the money for this project was provided by the Invest for Success program and the university's fund balance budget.

The Master Plan has a wider variety of possible renovations to the campus. Schuh said the completion of the new science building will allow the designers to look at the total space and how it can draw more warmth to what will be partially a concrete building. "The estimated amount of greenery is 126 to 3,000 depending on what types of perennial trees and shrubs are required."

According to the Master Plan, the process is underway and the progress of making the campus look more warm and inviting in this concrete jungle is estimated to be in the mid-term to long-term. The Master Plan has placed timeframes on specific projects. The campus image, which encompasses planting in more greenery, hinges on the availability of funds. Schuh said, "We hope to have the landscaping for what is funded completed, ideally, by next fall."

SGA to address dining concerns in Norse Commons

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Student Government Association is currently looking into student concerns regarding the Norse Commons Dining Hall at Northern Kentucky University.

Jennifer Surgalski, SGA vice-president of public relations, said Sodexho-Marriott would be forwarding copies of a recent survey of student's views to SGA for their review.

SGA Senator and Sodexho-Marriott employee Burhan Mohamedali said his boss, Director of Operations Kevin Wendlandt, told him the surveys indicated one issue many students were not satisfied with was the cleanliness of plates, trays and silverware in the cafeteria.

"I think it's sick to walk in and see dried food on the plates and silverware," said sophomore Matt Kessler, 19.

Kessler isn't the only one who is not pleased. Senior Megan Rose said she gets dirty plates a lot. Freshman Aleta

Shaffner said she is concerned about getting dirty plates and silverware. Brian Wylie, musical theatre major, said he usually gets a dirty plate about twice a week. "It concerns me that they aren't cleaning the dishes well enough," he said.

Mohamedali said that the dish room is a major problem and he is aware that sometimes dishes do get put out dirty. "There's a lot to be desired from the dish room," he said. Mohamedali said the person taking plates from the dishwasher is supposed to make sure the plates are clean.

Does this always happen?

"Sometimes," said Barb Mayer, who works in the dish room. Steven Eifler, front line server, said, "when they put them away they don't do any kind of inspection of them."

Wendlandt said the problem could be partly because of staff negligence, but the plates are sanitary due to the Eco-lab chemicals used in the dishwasher.

Sodexho General Manager Andy Meeks

said that there isn't a problem with the dish room. "Norse Commons is one of the cleanest food service operations I've personally been in," he said.

Another complaint some students have is the food served in the cafeteria. Lindsey Henry, communications major, said she doesn't like being served the previous day's leftovers.

"We're paying money to eat here. The least they can do is keep up with their food. We don't want to eat leftovers," she said.

Cook Alan Whitaker said the reason they use leftovers is to keep the food cost down. "To feed the kids like they should be fed, we have to utilize leftovers," he said.

Whitaker said they are very safe when they reuse food. He said it is sanitary as long as they heat the food to 165 degrees.

Mohamedali said when they use an item the next day, it is called runoff. This means the food is served in addition to the

main entree. He also said leftovers can be used as backup items, in the event an item runs out.

Employee Gloria Shelton said she could remember times when they served the same food three days in a row. "One time, they put gravy on it. The next day, it was barbecued. And the next day, it was ground up and served as sandwiches," she said.

Wendlandt said he is reducing food production to reduce leftovers to remedy this problem.

Meeks said one common way they reuse food is using leftovers to make soup.

Some students complain about the convenience store in Norse Commons. Shelton said the candy bars are not replaced unless they are sold. They do not sell quickly at 75 cents each, when the vending machine in Norse Commons game room offers the same candy bars for 60 cents. Shelton said some of the candy bars are so old they have turned white.

A representative of *The Northerner* purchased a Hershey's Special Dark candy bar on three different occasions. All three candy bars were almost white in color.

Shelton said that many of the bottles of pop in the convenience store were outdated. Most of the 20-ounce beverages were not expired, and tend to fail fairly quickly. However, 37 of 50 one-liter bottles of pop had already expired. Most of the two liters had not passed the expiration date, but some brands such as Citra were expired.

Wendlandt said a refund will be issued to anyone who purchases an outdated product.

Mohamedali said any students who have complaints should leave their concern on a comment card and drop them in the box located in the Norse Commons cafeteria. He said issues raised on comment cards are dealt with immediately. Surgalski said some changes already discussed are extended food hours and providing a list of ingredients in food.



A World Trade Organization protester was arrested and escorted down Fifth Street last Saturday as she repeatedly shouted that she was nonviolent and not resisting.

Salary an issue in recruitment and retention of experienced DPS officers at NKU

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

A noncompetitive salary is one reason the Department of Public Safety officers have difficulty recruiting more experienced police officers, according to DPS Director Don McKenzie.

McKenzie said the starting pay for a DPS officer is \$10.87 per hour, or about \$22,000 per year. This figure is about \$6,000 less than what the U.S. Department of Labor defines as the minimum annual base salary.

According to the Human Resources staff salary report, the salary of DPS officers ranges from \$22,000 to nearly \$25,000 annually.

DPS also employs security guards and dispatchers. The salary for these positions falls below or just above the national poverty level.

By comparison, Xavier University and University of Cincinnati offer better pay to campus police officers.

Xavier University Lt. Bill Smith said they offer salaries higher than NKU's, but still about 15 to 20 percent lower than most local agencies.

University of Cincinnati Lt. Steve Senft said they are very competitive regarding pay scale.

"We're middle to upper of the road for salaries. We do our best to stay competitive. There's good benefits and that draws people in too," Senft said.

One advantage of being able to offer competitive salaries is being able to recruit seasoned police officers.

Senft said he is currently interviewing officers to fill vacant positions, some of which have 15 years experience. Xavier has some police officers who formerly worked for Cincinnati Police Department.

McKenzie said DPS used to recruit several former Covington and Newport police officers. He said those officers have since retired.

In addition to recruiting, retention of

officers has also proved to be a problem for DPS. Fourteen officers left DPS between July, 1998 and May, 2000. By comparison, Senft said UC loses more officers due to retirement than in pursuit of a better job.

"A big factor is the paycheck," McKenzie said.

McKenzie said DPS employees get benefits from the Kentucky Employment Retirement System, which are the same benefits as other university employees. He said the benefits include a medical package and retirement.

McKenzie said other police departments may offer benefit packages, some of which are better than the KERS benefits. NKU, Xavier, and UC have different requirements for becoming a police officer.

UC requires an officer to have at

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By Douglas Dehner
Staff Writer

NKU will be re-routing many of the campus roadways over the next several years, according to the final draft of the NKU Master Plan released last month. The Master Plan calls for four major road constructions and projects.

