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Book Scholarship

The Zealous Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Rho Chapter are accepting book scholarship applications for 2002-2003. The applications can be filled out at the African American Affairs Office in the University Center room 352 or on their Web Site at www.nku.edu/~zphb. Applications are due March 1st by 4 p.m. Any questions contact Angela Duncan at duncan@nku.edu.

Theater Auditions

Auditions for NKU's 2002 Summer Dinner Theater season will be held on March 2 from noon to 5:30 p.m. in NKU's Black Box Theater. NKU's Summer Dinner Theater is a professional venue and all positions are paid. Call Barb to schedule an appointment or for more information at (859) 572-6362.

'Noche Latina'

NKU and the Latino Student Union presents its first annual "Noche Latina" on March 23. The "Latina" will be in the University Center Ballroom at 8-11 p.m. There will be dinner and also salsa, tango and flamenco dances.

Black History Lecture

The guest speaker will be Doug Jones, Esq., civil rights attorney who won the conviction of a Klansman for the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham that killed four little girls in 1963. The lecture will be held on Feb. 28 and it will be in Graves Center Hall. The lecture will start at 10:50 a.m. until 12:05 p.m. He will also speak at 7 p.m. in the same place. For more information contact Cheryl Nunez at nunez@nku.edu.

Coffee Hour

International Coffee Hour will be on March 6 at 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Coffee Hour will be held in the University Center on the second floor lobby. For more information call (859) 572-6571.

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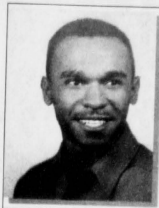
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Tuskegee Airmen

Members from legendary fighter group visit NKU

World War II African-American pioneers



Flight Chief Staff Sergeant Leslie Edwards



First Lieutenant John H. Leahr

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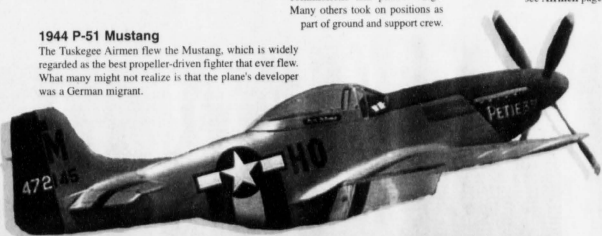
-John Leahr



Attack: The Tuskegee Airmen planning another strategy during World War II.

1944 P-51 Mustang

The Tuskegee Airmen flew the Mustang, which is widely regarded as the best propeller-driven fighter that ever flew. What many might not realize is that the plane's developer was a German migrant.



By Susan Bartels
Business Manager

They went to fight for their country. But more than that, they went to prove that they were deserving of the freedom and respect guaranteed to every person under the constitution of the United States of America. Amidst a standing room only crowd, three members of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II told their stories of segregation, prejudice, challenge and victory as part of Northern Kentucky University's Military History Lecture Series on February 20.

Feeling public pressure and a shortage of manpower, the U. S. Army set up the 66th Air Force Flying School at the Tuskegee Army Air Field Base in Tuskegee, Ala. in November of 1941 to train black pilots.

"It was designed to fail," said John Leahr, a first lieutenant and pilot with the 332nd fighter group. "So they called it the Tuskegee experiment, and it was an experiment to see if black people could fly operations in combat."

According to Leahr, limits were placed how many people could go and how many could graduate in order to keep down the number of black pilots. "We young black men went through hell just to fight for our country," said Leahr.

Elsewhere, black men were trained for other army positions such as operations officers, meteorologists, intelligence officers, engineering officers, flight surgeons, mechanics, radio repairmen, administrators and many other military positions.

What resulted was 992 African Americans graduated and received commissions and pilot's wings. Many others took on positions as part of ground and support crew.

Leslie Edwards, a Staff Sergeant and Flight Chief with the 617th Bomb Squadron, trained initially as an engine mechanic. "I was a high school drop out," said Edwards, "doing all the low class jobs you could possibly think of. I could hardly tell a wrench from a screw driver."

Edwards said what made the difference for him was having an opportunity to learn and the support of his peers.

"You can pull a person from that low level, who had been conditioned to accept the worst things about employment, and when you give him the support they gave me and the opportunity to learn, it can change you around."

Joining Edwards and Leahr was Lt. Colonel Maurice Adams, a flight surgeon with the 477th Medium Bombment Group. All three men recounted their experiences with the prejudice of the time. Edwards remembered when 103 black officers were arrested for trying to enter the whites only Freeman Field Base Officers' Club.

"The ground and support crew looked at the pilots as heroes," said Edwards, "and when they saw them disrespect, it was difficult for the enlisted men not to act up."

Leahr recalled when he and two other officers were severely beaten by several white men on a street in Memphis while others just watched, and two white policemen walked away. Leahr remembered one of the men saying "I've killed a lot of niggers but never a killed a nigger officer. I'm gonna kill a nigger officer." Finally, a sailor came by and stopped the beating.

"I thought," said Leahr, "I've been overseas, I've fought for my

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IT Dept. improves its services

More staff to be hired soon

By Scott Wartman
Editor in Chief

With the debut of the state-of-the-art science center just six months away, Information Technology will reform its service in repairing equipment on campus, making it faster and more visible.

Since IT began overseeing the university's technology equipment two years ago, it has been plagued with a short staff, said Gary Pratt, Chief Information Officer. Currently, IT has 10 full-time technicians, one for every 250 pieces of equipment, with several student aids to assist the technicians in computer repairs. The industry standard for universities is one technician for every 75 pieces of equipment. Pratt said IT is lobbying the university for more funds to increase payroll and hopes to hire more technicians by July. He said he hopes to reduce the disparity of workers to equipment to at least 1 to 150.

The chasm between workers and the ever growing amount of equipment on campus causes delays in repairing the equipment, Pratt said. He said IT is experiencing growing pains because it is only a two-year old department.

"Whenever you create something new, there are bound to be some problems," Pratt said. "We have changed drastically."

To address some of these problems, a committee of nine faculty members formed last semester to highlight concerns regarding IT. Committee chair Barry Andersen, associate dean of arts and sciences, described IT's performance as erratic.

"It ranges from very good to very poor," Andersen said. Andersen said the committee isolated two areas that need improvement: an increase in staff and an increase in communication to the faculty.

In addition to some delays, Andersen said some faculty members have trouble contacting an IT technician if they need assistance, and will sometimes get an answering machine.

Andersen cited the maintenance of the smart classrooms, which contain advance teaching tools like rear projection screens, as being a problem.

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Non-traditional student finishing what she started

By Molly Corfman
Staff Writer

Determination knows no age. Meet Judy Butler Jones, undergraduate student at Northern Kentucky University.

At age 69, with an hour and a half drive round trip to school each day from Warsaw, Ky., she plans to earn her undergraduate degree by taking two classes at a time, she said.

"It's part of my life that's unfinished," Jones said. "When I was a kid in school, a little kid in third grade, the report card came home and it said I didn't complete what I began. I make a point of finishing whatever I start. I have not finished this (undergraduate degree), and I want to do it."

Jones graduated from Walnut

Hills High School in Cincinnati a year early, at age 17. After that, she said, she attended Lord-Belmont Junior College in Nashville, Tenn. She said she majored in physical education because it was the only school she found that offered classes in horsemanship. She took a course which offered a certificate to teach horseback riding, and she taught students on the horses she owned.

"I was happy going to Lord-Belmont," Jones said. "I was happy in my classes. I liked every one of them. I learned so much."

At 18, Jones married. Lord-Belmont changed ownership and became a four-year Baptist college, she said, so she left school after studying for one year.

"The dumbest thing I ever did was get married, because then I quit

school," Jones said. "If I had it to do all over, I would not get married until long after I was out of school."

Soon afterward, she had two sons. She said she worked as a full-time mother until they were grown. She thought about finishing her undergraduate degree, but the idea didn't sit well with her husband, she said.

"He never wanted me to back to school," Jones said. "Every time I tried to go back, he did not like it. And I had a sneaking suspicion he was always afraid that if I got my degree and got a good job, I'd divorce him."

Jones has worked different jobs during her lifetime, ranging from owning a bookstore to running the

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Molly Corfman/The Northerner

A therapeutic activity: Undergraduate student Judy Butler Jones finds painting to be very relaxing.

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FEB 19 2002-Tuesday-03:37pm
Location: PLAZA AREA NEAR ADMINISTRATION CENTER - PROPERTY DAMAGE
Two 21 large plate glass windows at the listed location were accidentally cracked by workers pouring concrete in the area. Report forwarded to N.K.U. Physical Plant for repairs. Case closed...

FEB 18 2002-Monday-09:10pm
Location: DORMS/NORSE HALL - ASSAULT/TERRORESTIC THREATENING
Female Dorm resident reported that she was assaulted and threatened by a known Male subject in her Dorm room. The female suffered bruises to her arms. Under investigation...

FEB 17 2002-Sunday-03:08am

Location: ALBRIGHT GRAVEL LOT - TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop
Vehicle observed swerving across the road near listed location. Upon investigation, the Driver was found to be intoxicated and under the legal drinking age. A backpack, filled with several containers of alcohol, found in the vehicle was placed in the D.P.S. Property/Evidence Room. Subject was Arrested and issued a Kentucky State Citation for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under Alcohol/Other-1st Offense and Possession of Alcohol By A Minor. Subject transported to and lodged in the Campbell County Jail. Case closed...

FEB 16 2002-Saturday-08:54pm
Location: DORMS - COMMON-WEALTH HALL - LOBBY - COMPLAINT RECEIVED
It is important for teacher to gain this experience because there will likely have students with disabilities in their classrooms due to school inclusion policies, she said.

With the inclusion policies, Ryan said students with disabilities can "participate with their non-disabled peers."

Ryan said the Department of Campus Recreation is extremely helpful. "They provide facilities, life-guards, and general help and training."

Ryan said in addition to hosting the swim meet, NKU also trains a team.

She said they practice on Saturday mornings at the Albright Health Center.

She said her class members serve as volunteers to help and train the

Residential Life reported a Male subject at listed location that was disturbing other students. Upon Officer arrival, subject became angry and uncooperative. Subject was calmed and advised to leave the area. Case closed...

FEB 16 2002-Saturday-02:35am
Location: CAMPBELL DRIVE - BETWEEN PARKING LOTS E&F - SUSPICIOUS SUBJECTS/VEHICLE
Officers observed and approached a suspicious vehicle with Two (2) Male occupants at listed location. The driver was unable to produce an Operator's License. Further investigation revealed the Operator's License to be expired. During a search of the driver and the vehicle, a large amount of cash and marijuana were found. The driver was

Arrested and issued a Kentucky State Citation for No Operator's License, Possession of Marijuana, and Trafficking within 1000 Yards of a School. Driver was transported to and lodged in the Campbell County Jail. Case closed...

FEB 15 2002-Friday-12:20am
Location: DORMS-KENTUCKY HALL/A-WING - THIRD FLOOR - HARASSMENT - Harassing Communications
Male subject reported that subject(s) unknown repeatedly telephone his residence. He stated that he has received numerous calls over the past several days. Under investigation...

FEB 15 2002-Friday-03:27am
Location: PARKING LOT B - TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop

Officer conducted a traffic stop at the listed location (See Report #020155). During questioning, Passenger was found to be in possession of a forged Operator's License. Subject was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Possession of Alcohol By A Minor and Forgery-3rd Degree and transported to the Campbell County Jail. Case closed...

FEB 15 2002-Friday-08:55am
Location: ADMINISTRATION CENTER - FOURTH FLOOR - HARASSMENT-525.080 Harassing Communications
Female reported receiving obscene phone calls in her office from an unknown male subject. Under investigation...

Special Olympics returns to campus

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

The College of Education and the Department of Campus Recreation will be hosting the Special Olympics again this year.

The swim meet will be held at the pool in Albright Health Center March 2.

Carol Ryan, interim chair of Elementary, Middle, and Secondary programs, said the meet is named the Dale Lawler Memorial Swim Meet, in honor of a late professor of



NKU Dolphin Ryan Murphy takes a break from swimming laps.

special education.