Mary Paula Schuh, Director of Campus Planning, said the overall goal of the university is to expand the original design concept of NKU as a medieval walled city and push the congestion out of the middle of the campus.

Schuh said, "The first priority is the upgrading and realignment of Johns Hill Road and University Drive." She

added that the university is meeting with the State Highway Department to acquire funding for the project.

The Master Plan calls for the current University Drive to become a boulevard and connect directly to Johns Hill Road. According to the Master Plan, this would lessen congestion and make the current University Drive more aesthetically and useful.

Schuh said the next priority would be the construction of a loop road that would run parallel to I-275 and create a circle around the campus, connecting Johns Hill Road and Three Mile Road.

Schuh added that once the loop road was completed Kenton Drive would be closed down so that it would no longer allow access for through traffic.

"This will lessen the conflict between pedestrians and cars," Schuh said. She added that the loop road would "move cars faster in and out of campus."

According to Schuh the final priority of the plan is the extension of the loop road to Pool Creek Road and connect to the AA Highway.

Amy Moellman, a senior and resident of Campbell County, said she feels that the extension to Pool Creek Road would do nothing to help with traffic congestion.

"Pool Creek isn't the best of roads for people to drive on," Moellman said. "They'd be better off just driving a little further and getting on US 27."

D.P.S. REPORTS

Nov. 22, 2:20 a.m. - Female passed out. Victim conscious on officer's arrival. Campbell County Central Squad responded and the victim refused treatment.

Nov. 22, 10:28 a.m. - Three books were taken from the University Center Bookstore. The suspect was captured on videotape while leaving the store. He is described as a white male, approximately 40 years old. His weight is close to 170 lbs. and has white graying hair. The situation is under investigation.

Nov. 20, 1:38 p.m. - In the University Administration Service driveway, an NKU police cruiser struck a railing.

Nov. 21, 4:44 p.m. - A black 1995 Honda which is on a tow list was located. Vehicle not towed. Report forwarded to the Parking office for clarification.

Nov. 21, 6:08 p.m. - A vehicle struck a deer. The vehicle sustained heavy damage and was towed from the scene. The deer was not located.

Nov. 17, 3:14 p.m. - In parking lot B, a male complainant reported that the right front fender of his vehicle was scratched by unknown subjects. The situation is under investigation.

Nov. 18, 5:04 p.m. - In parking lot E, missing mail was found. It was then secured in the DPS property locker. The individuals that the mail was addressed to were unable to be located.

Nov. 19, 4:34 p.m. - At BP oil, a wallet and contents belonging to an NKU student were found. They were then secured in the DPS property locker.

Nov. 20, 9:32 a.m. - Damage to the right rear side of a University Van was discovered. The time and cause of damage is unknown.

Nov. 20, 10:58 a.m. - A female reported that her 2000-2001 NKU student decal is missing from her vehicle. She was referred to the parking office for replacement.

Nov. 26, 8:15 a.m. - A female in the Albright Health Center stated that she was verbally attacked by another female concerning past events between the two of them. The report was forwarded to the dean of students for possible arbitration and/or mediation.

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Kiedra King was crowned Miss Black and Gold Nov. 18. The pageant was held at Greaves Auditorium and hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha. King is now eligible to participate in state-wide pageants and then to the nationals. She also received a trophy and a \$250 book scholarship.

Ugliness abound

By Forrest Berkshire
Editor in Chief

You could not find more sadists and masochists at some sort of freaky deviant sex rally in San Francisco than the two groups that gathered in downtown Cincinnati for the final day of the protest against the Trans Atlantic Business Dialogue.

As I rounded the corner from Seventh Street onto Vine and walked toward Fountain Square, I immediately could tell those wanting to hurt someone from those begging to be hurt.

There were the cops, at least 300, in

full riot gear, sporting billy clubs, canisters of tear gas and shotguns, marching beside a line of a couple hundred protesters chanting their slogans. Right away I could feel the tension. If looks could kill every cop down there would have been up on charges. It was apparent from the start the protesters were asking for trouble, and the Cincinnati Police Department was more than willing to oblige them.

Personally, I wanted nothing to do with either side. I was there to cover the protest for the paper and maybe get a couple good photos of some mind-numbing police brutality. A couple quotes, a couple pics, and I



could be out of the numbing cold and enjoy a beer while I typed it up.

But this was no regular event. This wasn't some rally where some speakers get up and do their thing, you talk to a couple people out of the audience, and go home. No, I realized the only way to get the story was to dive in and see what was going on.

So I merged into the crowd, passing a couple of protesters bearing backpacks with a red cross patch that said "Street Medic" and another group of women doing a mock-up of cheerleaders railing against the World Trade Organization.

It wasn't until the crowd circled back to Fountain Square that things began to get heavy.

I'm not sure how it started. I was

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Food, drink and Scrooge

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Bah Humbug? Not this year.

LaComedia Dinner Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol" has enough to put even Ebenezer Scrooge in the Christmas spirit.

LaComedia, one of the largest dinner theatres in the country, is located in Springboro, Ohio, and is well worth the drive.

The timeless role of Scrooge is played with shocking realism by Charlie Goetz, and he injects vibrant life into the character unlike I have ever seen.

"A Christmas Carol" marks Goetz 37th LaComedia production, which is more than any other actor.

A large part of the role as Scrooge was non-verbal. Therefore, Goetz had to express much his character's emotion through facial expression and body movement.

Goetz ability to "become" Scrooge verbally and non-verbally

is one reason he was so effective. When Goetz did speak, his voice sounded identical to what I imagined Scrooge would sound like.

This version of "A Christmas Carol" has been updated, but still holds true to Charles Dickens' novel.

The story opens during the Dickens' family Christmas celebration and always includes a retelling of Dickens' story.

I believed this style only made a masterpiece better. By using this format, they were able to include cheerful chatter and common Christmas songs to break up the seriousness of the action and accent it with some holiday flair.

In addition to the show, LaComedia also offers a dinner buffet before the show.

The menu for this show includes their signature salad with papaya

Chutney dressing, Turkey and stuffing, Deep fried Norwegian Cod, Sweet Potato Souffle, and much more.

There are also a wide assortment of exotic drinks, available in alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

One drink that is a special for this production is the "Key Ebenezer", which is a smooth blend of amaretto, cream and pineapple. The drink is also available with alcohol.

In addition to these exotic drinks, LaComedia also offers a wide assortment of coffees and cappuccinos that are sure to warm you up on a cold, winter day.

"A Christmas Carol" is now showing and will be running through Dec. 30.

Tickets are \$33-\$45 and LaComedia recommends that you arrive between 5:30 and 6:00.

Reservations can be made by phone at (513) 746-4554 or 1-800-677-9505. You can also reserve tickets online at www.lacomedia.com.

Review

A trip into the archives

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

As Trans Continental Records owner Louis Pearlman continues to thrust more and more indistinguishable boy bands into the music scene, rock-and-roll artists are slowly going the way of the dinosaurs.

Talented songwriters from the late 1990s are being rubbed out of the limelight, hidden under the looming shadows of synchronized dancing performers such as The Backstreet Boys, N'SYNC, and LFO, as well as their scantily-clad female equivalents.

The latest in contemporary rock groups has not presented much help either, unfortunately. Predictability has dominated the airwaves across the country. Listeners are subjected to the newest fad of music in which melody is absent, and singing is replaced by grunting and moaning.

CD store checkout counters across the country helped to tell the sad tale as Limp Bizkit managed to sell more than 1,000,000 copies of their new album within a week of its Oct. 17 release. How much of the band's front man Fred Durst can America's teenage girls take before they discover his lack of talent and his receding hairline?

Only time will tell what direction music will go next. Until then, music fans will either have to put up with albums entitled Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water, or look toward the recent past for bands deserving of being labeled as artists.

The following is a list of a few must-have albums for any anti-Pearlman/anti-Durst crusader.

Goldfinger: Released by Goldfinger in 1996 on Mojo/Universal Records.

Two full-length albums, a live recording, and a load of movie soundtracks later, the California foursome still has the same energetic pop-punk sound generated from its first and self-titled record. The band's popularity developed in 1996, spurring mostly from college and independent radio station airplay of the album's single, "Here in Your Bedroom." Layers of vocal harmonies are complemented by the thick layers of guitar played by Charlie Paulson. Drummers should also enjoy the rhythms laid down by Darrin Pfeiffer.

Dude Ranch: Released by Blink 182 in 1997 on Cargo/MCA Records.

While becoming teenie bopper idols over the last year with their latest releases, Enema of the State, and The Mark, Tom, and Travis Show: The Enema Strikes Back, Blink 182's older albums have been somewhat ignored by their young groups. Dude Ranch was the trio's first major label debut, and featured their first hit, "Dammit." The album's lyrics are nothing less than one would expect from songwriters Mark Hoppus and Tom DeLonge. From topics of toilet humor to prison rape, each tune has a playful, yet

disgusting way of keeping the listener interested. Scott Raynor, drummer for the band's early album, doesn't quite technically compare to their current percussionist Travis Barker. This aspect is easily looked past, however, thanks to catchy guitar riffs and melodies.

Sunburn: released by Fuel in 1998 on 550/Epic Records.

Fuel, a four piece act with roots from Tennessee, received national air-play for its single, "Shimmer," which rested close to 50 on *Billboard* Magazine's Modern Rock Chart for several weeks. The pop-oriented song was not an

accurate depiction of the rest of the album, however. Radio stations passed on track after track of up-beat tempos, cutting guitar vocals, and snarling tones of singer Brett Scallions. Sunburn eventually went platinum this May.

Although their new single "Hemorrhage (In My Hand)" has been hanging on the chart at #1 for 14 weeks, the song and the new album *Something Like Human* shows a decline in the songwriting edge the band possessed when working on Sunburn.

While these albums come highly recommended by at least one music critic, it is possible that others may disagree. If none of them sound appealing, there's always the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper's for music fans to fall back on. The important thing to remember is to keep the boy band objective in sight: Boycott! Boycott! Boycott!

Music Review

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Election 2000 timeline- overtime

By The Associated Press

Key events in the presidential voting in Florida:

Nov. 8: About 3 a.m. EST (1000 GMT), Vice President Al Gore calls Texas Gov. George W. Bush to concede after television networks project Bush the winner of Florida and the next president. About an hour later, Gore calls Bush back to retract his concession. The race is too close too call, and a statewide recount begins in Florida.

Nov. 9: Bush's lead dropping to 327 votes. The Gore campaign requests hand recounts in four Democratic-leaning counties - Miami-Dade, Broward, Volusia, and Palm Beach.

Nov. 10: Gore's lawyers ask Katherine Harris, the state's Republican secretary of state, to defer certification of the results until manual recounts are complete.

Nov. 11: The results of the statewide mechanical recount show that Bush is ahead by 288 votes. Bush lawyers file a federal lawsuit to block Gore's request for manual recounts. In Duval County, which Bush won, election officials say about 26,000 ballots were disqualified.

Nov. 12: Palm Beach begins a manual recount of its 425,000 ballots and Volusia County begins a manual recount of its 184,018 ballots. Both parties begin raising money to finance the recount efforts.

Nov. 13: Bush's lawyers fail to win a court order barring manual recounts. Broward County decides against recounting all of its ballots,

and Democrats appeal. Harris insists on a 3 p.m. EST deadline on Nov. 14 for Florida's 67 counties to end the vote-counting.

Nov. 14: A Florida judge rules that the state must collect all returns by Harris' deadline. The judges says counties can continue counting ballots and leaves it up to Harris to decide if the counties have a good reason to recount manually.

Nov. 15: Florida Supreme Court rejects Harris' petition to suspend hand recounts. A federal appeals court in Atlanta agrees to consider Bush suit to stop manual recounts. Broward decides to recount.

Nov. 16: Florida Supreme Court rules manual recounts can continue in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Nov. 17: Florida Supreme Court prohibits Harris from certifying results. Federal appeals court in Atlanta refuses to block manual recounts in Broward and Palm Beach.

Miami-Dade County decides to recount.

Nov. 18: Tabulation of overseas ballots boosts Bush's overall lead to 930. Gore asks the Florida Supreme Court to order that the results of the recounted ballots be included in final tally.

Nov. 19: While gaining 1,380 votes to Gore's 750 from overseas absentees, the Bush campaign complains that a large number of ballots were thrown out for lack of an overseas postmark.

Nov. 20: Florida Supreme Court hears arguments on when Harris can certify Florida vote and whether she has to include hand recounts.

Nov. 21: Florida Supreme Court rules that manual recounts may continue and that those recounted votes must be included. The court sets the end of the weekend as the deadline for the tally certification.