Ryan said that this is an invitational meet that is to prepare the Special Olympians for the state swim meet in June.

Ryan expects five to 10 teams from around the state to be present at the meet on March 2.

Last year, Ryan said there were 90 athletes, consisting of eight teams.

The ages of Special Olympians range from eight, the minimum age to participate, to about 30.

There are a wide range of disabilities that are represented at the swim meets, Ryan said, including Down Syndrome and autism.

"To be involved in Special Olympics, they have to be cognitively disabled," she said.

Ryan said individuals in her Adapted Physical Education class also offered students in her Introduction to Education class the option to volunteer and write a two to three page reaction paper in lieu of doing one of the assigned written analysis papers.

Ryan said the majority of the volunteers that come to her Adapted Physical Education classes are aspiring physical education teachers.



Former Bengal Joe Walter commends David Neiser on a job well done

By Scott Wattman
Editor In Chief

If senior Jeff Murray ever found himself caught in the upper levels of a campus building when a fire breaks out, he would not exit the building, but rather, he would sit patiently and await his fate in the stairwell. Since elevators are shut down during a fire alarm and some firefighters deem it too risky for anyone else to carry someone out, fire safety can be a great concern for someone who is handicapped. For people like Murray who are confined in a wheelchair, a simple fire drill can be a frightening experience, Murray said.

"If a fire should happen, I might get lost in the shuffle," he said.

To add clarity to emergency procedures for the handicapped and the entire student body, the university is revising its emergency response manual for the first time in eight years. The changes will focus more on how individuals should respond instead of focusing on how the university should respond, said Jeff Baker, director of environmental safety.

"It is putting out a guide for the community itself," Baker said. "It basically just tells people how to get out of the building alive."

The revised manual advises handicapped people to seek shelter in a stairwell during a fire. Fire codes and the Americans with Disabilities Act requires a stairwell have fire-resistant doors that could withstand

a fire for at least one hour.

While firefighters say this leaves enough time for them to rescue someone, Murray said the idea of waiting in a building being consumed with flames is unsettling.

Murray said the prospect of waiting in a stairwell became more harrowing after Sept. 11. The thought of handicapped people waiting in the stairwells of the World Trade Center for help that would never come is very sobering, he said.

"I can't imagine waiting for someone and no one shows up," Murray said. "I laid awake for two days thinking about that."

LL Adam Fuller of the Central Campbell Fire Department said any handicapped person caught in a fire should notify someone to relay the message to firefighters that a handicapped person is in the building. Even if the person happens to be alone in the building, Fuller said the stairwells provide a temporary safe refuge.

"We are going to check the whole building and we are going to get everyone out as quickly as possible," Fuller said.

Carol Maschinitz, a disabled student reliant on a wheelchair, said she doesn't know how she would react in a dire situation like that.

"I wouldn't want anyone flinging me over their shoulder, but I don't want to have to wait in the stairway," Maschinitz said.

Dale Adams, director of Disability Services on campus, said those with handicaps should plan how to react

before an emergency such as a fire would arise. He said he advises students with disabilities to note where exits are in buildings and figure out where to go in case of an evacuation.

"We have to be thinking ahead," Adams said.

Despite these fears expressed by those with handicaps, Capt. Ray Dishman of the Central Campbell Fire Department said Northern Kentucky University is the most fire secure campus in Kentucky. Dishman said all the buildings on campus are no more than 33 years old, meaning they were built under modern fire codes, equipped with good sprinkler systems and fire exits. This makes updating them easier, Dishman said. Also, Dishman said the university aids the fire department in educating the public regarding fire safety and complies with the ADA.

"The people at NKU are real fortunate," Dishman said. "They have people who care and want to listen to make things right."

Another feature favoring the university is its concrete structure. Baker said the concrete is more resistant and can help contain fire from spreading from floor to floor.

"We are pretty safe," Baker said. "Obviously accidents can happen. If people pay attention to fire alarms or get out of the building or move into the stairwell, no one should be hurt or killed."

Inaccessible doors a looming problem in new construction

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Some of the newly built handicap accessible ramps, designed to connect the new Natural Science Building with existing buildings, lead to currently inaccessible buildings,

Dave Rieger, vice president of field operation for Monarch Construction, said the project will be completed "per planned specs and its going to meet all the current ADA requirements."

Rieger said there are state inspectors on the job site to make sure the building is handicap accessible.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, a building must be accessible, but not totally accessible, to be within code.

In other words, the building will be within code, whether or not accessible buttons are added to these doors.

Dale Adams, director of Disability Services, said the goal is to go beyond the ADA requirements and become a totally accessible university.

"We're almost to a point where we could be a showcase institution," he said.

Mary Paula Schuch, director of Campus Planning, said the addition of the door openers was not included on the plans.

Schuch said the money for that change would not come from the money funded to build the new Natural Science Center.

"The construction company is only responsible for what is on the drawing," she said.

Bob Bolce, assistant director of Physical Plant, said a request for the additional door openers is in.

"Has it been funded? I don't know," Bolce said.

Susan Mospens, director of

Student Support Services, said she thinks that having a ramp that did not lead to an accessible door could be "sabotage" for students.

"If you've got a ramp, you should have a button," she said.

Mospens said she believes this is a matter of allocation of funds.

"If it's spent on buttons, it's not spent elsewhere," she said.

Mospens said any student that needs these buttons for access needs to be vocal.

Carol Maschinitz is one student who believes not having a button on these doors would be a big inconvenience.

Maschinitz said that having to take a longer way around might mean being late to classes.

Another inconvenience Maschinitz pointed out that you have to take the time to ask someone to open the door for you, if there is anyone available.

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Campus Closeup

NKU announces lease for corporate training center

The Commonwealth of Kentucky's Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee approved today a \$700,000 per year lease that will result in the development of a corporate training and development facility for Northern Kentucky University's Metropolitan Education and Training Services (METS) unit.

The 43,600 square foot facility, proposed by Corpross Companies, Inc., will be constructed at a CirclePort location, near the Mineola Pike interchange on I-275

and in close proximity to the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

The facility will feature administrative offices for METS, a 150-seat smart auditorium, eight classrooms, eight small group case/learning rooms, an executive board room, a conference room, banquet facilities for 400, a business center, and retailing space.