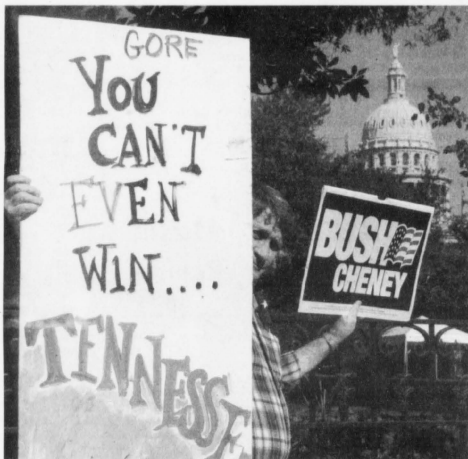
Nov. 22: Bush says the Florida Supreme Court overreached its power and appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court. Miami-Dade elections board votes to scrap its recount and Gore appeals. Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney suffers a minor heart attack.

Nov. 23: The Florida Supreme Court refuses to order Miami-Dade County officials to resume a hand count of ballots. Gore asks the U.S. Supreme Court to deny Bush's appeal. Manual counts continue in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Nov. 24: The U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear arguments on Dec. 1 on Bush's contention that the Florida Supreme Court overstepped its powers in allowing manual recounts to be included in the final vote tally. Republican lawyers argue in Leon County Circuit Court for the inclusion of overseas military ballots in the final vote total that were thrown out because of missing postmarks.

Nov. 25: Bush switches strategies to get more military votes counted by abandoning a statewide lawsuit and has lawyers prepare suits in five counties that had refused to review their ballots - Hillsborough, Okaloosa, Orange, Pasco and Polk. Gore's camp says it will contest Palm Beach County's recount.

Nov. 26: Harris plans to certify the election results about 6 p.m. EST (2300 GMT).



With the dome of the Texas Capitol in the background Don Brass of Fort Worth, Texas, stands with a sign outside the Governor's Mansion in Austin, Texas, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000. A group of Texas Republicans demonstrated outside the mansion in favor of Texas Gov. George W. Bush winning the presidential race over Vice President Al Gore. (AP Photo/L.M. Otero)



Unidentified women shout support for Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore as they pass by his residence at the Naval Observatory in Washington, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000. (AP Photo/Kenneth Lambert)

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Letter to the Editor: SGA addresses race

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article entitled "Racism on Campus," which appeared in the Nov. 1 issue of *The Northerner*. In the article, Student Government Association was referred to as a "lily white" organization.

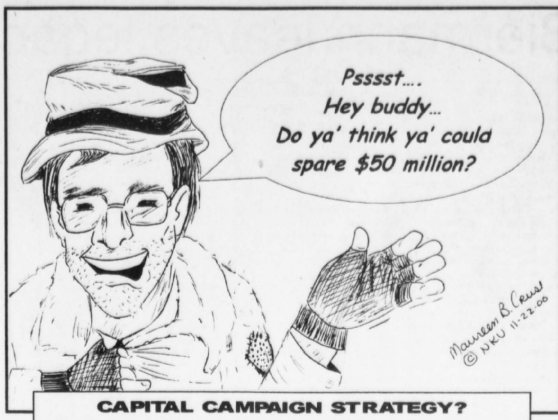
The current Student Government Association Executive Board identified senate diversity as a goal for improving our representation of the student body during our initial planning for the 2000-01 academic year. We are proud to say that our senate is now considerably more diverse than ever before in recent history. Not only does our senate have representation from the African-American, International and Non-traditional communities at NKU; our entire

senate addresses issues that affect all NKU students.

All students are welcome to attend SGA meetings, which are held Mondays at 3 p.m. in University Center room 108. In addition, all students interested in holding a seat in the student senate are encouraged to participate in SGA elections, which are held in both the fall and spring semesters.

SGA welcomes diversity within our organization and continually strives to address issues that seriously affect any and all NKU students.

Jennifer Surgalski
Vice President of Public Relations
Student Government Association



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STRATEGY?

Definition of racism crucial in evaluating existence of racism on campus

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the column written by Hevian Baloyi in the November 1 issue of *The Northerner*. I am concerned about the moving goal posts of defining what racism is. The operating definition of racism used to state that one race could be considered intrinsically superior to another race based upon how civilized they were. Later, when it came to beating back Jim Crow, the "standard" of "civilization" was criticized by activists who said all racial cultures are equal and that whites had no legitimate grounds for "cultural" criticism of blacks. After the demise of Jim Crow, the definition became what I call the "power" definition of racism. This definition states

that society is racist because whites still hold the majority of positions of power and influence and that discrimination incurred upon blacks has to be racially motivated. Recently in class, Professor Clinton Hewan has echoed this definition of racism and has drawn the conclusion that since many blacks are out of "power," they cannot possibly be racist.

Fast forward to the column in question and it is discouraging to see the columnist in question not only accept this contemporary definition of "racism," but it is discouraging to see that now "defamatory" remarks won't be tolerated, even though the term "defamatory" isn't defined at all. If professors have been discriminatory in their grading practices, then they

should be punished after careful, patient investigations. The willingness to openly accept accusations without investigation into these matters displays a willingness to subvert the right of an individual to be innocent until proven otherwise. It would be wise to remember that "racist" incidents at other schools such as Miami University have proven to be falsely generated and that it is not outside human nature to bring false charges against others.

I would be encouraged about the prospects of "race relations" on campus if S.T.A.R. and their allies would realize two key concepts. First, they must recognize that blacks can be racist if the classic "superiority" definition of racism was adopted. It is fool-

ish to think that racism is only a one-way street. Once again, given man's sinful nature, it is not. The second thing that must be acknowledged is that racism and discrimination can be distinct from one another. By the older definition of racism, one can be racist without hate or malice or by practicing discrimination. There are other more pressing and immediate issues that are a cancer on black communities across this country such as illegitimacy rates that don't come down with educational achievement and poor attitudes towards learning amongst members of the black underclass. Addressing these issues would go a long way toward strengthening the situation of many black Americans and simultaneously take empirical evidence away from

arguments of genetic deficiency like those that cropped up in "The Bell Curve."

As chairman of the Campus Republicans, I welcome efforts to end racism on campus. I think, though, that chasing the bogeyman of professor's

remarks is not the best way to accomplish this worthwhile goal.

Stephen Goldsworth
Chairman Campus Republicans

Racism: be active not passive

Josh Wice serves as President of College Democrats of Northern Kentucky's University and Vice President for College Democrats of Kentucky. Josh is also a member of Student Government Association, Student Alumni Association, Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and also sits on the Student Organizations Funding Committee and Fee Allocation Board.

Northern Kentucky University has begun to discuss the issue of racial climate on our campus. These discussions are long overdue. It is time that NKU unites and all students are

equally and fairly represented.

NKU now has the opportunity to accomplish great strides in the area of positive relationships among all students, faculty, administrators, and community members. The most effective way to do this would be through a "triple crown" approach.