Stalling's book in NKU bookstores

One giant, black dust storm in April of 1935 became the signature event of a devastating period in the history of the South Plains of the United States. Frank L. Stalling,

Jr., emeritus professor at NKU gathered interviews with over 100 people who experienced the storm.

His book, "Black Sunday" contains oral histories of the Great Dust Storm of April 14, 1935. The book is now available in the NKU bookstore and is available by calling 1-800-880-8642 or by visiting www.eakinpress.com on the world wide web.

CINSAM receives science, math grant

The Center for Integrative Science and Mathematics received \$750,000 in state funding this month to collaborate with the

University of Louisville in a program designed to improve math and science programs in Kentucky.

There is a shortage of math and science teachers at the high school level, said Philip Schmidt, director of CINSAM.

Schmidt said the partnership will supply Kentucky high schools with updated science equipment and encourage students to take an interest in math and science.

"There aren't as many students studying math and science, and perhaps that is because they aren't being turned on to math and science early on," Schmidt said.

People learning to 'undo racism'

The three-day seminar draws people from all over Kentucky

By Scott Wartman
Editor In Chief

Eastern Kentucky University freshman Ilyana Walker visited the campus on the weekend of Feb. 22 in the hopes of finding the tools to combat racism.

She was one of 67 people who attended the fourth annual "Undoing Racism" workshop organized by Students Together Against Racism. Walker, who teaches pre-school in Richmond, Ky. said she hopes to learn different ways she can teach her fellow students at ECU and her pre-school children to fight against racism.

"I want to broaden my horizons," she said. "I am trying to add this to my curriculum."

STAR brought two people from the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond in New Orleans to moderate the three-day workshop. The PISB conducts similar workshops all over the United States.

Those that attended ranged from faculty, staff, students and concerned citizens interested in being more vocal against injustice and racism, said Emily Milow, president of STAR and sophomore at NKU. Milow said the workshop helps community organizers come to a concrete definition of what racism is and helps find ways to eliminate discrimination from society.

"It has been an umbrella for all social actions and helps us build bonds with community leaders," Milow said.

Defining racism is very important, said Dan Buford, a core trainer from the PISB.

"If you went to 50 people and asked for a definition of racism, you would get 50 different answers," Buford said.

The workshop wasn't only for vocal, anti-racist leaders, Buford said.

Learning the root causes of racism and how to stop it is valuable for any person, he said.

"It isn't always the Martin Luther King stuff, the grandiose stuff, that fights racism," Buford said. "Sometimes it is more subtle."

Buford, who has visited colleges all over the country, said the students at NKU work harder than most Universities at promoting diversity.

"NKU is an example of an institution that can address these issues," Buford said. "It would be in the leadership and other campuses can benefit from its example."

The students at NKU are effective at recruiting others to be anti-racist, said Dr. Michael Washington, director of African American Studies at NKU.

"There is a core number of students involved, and it is a number that is increasing," Washington said.

Walker said she was impressed with the student groups on campus and hopes to start a group similar to STAR at ECU.

Low funds means no free Internet

By Holly Hayden
Staff Writer

The University of Cincinnati offers it, but not NKU. No, not football. UC offers free off-campus Internet service to its students. NKU doesn't because it's just too expensive. UC's free Internet, Bearcat Online, is available to any student registered at UC. This is even offered to students at their branch campuses in Batavia and Blue Ash. A student brings a disk in to the library and the whole service is copied there, free of charge, and the student then installs the program on their home computer. This service is mostly for personal use because UC

only has their registration available on-line. Most of their other services are obtainable only in person.

NKU has everything from registration to grade cards on-line. There are numerous other services that will soon be available on-line as well. Despite this, NKU doesn't offer free off-campus Internet to its students.

"It's the cost. It really is a tough cost to bear," Gary Pratt, Associate Provost for Information Technology, said. To provide free Internet to between 15,000-17,000 students, staff and faculty, it would cost the University around \$750,000 a year. The University would also have to add numerous support staff, phone lines, modems and trouble shooting

staff, in addition to the Information Technology staff NKU already employs.

Also, a survey by Student Affairs showed that around 60% of students had access to the Internet either at home or work. Pratt said commercial Internet Service Providers (ISP) could supply Internet to students at a much cheaper cost.

The University is now looking into securing Internet through an ISP at a highly discounted rate for students, staff and faculty. However, the cost would be charged directly to the individual, not the University. Although he couldn't speak specifically, Pratt said a final deal could be expected within a month or two.

"Our goal would be to have everything available on-line," Pratt said.

Someday things such as alumni donations and ticket purchases would be available on-line.

"We're working towards that. We don't have the budget initiative fund yet to get that in place. We have done a lot in the last two years," Pratt said.

Pratt and Information Technology are tackling one obstacle at a time. Once they're done with Internet for students, faculty and staff, either free or discounted, they hope to turn to making more services available on-line.



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The Airmen with faculty: Front row (From left) 1st Lt. John Leahr, Lt. Col. Maurice Adams. Back Row (From left) Dr. Michael Washington, Dr. Michael C. Adams, Staff Sgt. Flight Chief Leslie Edwards.

Airmen visit

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country, I've done everything they asked me to do, and I'm going to get killed here on the streets of Memphis."

He left the service shortly after that. "I didn't have a lot of respect for my government or my country," said Leahr.

All three men said it wasn't easy fighting for a country that treated them so badly. But it was their country, and they had other reasons as well.

"I had to prove that denying me opportunity was foolish," said Edwards. "Once I established that I can achieve at the very highest level, then if you deny me respect, I can show you that I cannot accept disrespect, because I've proved that all those things you said about me, that I couldn't fly, that I wasn't capable of learning, wasn't true."

Campus Recreation


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FEATURES

Northern Kentucky University

Crown brings with it new duties for king and queen

By Cheryl Ritchie
Features Editor

Changes have marked this year's Homecoming court at Northern Kentucky University.

The changes include an African American being crowned king for the first time, and also the responsibilities of the king and queen have been expanded.

Four organizations nominated a male African American and the student body elected him to the court. Carleton Robinson, Sr. won the honor of being NKU's first African American Homecoming king for 2002.

Also the Homecoming king and queen will have the obligation of speaking at Black and Gold Day, Freshfusion and assisting with the Student Organization Celebration. "Anytime we need a student face or voice at an event," Tiffany Mayse, student life coordinator, said, the Homecoming king and queen should be there.

This year's king and queen were selected based on campus and community involvement, grades, a two-page essay, honors and awards, poise and interview skills.

Any organization may nominate a candidate or students may nominate themselves.

Candidates must be full-time students with junior or senior status and a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher. All candidates are required to fill out an application, and this year had to submit a two-page essay double-spaced about



Dorris and Robinson

"Bringing Back the Thunder to Northern."

"As a minority scholar, role model and respected leader of Northern, I feel that I have brought back the thunder to Northern by breaking barriers and crushing stereotypes to diversify predominately white organizations," Robinson wrote in his essay.

An election by the student body narrowed the field down to 10 finalists that made up the court. A selection committee consisting of: Carol Beirne, assistant director of Alumni Affairs, Dr. Russ Proctor, associate professor of communication, Jennie Peterson, orientation coordinator Office of Admissions, Michelle Peterson, director of American American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, Karen Ogburn, associate dean of Chase College of Law, Lee Whitley, 2001 Homecoming king, and Jennifer Surgalski, 2001 Homecoming queen, choose the king and queen.

"I was real excited when the student body votes came in and I fin-

ished in the top five, and I knew that I was going to get to walk on court," Leslie Dorris, 2002 Homecoming queen, said. "I didn't care if I won or lost."

Dorris is president of Delta Gamma Sorority and executive vice president of NKU's Student Government Association. She is also a member of the Order of Omega, Team NKU, NKU Ambassador Team, Norse Force and the Speech Communication Club. Delta Gamma Sorority, SGA and the Speech Communications Club nominated Dorris for Homecoming Queen.

"I was very, very honored," Robinson said. "I think it would help out the diversity at NKU and also to be able to be a role model for other incoming African Americans."

Robinson is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternities, he also belongs to Nurse Leadership Society, Student Alumni Association and serves on the judicial council of SGA.

"I think it is wonderful that we have someone to represent the African American population here on campus," Dorris said. "I know that he was very proud of that. I was happy to see him rewarded for all the work he gives to NKU."

Robinson was very proud to be recognized for his achievements. "If you try very hard you can achieve it. It's not always a race thing or a gender thing," Robinson said. "Do what you have to do and excel."



Photo courtesy of Cataland Films

Above are the mediocre Super troopers, which opened up in theaters last Friday

'Super Troopers' not so super

By Joshua Flowers

The Peanut Gallery Review

Super Troopers

Rated R, Running time, 103 minutes

This film portrayed the highway patrol the way anyone who has ever gotten a speeding ticket would like them to be. Imagine if state troopers were frat boys and you have just described the five main characters. The Vermont highway patrol has a lot of free time on their hands and nothing else to do but pull pranks on motorists and chug maple syrup.

Here's the basic plot: The Vermont highway patrol are worried because the state police keep stepping in on their turf. There is fear the budget will be cut and there will no longer be a highway patrol. So they decide to solve a huge drug

case that seems to have been eluding the state police, so maybe, they can keep their jobs. Unfortunately, their crazy antics keep getting in the way. For example, they beat up fast food employees, punch out state police or just get high. They are getting closer to becoming crossing guards and meter maids. If this film held true, it means the highway patrol are always drunk or stoned. That's the plot. Kind of weak isn't it? You soon realize, though, no one making this film cares about a plot. The movie is just a bunch of sketches involving highway patrol strung together. Which isn't very surprising since it was comedy troupe behind it, named "Broken Lizard."

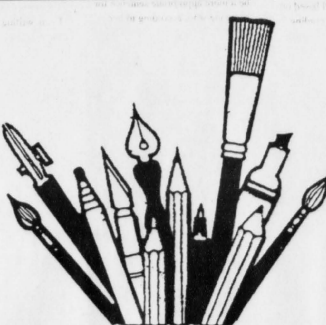
"Broken Lizard" did an incredible job of making their characters fun and likable. Often times, they reminded me of another comedy troupe called "Kids in the Hall." At some parts I was bored, but I still

loved the cast. You wish keeping they had funnier material but it just wasn't so. I really wanted to love this film and certain parts I did. I'll admit that I laughed out loud more than a couple of times but just not enough.

If this were a sitcom at this quality, I would probably tune in every week. But it being a film I expected a little more. The laughs are not there wall to wall as one would expect. The charm of the characters never leaves, just like any decent comedy television show. That's why television is cheap and movies cost eight dollars a ticket.

So in the end wait for the dvd. I'm sure the deleted scenes and out takes will definitely be worth the rent.

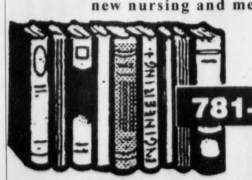
2 1/2 out of 5 peanuts (I wanted to love it)




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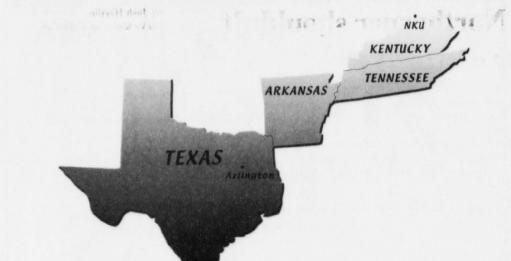


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Spring break trip seeks to help others

By Karen Scott

Northerner Contributor

Spring break is fast approaching and you haven't made any plans. Why not go on a road trip? Twenty-three students have signed up for the spring break trip to Arlington, Texas with the Baptist Student Union, and there is still room for more students to go.

"I've never been to Texas," said Megan Ryan, senior RTV major. "I've never been west of Chicago. What's better than going on a road trip with your friends?" Ryan traveled to Brunswick, Ga., last year with the BSU group, and is heading to Texas this year.