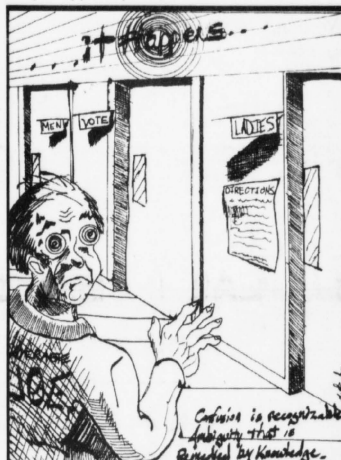
First, questions need to be added to the faculty evaluations completed by students at the end of the semester that encompass climate in the classroom and how that climate was facilitated by the professor, attitudes of professors in relation to individualizing instruction and meeting the needs

of all students relative to culture; and proactive steps taken by professors to incorporate multiculturalism into their curriculum. These responses from students need to be published to the university community, and students need to have an operative role in interpreting these evaluations of faculty and tenure for faculty members. NKU needs to collect information and statistics regarding multicultural education to ensure the fairness of professors' practices and ensure the protection of the civil rights of all NKU students.

Second, the Student Organizations

Funding Committee has between approximately \$10,000 and \$13,000 annually to distribute to student organizations based on requests from those organizations. Our student organizations which represent minority students are very active and exceed a lot of the other 100 student organizations in building professionalism and leadership within their members. These student organizations are also very active in campus activities, much more so than other student organizations. Requests need to be made by these organization

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NORTH POLL

What do you think of the new arena proposed for the NKU campus?

Jennifer Moore
Undeclared
Alexandria

"It sounds like a good idea to me, but I won't be here to see it because I am transferring next semester."

Summer Gates
Elementary Education
Highland Heights

"I think it would be both beneficial and fun."

Rory Davis
Photography
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"I think if they are serious about going Division I in the future then we need a larger, more modern facility. So, yes, it would be a good idea."



Kristina Dillard
Elementary Education
Florence

"It could be a good idea, but I think the money they are using to fund the project could be used to better the resources we already have on campus, such as the library and the parking lots."



Laura Berkshire
Undeclared
Warsaw

"It would be nice because it would not only help out NKU but high school students too, and maybe attract more high school students to NKU."



Jessica Kellman
Undeclared
Aurora

"I think it's a good idea because it will help the school attract more sports students and help raise our school spirit."

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Biermann leaves legacy in NKU volleyball

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

The Northern Kentucky University volleyball team's Nov. 17 loss to Grand Valley State didn't just end the team's season. It also marked the end of coach Mary Biermann's career.

Biermann, the fourth coach in the history of NKU volleyball, announced at the end of last season that she planned to retire after the 2000 season.

Biermann is planning on relocating to Colorado in December. After a grueling season, she plans on spending the next year relaxing.

"For a year, I'm probably not going to do anything but remodel a house out there."

She said she has no definite plans, but will spend a lot of time skiing and participating in other winter sports.

She said she does not plan to return to coaching volleyball on this level.

"It's all-consuming. I need to focus on other areas in my life," she said.

Biermann leaves after 12 seasons, more than 250 wins, and having been named GLVC Coach of the Year five times.

In reflection, Biermann said she has been pretty pleased with the efforts of her teams throughout the years. She said her first few years were not as successful as the rest of her career because they were catching up on recruiting.

She has led the team to the NCAA tournament four consecutive years and to the GLVC tournament every year since 1994.

Senior Bobbi Casey, who has played under Biermann's direction for the last three years, said Biermann has been both a coach and a friend to her.

"You can go into her office anytime," Casey said.

Casey said Biermann has taught her much more than good volleyball skills. She said Biermann tries to help the players achieve their goals and dreams, and stressed the importance of doing well in school.

Julie Hathorn has had similar experiences with Biermann.

"She's one of those coaches you can talk to on or off the court," Hathorn said.

Hathorn said she remembers some of the little things that Biermann has done that make her and the other players feel special.

For example, Hathorn said Biermann gave all the players a gold ribbon to symbolize going for the gold.

"They are little things that don't mean much, but they hit us and we know what she means," Hathorn said.

Camilla Welter said Biermann's practices have helped her game.

Welter said many of the drills Biermann makes the team do teaches patience and how to work under pres-

sure.

"They keep you from getting frustrated. They keep you from thinking you can't come back," she said.

Freshman Sara Taylor said Biermann has helped ease the transition between playing high school and college volleyball.

"High school and college volleyball is so much different mentally. She helped a lot with that transition," Taylor said.

Taylor said playing for Biermann has been a good experience - one that she wishes didn't have to end.

"It's a shame she has to retire my freshman year. I'd like to spend a couple more years with her," she said.

The team will not know who the next coach will be until January or February.

Although most team members are both nervous and anxious to get the new coach, they have faith in NKU's athletic department to find them another great leader.

"I trust the athletic staff and Jane Meier to find someone who will fill Mary Biermann's shoes and take us farther," Hathorn said.

Biermann said she has the same confidence that a great coach will be found.

"I know Jane Meier will hire the best coach she can. There is dedication in the athletic department to the volleyball team," she said.



File Photo

Former NKU volleyball coach Mary Biermann always got her team charged up and ready for each game they played. She made sure her team had its winning faces on all the time.

Women's basketball plays Community Recorder Classic

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

The NKU women's basketball team opened its home season winning the Community Recorder Classic at Regents Hall Nov. 25-26.

The Norse won the Nov. 25 game against Carson-Newman College with a score of 90-65, after narrowly leading as the game broke for halftime.

Coach Nancy Winstel said the mere six point lead was partly because of weak defense. She said she felt that issue was addressed and they came out strong in the second half to win the game.

Winstel said the team came out

with intensity during the Nov. 26 game against Christian Brothers University (Tenn.).

The Norse defeated the team 84-51. One of the keys to the win was defense.

"We were playing great defense," said guard Heather Livingstone.

Livingstone was very aggressive defensively during her 31 minutes of playtime. Other notable defensive play came from Julie Cowens, Jessica Jensen, and Bridget Flanagan.

At one point, Flanagan used a defense tactic that looked as if she was doing jumping jacks in front of her opponent.

Michelle Cottrell was NKU's top

scorer in both games with 25 against Carson-Newman and 26 against Christian Brothers. Cottrell was named top go-getter at the end of the tournament.

Freshmen Emily Phillips and Mia Bradford both scored two points with only one minute of play each.

Phillips said she is working hard and hopes to get more minutes of play as the season progresses.

Winstel said it is hard to give everyone playtime, with nine experienced players on the team.