Heading south with Ryan is her friend Katie Goins, a sophomore. Goins said, "I think it's really neat. Texas has a really neat atmosphere. It gives you a different perspective going out of Kentucky." Goins has driven to Texas twice before and said it is a long trip, 18-20 hours.

Dustin Montgomery, a sophomore computer science major is the trip coordinator.

He said, "The place we're traveling to is called Mission Arlington. We'll be doing community projects and helping people out. Twenty dif-

ferent schools are meeting at Mission Arlington for spring break. We're going to try to interact mostly with the three Kentucky groups."

Anyone can go on the trip, just come in and sign up on the BSU bulletin board, or call the BSU at 572-5953. Last year, about 40 people went. Montgomery said they are hoping to charter a bus, or otherwise the group will drive in church vans like last year.

The group will stay in a gym, so the students pile in sleeping bags, guitars and all their gear for the trip. The time of departure is Friday, March 8, at 3 p.m., and return is late Sat., March 16.

The trip itinerary consists of helping out in the community through the afternoon, and then doing backyard Bible clubs from 3-6 p.m.

"The nights are pretty much free, but there is a praise and worship band coming on Monday night," Montgomery said. "We might take in the rodeo one night, and go to a nice restaurant, since Arlington is only about 30 minutes from Dallas."

"I think you learn a lot about yourself and who you are with," he said. "It's a great trip to be able to serve people, get closer to God and help out wherever you can."

Goins and Ryan helped out by painting at a teenage drug-rehab complex during the trip last year. They worked in nursing homes, Boys and Girls clubs and went to the mall to perform creative movement, skits and music.

Goins said, "During the College Ministry Service in the evenings, I got to socialize with different groups in the backyard of a church, called the 'big backyard.' There were about 180 college students there from different colleges."

Even if students can't make the trip, they can get involved in supporting those who can by going to a benefit concert on March 1, at 6 p.m. in the Otto Budig Theater. The concert, called Triple 3 Fest, features more than five bands playing punk, hardcore and alternative music.

The \$5 admission covers the concert and food. Some of the groups playing include: The Long Goodnight, Blueprint Coalition, Simplicated, Death Through Adam and The Big Nickel.

All the proceeds will help to defray the costs of the Texas trip.

VIEWPOINTS

Northern Kentucky University

Letters to the Editor Paper incorrectly published letter

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago, I sent a letter to the *Northerner* regarding my disappointment in your choice of topics for the North Poll. No more than a day later, I called the main office and asked that my letter not be printed. After I sent the letter, new facts were brought to my attention, and it was given confirmation by a young woman in the office that my letter would not be printed. I assumed the matter was taken care of when I saw the new paper adviser to the *Northerner*, letting me know that due to a technical problem, my letter had just been received. She asked me if I still wanted to print it. I replied immediately stating that the matter was resolved and that my letter was not to be printed. Three days ago, a friend of mine congratulated me for having a letter to the editor printed in the online version of the paper. Today, I picked up the hard copy and was infuriated to find my letter printed. I can understand the occasional layout or editing problem, but this is an extreme example

of poor journalism. The letter I wrote several weeks ago now serves no other purpose than to inflame a non-issue that the *Northerner* took the liberty of creating into an issue. I am requesting, at the very least a retraction of my letter and an apology.

Jenny Wendell

Dear Mr. Wendell,

I apologize for running your letter. In the week prior, the glitch that our moderator spoke of caused us to get a month's worth of letters to the editor that somehow were delayed when they were originally sent. I thought I had deleted your letter off our server, but unfortunately it slipped through the cracks. It was my fault and again, I apologize.

Scott Warman
Editor in Chief

Northerner shouldn't criticize others for typos

In the January 30th issue, *The Northerner* chose to publish a critical letter to the editor written by Liz Solheim. In the first sentence of this letter, Ms. Solheim made a spelling error (redundant was substituted for ridiculous) that the *Northerner* chose to highlight in the subtitle of "Letters to the Editor." This spelling error and one punctuation error were noted ("sic") in the text of her letter.

If the person checking Ms. Solheim's letter had been asked to do so for the remainder of the paper, perhaps I would not be writing this letter now. On the same page, you will find the "Concrete Jungle" comic. There are only two sentences in the panel, and both contain errors - an extraneous comma after "pages" in the first, and "business"

Keefe Roedersheimer

Northerner: Monkeys who smoke

Dear Editor,

I am writing to tell you your paper is horrid. It makes me want to vomit...and then vomit some more. Upon having to hear just how terrible and sour this paper is over and over again by many, I decided to look into your newspaper and found that just about every story seems to be written incorrectly with facts, not to mention the multiple spelling errors. I think the University should invest in "Spell Check" for your staff.

When I think of who writes these less than mediocre stories, columns, whatever for your paper, this is what

I picture the staff as being: I picture monkeys, smoking, sitting at a typewriter, just pushing buttons, screaming, defiling articles and facts, and making a mess of themselves. Is that about right? Because that is the impression your staff are giving off. Granted, you are students and still learning your craft, but nonetheless, I think you should pay more attention to details and be more vigilant when it comes to writing your articles.

What disappoints me the most is your "sour and bitter" attitude you have towards current and former students who are actually trying to accomplish something unique and

different and are actually doing something positive with their lives and making things happen, but your "sour" attitude has to go and make it negative, just off your whole paper. Instead of certain students getting praise for what they are accomplishing or trying to accomplish, your staff seems to find a way to "sour up the moment", which is indeed a shame. I guess it would make you feel better if they (certain students accomplishing things) just came and went and accomplished nothing from day to day. Sort of like the RTV/WNTV department you have there.