"If they are playing hard, I'll find minutes for them," Winstel said.

By Bruce Keller contributed to this story.

The Northerner Athletes of the Week

Photos by Rachel Dietz

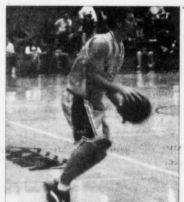
Left: Betsy Moore

Moore scored the only goal in the NKU women's soccer team's 1-0 win over Mercyhurst as the Norse advanced to the Final Four.



Right: Craig Conley

Conley was named MVP for the men's basketball team in the Lions Club Classic, scoring 22 points in the championship game.



Volleyball team falls short to Grand Valley State in NCAA Tournament

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

The season ended for the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team Nov. 17, as it lost to Grand Valley State in five games during the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament.

NKU and Grand Valley State claimed two each of the first four games, taking game four into overtime.

Sara Taylor said one reason they lost the fifth game was poor passing.

They found the weak spots in our defense and utilized that," she said.

Camilla Welter said when playing a great team like Grand Valley State, making little mistakes can cost the team the game.

"We could have have won that match. We let them get too many points in rally," Welter said.

Welter said even though it lost to Grand Valley State, the game is a good example of how much they have improved as a team this season.

"We played Grand Valley State and they killed us. I think they expected to beat us again. That shows how much we've improved," she said.

Welter led the team with 22 kills, followed by Jessica Buroker's 19. Bethany Gastright led defensive digs with 25, followed by Taylor's 20.

Gastright led the team in season kills with 556. Buroker led in season defensive digs with 346.

The Grand Valley State game was the final game for coach Mary Biermann, who is moving to Colorado. It was also the end of the college careers of Casey and Buroker.

Casey said she would have liked the opportunity to have gone to the Final Four again during her senior year.

"I'm disappointed just because I've been there and I know what it's like, but I am proud of the team," she said.

Casey said she hopes she has set an example for the other players and that they look up to her.

"I think I've set a good example for the underclassmen what it takes to get to the Elite Eight and Final Four," she said.

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NKU athletics: GLVC proud in fall program

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The NKU athletic program can be pleased with how the fall sports teams fared this season. In the eight-team fall sports field, four of them won conference championships in the GLVC, and there were many players who earned All-Conference honors. To sum it up, NKU can be considered a GLVC powerhouse in this fall program.

Here is a summary of how all the teams have done this fall:

Cross-country. The men's team performed better than last season, including the Greensboro Invitational, where the team won the event and claimed all five spots in the individual standings. Also, at the GLVC Championships, NKU finished fifth overall as sophomore Ryan Carskaddon came in 11th place.

The women's team did really well at Greensboro too, coming in first place as a

team, and freshman Lissa Faulkner came in first in the individual results.

Golf. The men's golf team did better than most people expected. They finished in second place at the NCAA District IV Tournament and came in first place for the first time ever at the GLVC Championship. Steve Landrum won the medal and freshman Brandon Brown finished in second for NKU. Landrum was named GLVC Player of the Year, and Brown was Freshman of the Year. Both players were named to the All-Conference Team. Also, Daryl Landrum was named as Coach of the Year. The golf team has a good chance at getting a berth in the NCAA Tournament in the spring.

The women's team had a full team this season and didn't do half bad. In the GLVC Championship, the team finished fourth overall as freshman Breanne Hall took the medal and Diana Camacho finished sixth. Hall earned two awards, being named Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year. She was

named to the All-Conference Team too.

Soccer. The NKU soccer team won its third straight GLVC Championship this season. They are currently in the NCAA Division II Tournament for the second year in a row. Earning various awards this season were junior Tricia Ruark, who was named GLVC Player of the Year and made All-Conference first team. NKU juniors Betsy Moore, Jeanna Martin and Lauren Piening and senior Malissa Stevenson all joined Ruark on the first team. Also, Bob Sheehan was named GLVC Coach of the Year.

The men's soccer team had another disappointing season with a record of 7-12 but had a winning record in the GLVC at 6-5. NKU finished fifth in the GLVC standings this season, and sophomore Mohamed Janah earned All-Conference second Team honors.

Women's Tennis. The NKU women's tennis team had a spectacular season under first-year coach J. Webb Horton. The team finished the regular season with a 10-1 record, includ-

ing 9-0 in the GLVC. The Norse also won its third consecutive GLVC crown and will get to participate in the NCAA Tournament in the spring. Junior Jamie O'Hara again was named GLVC Player of the Year and made All-Conference honors, as did junior Lauren Spears, senior Claudia Ruhl and freshman Elizabeth Brunman. Horton was named GLVC Coach of the Year.

Volleyball. NKU won 27 games this season and finished with an overall conference record of 13-3. They made it to the NCAA Division II Tournament and won its fourth straight GLVC title at Southern Indiana. The volleyball team placed three players on the All-Conference first team in seniors Bobbi Casey and Jessica Burkner and junior Bethany Gastright. Also, freshman Sara Taylor made second team honors as a defensive specialist.

Overall, all the NKU fall sports' teams either improved or did just as good as they did last season. As the NKU athletic program continues to grow, so will the conference titles.

New Stadium, wrong purpose

By Laura Parsons
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northerner reported last week that Kentucky House of Representatives members Jim Callahan (D - Wilder) and Jon Draud (R - Crestview Hills) are spearheading a plan to fund a special events center and arena on the campus of Northern Kentucky University.

By marketing the center as a Northern Kentucky community center with the argument that NKU would draw lectures, sporting events and other special events to Northern Kentucky. They also legitimize the arena with the argument that NKU could have a special part of the action if Cincinnati is granted the privileged title of host of the 2012 Olympic Games.

As much as, a transplant to the area, has grown to appreciate and love the Northern Kentucky area, it cannot envision Highland Heights as the home of massive amounts of television cameras and international athletic talent. Plus, if Cincinnati is not slated to host the events, which major name events will come to Highland Heights, as opposed to the First Center or Riverfront Music Theater, just across the river, with established venues?

I am not opposed to boosting the economy of Northern Kentucky with new, major venues, but there must be better ways to bolster the economy than adding to the plethora of new arenas that grace the Cincinnati skyline.

Now, if the legislators were marketing the way that a new center should be marketed, things would be a little different. NKU has a National Championship women's basketball team, as well as a Great Lakes Valley Conference championship volleyball team and a consistently competitive men's basketball team that continues to play nationally competitive caliber athletics in an inferior facility.

If Kentucky legislators want to allocate funds and solicit private donations for a new community center on campus, then maybe they should on behalf of the outstanding athletic programs who would benefit from a new facility, and not bank their hopes on an international mega-event that may not come to be.