Your paper needs a wake up call

and a reality check, not to mention some more learning of the basics and fundamentals of writing and journalism. In time you will learn, but always remember this:

"You're not your job, you're not how much money you have in the bank, you're not the car you drive, you're not the contents of your wallet, you're not your f****n khakis".
Tyler Darden

Sincerely,

Rick McCulley
Former Student and co-founder of Get Some Film Company

No, we are not monkeys who smoke

Dear Mr. McCulley,

Let me start by clearing up a few misconceptions your letter brings up. I assure you we are not monkeys, and only two staff members smoke, of which only one smokes regularly. Furthermore, we do not use typewriters, but rather, outdated computers. Also, we have had some copy editing problems, but those are being corrected. I know it must have been a terrible inconvenience to you. As far as the factual content,

I am not aware of any false information reported in *The Northerner*. That being said, I would like to address what you mention as a "sour attitude" of our paper. I am assuming you are referring to the negative review of your film company written by a staff writer that appeared in the Feb. 13 issue.

The review questioned your film company's lack of maturity, which after reading your letter is obviously unfounded. Whether you agree or disagree with the writer's assess-

ment of your intellectual growth, the review accomplishes what a review is supposed to do - convey an opinion on some piece or work. The review doesn't speak for the rest of the paper, and no one else on the staff has even seen your movie. We are not going to simply abstain from running a review because it is negative. The review was tactfully done and offered constructive criticism, unlike your reply.

How quickly you forget that two weeks prior to the review, we ran an

objective story regarding your film company. *The Northerner* has given you plenty of positive coverage. If you can't take a little constructive criticism, then you have a long life ahead of you. Oh yeah, and remember this: "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking up at the stars".

-Oscar Wilde

Sincerely,
Scott Warman
Editor in Chief

Depression not an excuse for murder

By Josh Hardin
Rocky Mountain Collegian
(Colorado State U.)
(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Four years ago she killed her two children, and now she is back home.

Her name is Bethel Felman. She is a convicted killer but she suffers from postpartum depression. She was released from the Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo, and has been put under "community placement" at her home in Jefferson County.

According to authorities, Felman drugged and suffocated her children on April 9, 1998. Her husband, Wayne, found the children, 3-month-old Moriah and 3-year-old Benjamin, when he came home from his job at the Denver Federal Center.

Felman was found not guilty by reason of insanity, and her sentence was to be committed to the state hospital for a "one day to life"

term. She was released based on her mental progress according to hospital staff and her doctors, who still keep constant vigilance over her. She is required to take group therapy and class sessions at least two days a week.

Was Felman's sentence a slap on the wrist? I think so. I'm angry that a judge or a jury could rule that this woman could be cured in as little as one day. I don't know who is crazier — the killer or the people who created her sentence.

Today in Houston, a similar situation is unfolding with another mother suffering from postpartum depression, Andrea Yates. Yates is accused of murdering her five children by drowning them in a bathtub. She faces the death penalty, and a judge recently allowed the showing of more than two dozen photos taken at the crime scene to the jury. Like Felman did in 1998, Yates is pleading not guilty by reason of insanity.

It is known Yates was taking medication for her postpartum depression, and she had attempted suicide twice. I'm wondering how she was still allowed to take care of her children alone.

I'm also wondering what would be a more appropriate sentence for someone who, according to her lawyers, "was so depressed she did not know the difference between right and wrong." Will Yates get a sentence similar to the Colorado child killer? While I hope she doesn't get the death penalty, I think she should spend many years in a hospital, at least more than four.

There isn't much known about the cause of postpartum depression. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, only 10 percent of cases of the "baby blues" result in postpartum depression.

I don't think that ruling homicidal postpartum mothers insane is right and wrong. I think it is a bit too soon to be placed back into the community after killing your own children. There needs to be more research done on this condition, but for the time being, let's hope the jurors in the Yates trial have more sense than the Colorado courts.

OH students are not being treated fairly

I am writing this in regards to transfer students receiving in-state tuition after 2 years at another school.

Being a student from Ohio I find this extremely unfair. Ever since I was in high school I wanted to attend college here, now I am being punished for not going to an Ohio school first. NKU needs to recognize and reward those who are loyal to the school. Students that started out at NKU are more deserving (of in-state tuition) than transfer students who don't respect the school nearly as much. Out-of-state students should pay out-of-state tuition, but after two years of school here shouldn't we be granted in-state tuition and not transfer students, or are we the outsiders?

J. Matthew Phillips
sophomore

"What is your favorite Olympic sport?"

North Poll

Me! Jones
junior, psychology



"Ice Skating. (It has) always been my favorite. I've always liked the jumps, music and competitiveness and the drama."

John Kaspar
first-year law student



"Ice Skating. It's an art as much as a sport."

Kellie Schwartz
sophomore, elementary ed



"Ice skating. I was a dancer and it is sort of like dancing."

Mario Mazzaro
sophomore, undeclared



"Short-track speed skating relay. The go fast and it's always a close race."

Mishal Khalid
junior, information systems



"Snowboarding. It's about speed. You can maneuver easily and its fun."

Simbi Madzudzo
post graduate, information systems



"Skiing. It's fascinating. Where I come from, there's no skiing."

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SPORTS

Northern Kentucky University

Softball team set to start season Feb. 26

By Nichole Oaks
Staff Writer

The first pitch this season for the Lady Norse softball team will be thrown at Morehead State University, Feb. 26. Returning from last season where the team ended the year ranked No. 5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 28-25 record, this year's team can only look forward to an exciting season.

The team began to prepare for the upcoming spring season in the fall of last year. They took the field for the first time only one week after school began. They then played a

ten game fall schedule and when that ended they began practicing and weight lifting. The team does not have a lot of time off but their coaches makes sure they get their studying done. The team has study sessions twice a week for two hours. Coach Kathy Bown, who is a 1988 graduate of NKU, is back for her 4th season along with ten players from last year. Two returning players are seniors that joined the team Bown's first year. Strength is one quality the team will possess with the return of the three top hitters from last year that all hold batting averages over .300. Also joining this year's squad are 11 freshmen, all from the tri-

state area. This makes the team young but strong, with players to cover for injuries.

"We were never a hundred percent last season because everyone on the team suffered an injury and this year's squad has a lot more depth that will make us a better team," said senior Krista Eldridge.

The team is ready for their 22 game schedule this year and is also planning a trip to Orlando, Fla. for spring break where they will be playing ten games in five days. "The spring break tournament is to prepare us for conference play that I'm sure we will be very competitive and have great success in this year," said junior Kristin Koon.