This Week in Norse men's basketball team wins John L. Griffin/Lions Club Classic

By Jason R. Crister
Production Manager

Women's Basketball continues winning ways

The NKU women's basketball team began its season playing in the Avalon Classic tournament in Erie, Pa. on Nov. 17-18.

The Norse won the tournament by beating Gannon (Pa.) University in the championship game by a score of 84-69.

NKU junior forward Michelle Cottrell scored 19 points and had nine rebounds in the game to earn tournament MVP honors. She had 16 points and 10 rebounds in the team's 91-60 win over Edinboro (Pa.) College in the first round game.

NKU seniors Michele Tuchfarber and Heather Livingstone earned All-Tournament honors.

Tuchfarber had 21 points, and Livingstone came up with 19 points in the championship game. Livingstone also contributed 15 points in the Norse win over

Edinboro.

NKU senior Julie Covenas was a big factor in both games as well. She had 14 points in the Edinboro game and came away with 11 points in the championship game.

With the two wins in the tournament, the No. 1 nationally ranked Norse improved to 2-0 on the year and extended its winning streak to 26 games dating back to last season.

Men's Basketball defeats Thomas More College

The Norse overcame a poor 34 percent shooting night to defeat area rival Thomas More College Saturday evening, 64-57.

Craig Sanders led the Norse in scoring with 16 points. Carl Mitchell snared 13 rebounds.

The Norse were helped by the fact that the Saints did not fare much better from the field, shooting 37 percent. Corey Grace led the Saints with 17 points.

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team, led by its two Craigs, won the John L. Griffin/Lions Club Classic held at Regents Hall Nov. 17 and 18 with wins over Indiana University-Southeast and California (Pa.).

The Norse, 3-0, jumped out to an early 15-0 lead against IU-Southeast, an NAIA school. Paced by the scoring of junior Craig Sanders, it got worse for the Vulcans as NKU entered the intermission leading 57-25.

Sanders ended the game a perfect eight for eight from the floor, including six three-pointers. He had more points, 23, than minutes played, 16.

NKU continued to roll and finished with a 108-60 win.

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Ten players scored for the Norse, five in double figures. NKU connected on 17 three-pointers.

In the championship game Saturday the Norse faced California (Pa.).

Senior guard Craig Conley poured in a game-high 22 and six assists in NKU's 77-65 victory.

Senior Brian Lawhon and Junior Carl Mitchell had 10 points each. The Norse shot a blistering 54.7 percent from the floor.

Conley was named the tournament's MVP. He had a combined 36 points in the two games.

Sanders made the All-Tournament team.

Sophomore Brenden Stowers was named the tournament's Best Defensive Player after nabbing six steals and blocking two shots in the two games.



Young cheerleading team ready to begin new season

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

While the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team has been preparing for the 2000-2001 season, the cheerleaders have been preparing as well in hopes of bringing spirit to each game.

There are a lot of new faces on the cheerleading team this year, with one female and three males returning.

Junior Becky Schroeder is the veteran on the cheerleading squad this season, as she enters her fourth year.

Schroeder said she is not the captain, because the team never has had an official captain.

"I do my part in being kind in the captain role," she said.

Schroeder said that she realizes college cheerleading is a lot different from high school cheerleading and she said she tries to help others by example.

Since Schroeder is the team's veteran, she will likely be catapulted into the air during various breathtaking stunts.

Schroeder admits she sometimes gets a little nervous. "Sometimes you're nervous, but the adrenaline carries you. You have to trust the guy that he won't drop you," she said.

Two of the freshman that make up this year's team is Jasmine Williams and Regina Glenn.

Williams said she started cheering her freshman year at Winton Woods High School. She said she became involved in cheerleading because her sister was a cheerleader and she could see how much fun her sister had.

Williams said the time she came to NKU, cheerleading was a part of her life.

"I couldn't see myself not doing something that I loved, so I tried out for cheerleading in college," she said.

Williams said she has found college cheerleading fun but more challenging than high school cheerleading, which means more hours spent practicing.

Williams said since she went to high school in Ohio, she has had to work harder to learn different cheers and moves.

"Coming from an Ohio cheerleading program, we didn't do half as much as people from Kentucky," she said. She said she is looking forward to taking more challenges and trying new things.

Glenn, who hails from Walton-Verona High School, said she has been cheering since she was in the third grade.

Glenn said she came to NKU to cheer. "After I've come here, I love everything about Northern," Glenn said.

Williams and Glenn both say the cheerleaders are a very closely-knit organization. They said the team frequently hangs out or goes out to eat to spend time together.

Glenn said the stereotypes frequently given to cheerleaders have made her work even harder.

"They have made me try harder to be better at what I do. When people can see what we can do, those stereotypes go away," she said.

They said the time commitment makes having a relationship difficult.

Williams and her boyfriend are an exception to this "rule." She said that he is very supportive of her being a cheerleader and they trust each other.

"For us it's never been a problem. We've been going since high school. He knows even if a guy in the stands says 'Look at that cheerleader,' I'm still his."

Glenn and Williams said even though cheerleaders often strive to maintain a low weight, eating disorders are not a problem.

Williams said she works out a lot in the weight room to keep in shape.

Glenn said it is essential to be in shape to be able to do what they do. "If you don't eat right, you're not going to be able to do what we do," she said.

Glenn and Williams said one of the big differences between high school and college cheerleading is the presence of male cheerleaders in college.

Glenn said they guys are always looking out for the girls and often play the "big brother" role.

Williams said there is no concern about receiving unwanted sexual advances even though the team is co-ed.

"No one has ever made any sexual advances at anybody. We're friends. You wouldn't do that to a friend, so you wouldn't do that to a cheerleader," Williams said.

Schroeder, Glenn and Williams are all looking forward to this season.

"We're working to place in the top three at Nationals in January," Schroeder said.

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)
You will experience a great many highs and lows over the next week, but the good news will outweigh the bad.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
Concentrate on taking care of matters that could be causing conflict at home. Once the personal side is settled, you can concentrate on business.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
So many things have opened up for you. It won't be easy, but get organized so you can deal with whatever comes your way.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
Don't waste your time on activities of little interest to you. Life is too short to spend time doing things you detest.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
Romance is in the air, but are you ready for a change? Go with what is in your heart, but be practical at the same time.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
Life goes at a breakneck speed this time of year, and it is all you can do to keep up with all the activities you have planned. Get plenty of rest.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
If you can convince your associates to work toward a common goal, your project will go much faster. Use positive incentives.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
Love and money don't always mix. It may be best to put any financial agreements on the back burner for now.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
It isn't against the law to have a little fun now and then. You deserve some time to kick back and enjoy life, so take it.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
Attitude is everything with business associates. If you wear an air of confidence, they will believe in you and your abilities.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Your big plans may have to be put on the side for the immediate future. A new development could bring about a refreshing change.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
Are you ignoring loved ones on purpose? If you are upset about something, don't hold it all in. You'll explode, and then no one will be happy.

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RACISM

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leaders for funding, and the Student Organizations Funding Committee needs to fully support these requests, eliminating bureaucracy which stands in the way of these organizations progressing. Furthermore, in the spring, when the Fee Allocation Board begins meeting, serious discussions need to take place regarding allocated for student organizations representing minority students. Although money is not the answer to solving the racial problems at NKU, it is important for these student organizations to be on equal footing with other student organizations which are already generously funded by university money.

Third, NKU needs to embrace policies in our Student Code of Conduct which model hate crime legislation enacted across the country and that appropriately relate to university governing policies. Even though NKU cannot usurp state laws

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in implementing hate crime policies, we can initiate hate crime policies in disciplinary procedures handled within the university. I would strongly encourage university administrators to invite student leaders to discuss the possibilities of hate crime policies at NKU.

The talking is started. Now it is time for action. Action needs to take place immediately and it needs to be backed by principles. A good start would be to address the "triple crown" approach as discussed in this article. NKU must continue to advance in the area of building and embracing a multicultural campus. These three suggestions are not about special rights. These three suggestions are about equal opportunity and equal access to programs and a bright positive future for all NKU students.

By Josh Wice

PROTEST

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busily snapping pictures of the crowd when I suddenly noticed that ranks of people were stationed at every exit from the square. Up the street about 20 officers on horseback stood at the ready, like the cavalry in some Civil War movie, waiting for the order to charge in on the enemy's flank and cut them down in the coup de grace.

This is it, I thought. They've boxed these poor bastards in and they're getting ready for the final charge. A sudden movement in the crowd seemed to confirm my suspicions, as people began screaming, "Let him go!" and I saw hilly cuffs waving over the heads of protesters. The narrow gap that had existed between the two crowds collapsed as cops rushed forward, grabbing some skinny kid and slamming him to the ground. Protesters moved in, and I was then I heard the hiss of the tear gas canisters.

Immediately my eyes filled with tears (thus the name, I suppose) and people started yelling to "put on your masks."

"What masks?" I thought, even as some of the protesters yanked up handkerchiefs doused in water over their faces.

I stepped out of the way as a girl ran past me, her face wet from where she had caught the spray full in her face. I turned to look and saw the cop who had sprayed her busily spraying another one. Even though my tears I was forced to discern the grin under his mask as he doused the protester with the foul smelling spray.

It ended as quickly as it began, with a guy and a girl in cuffs being dragged off to the waiting Hamilton County Sheriff's bus. Apparently the cause of the commotion for the protesters having sticks (?) on the square. Thus the beat down and spraying.

The protest was soon on the move once again, this time east to the Procter & Gamble Building past the

Chiquita Building. The whole way I kept looking over my shoulder as the cops lined up beside us. Something about heavily armed shock troops with itchy trigger fingers tends to make me uncomfortable.

So far, so good, I thought. It had been a few hours, and besides a little tear gas, I had survived intact. I started to relax somewhat.

Then they bushwacked me. As I crossed the street at Fourth and Sycamore I heard, "You, come over here."

I looked around and saw a cop pointing at me.

"Who me?" I asked.

Sure enough, he explained that I had been caught for the unforgivable crime against humanity, jaywalking! I spluttered in disbelief. I feebly tried to explain I had been in a crowd of people who were all crossing the street at the same time. I tried to explain that I had thought the police were stopping traffic for the protesters. Foolishly I tried to explain I was not a protester, just a third party reporting on it for the media.

All that earned me was a severe lecture from him yelling two inches from my face, yet you loud enough I could have heard him in a KISS concert. This guy took jaywalking seriously, and he obviously loved his job.

Soon they were running my license. At this point I was mildly put off, but when I heard the cop in the car yell "they got a warrant" my stomach flip-flopped.

The cop snuck as he grabbed me by the shoulder and ordered me to put my hands behind my back, all the while me trying to tell him they must have the wrong guy.

"Congratulations," the cop smirked, the smell of state doughnuts still thick on his breath. "Now you're really part of the Mafia."

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DPS

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least have completed the police academy. Similarly, Xavier requires those seeking a police officer position to have completed the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy.

Both Xavier and UC have limited positions for non-certified personnel.

Smith said cadets are individuals who are currently enrolled in the academy. He said these cadets may serve in a limited role such as security guards at basketball games.

The prerequisite for becoming an DPS officer is less stringent than at Xavier and UC. DPS only requires two years of law enforcement training or two years of college.

McKenzie said this means a student would be eligible to apply, but that does not necessarily mean they would get the job.

"The two years gets you in the door to get an interview," he said.

McKenzie said the interview is only the first step to getting hired.

"We're under the Professional Officers Police Standards," McKenzie said.

He said they administer drug and polygraph tests, as well as physical endurance tests, including pull-ups.

sit-ups, running and vertical jumps to make sure the officers hired are in good shape.

McKenzie said previous work as a security guard does not qualify as prior experience because that position does not equate to being a police officer.

Many of the current DPS officers cited security as prior experience. These individuals who did not have prior police experience did meet the two years of college requirement.

One officer who cited security work as prior experience is DPS' highest paid officer. The reason he is highest paid officer is because he has been with DPS since 1988.

Some of the officers have had police experience while serving in the military. These individuals have earned licenses in such skills as tactical hand-cuffing and unarmed self-defense.

Many of the officers noted on their applications they had previously worked for DPS.

McKenzie said he believes that they return because they like working in the university environment.

"The grass is always greener," he said.



Yes, their random stop had paid off well. Soon a whole crowd of cops had surrounded me as they cuffed me and patted me down. It was then they informed me I was being arrested for a ticket I had been issued almost three years earlier for not using my turn signal when I changed lanes.

Soon enough I was in the car, headed for the illustrious Sycamore Suites, otherwise known as the Hamilton County Justice Center.

The accommodations left something to be desired, and the \$30 they charge you for staying there would be better spent at a Motel 6.

As I sat in a jail cell waiting for my bond to be processed (which cost me \$75, the cost of the original ticket), I reflected on the day's events. I had come for a story about the protest, and wound up stuck into it, like a bystander that gets it in some gun fight they're not even a part of.

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