The squad would like to encourage fans to come and watch them put their gloves in the dirt at their first home game against Ohio Dominican, March 2.

Norse finish up 19-7

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team played hard core defense late in the game and held off Quincy (Ill.) University 79-75 Saturday at Regents Hall. The Norse finished the regular season with a 19-7 record, 15-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"We made plays down the

stretch. We finished it off," NKU senior guard Craig Sanders said.

Sanders, who was one of two seniors playing his final home game, scored 22 points, including five key points near the end of the ball game. NKU was down by four points with three minutes left. However, the team went on a 12-4 run to end the game and win by the final four-point margin. The Norse had an early nine-point lead, 49-40, in the second half. The Hawks stayed right with

NKU the rest of the half but could not hold off the late charge.

"We shot pretty bad today but we hit big shots at the end," NKU senior forward Carl Mitchell said.

Mitchell had another big game for the Norse, scoring 17 points, including 3 three-pointers in the victory. He added eight rebounds and three blocked shots. Freshman Mike Kelsey chipped in 14 points and junior Darnell Fields finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds to help NKU to the victory.

Cory Cummings and Brian McNeil

GLVC
(at Evansville, IN)
(2)NKU Men vs (7) University of Wisconsin-Parkside
Thurs. at 1 p.m.
Semifinals-Fri. at 7 p.m.

each contributed with a team-high 15 points for Quincy, who is 7-19 (4-16 in the GLVC). Jackson Jones also scored 14 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds. The Quincy game was also "Senior Night" to honor both NKU seniors and their incredible careers. They are both glad with what they have accomplished as a Norse basketball player.

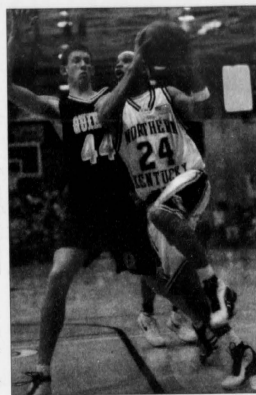
"It's been very different. It was hard to adjust but I took it okay," Mitchell said about his NKU experience. "I've got to know coach Shields and the other coaches."

Sanders said, "I have no regrets. I am glad with the position I was in." Sanders, who has now scored 1,576 points in his career, went on to say that the home crowd has always been great and he liked the Regents Hall gym he played in.

"Everybody talks about a bigger game, and ours is like a high school atmosphere. It gives us a great tone," he said.

NKU next heads on to the GLVC Tournament in Evansville, Ind. at Roberts Stadium. The tournament starts this Thursday, and the Norse will be the No. 2 seed. NKU knows that they will be ready for the tournament, because they are ready and fired up for everyone they will compete against.

"We're charged up for the conference tournament," Sanders said. "If we would have lost one of these last two games, we would have had to replace it."



Molly Corlman/The Northern Kentucky Norse drives to the hoop in a game against Quincy.

Lady Norse tops in GLVC

By Elias Hajar
Sports Editor

The Lady Norse won the Great Lakes Valley Conference regular-season title this weekend, but bid farewell to three seniors.

Michelle Cottrell, Dana Schubeiler and Suzie Smith played their final home game for the women's basketball team, defeating Quincy University, 75-58.

"I was sad," said Cottrell after the game. "I played in front of all these people for four years, and they supported me this long, and it was the last game. I just got a little emotional, but I'm glad we went out like this."

Cottrell helped the Norse clinch the No. 1 seed in the GLVC Tournament, scoring 22 points on 8 of 11 shooting from the field.

Smith and Schubeiler played great for the Norse as well, scoring 12 and 11 points, respectively.

"Winning the regular season has been a tremendous accomplishment for this team with all the injuries that we've had," said coach Nancy Winstel. "This team has stuck together through thick and thin and we've been able to just come together and finish off with a great game. I think it is just a tribute to these young ladies."

The Norse, ranked No. 9 in the NCAA Division II poll, will meet Saint Joseph's College in the opening round of the GLVC Tournament Wednesday night.

A strong showing in the conference tournament will help the Norse get a higher seeding in the NCAA Tournament.

"We have to play as well as we can in the GLVC Tournament. Right now we're 3rd or 4th regionally, so it would certainly be nice if we can improve how we play in the GLVC and move up," said Winstel. "I think you just have to do the best

GLVC Tournament

(at Evansville, IN)
(1) NKU Women vs (8) St. Joseph's College
Wed. at 9:30 p.m.
Semifinals-Fri. at 3:30 p.m.

you can and whatever happens, happens. I'm just hoping that right now we can stay as reasonably healthy as possible. From that stand point it makes you feel like you have a chance to be successful."

Cottrell would like to end her career with another national championship, but will have no regrets if the Norse fall short.

"Winning another championship would be awesome," said Cottrell. "But even if we lose, I'll be satisfied as long as we go out and play our best."

24 hours of hoops benefits St. Luke

By Tiffany Lewis
Staff Writer

For 24 hours, students shot hoops in the Albright Health center as Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity hosted another annual basketball marathon over the weekend, making it the 11th year in a row. At twelve o'clock on Saturday students began playing and the court was full until twelve the next morning.

The event raised around \$1,000 for the St. Luke Community Foundation.

St. Luke has many partnerships under its belt with NKU in areas of academics as well as special events, such as the basketball marathon. According to Janice Way, public relations director at St. Luke Hospital, the proceeds went to

benefit pediatrics last year and this year the money will be put into a general fund to be used where needed.

"St. Luke is extremely appreciative of relationship with NKU," said Way. "NKU is a high quality university who's very interested in the community."

Following the tournament there was a 3-point shooting contest, as well as games like dodgeball and kickball.

Adam Robbins, social chair of ATO, said the event was a great way to help a good cause.

"Not only are people having fun attending the event, but it is also beneficial to the community and the children of St. Luke," Robbins said.



Scott Wartman/The Northern Kentucky Norse Freshman Brandon Kiely takes a shot in the early hours of the marathon.

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Friday March 1
1:00am-3:00am While You Were Sleeping PG
3:00am-5:30am Primary Colors
5:30am-8:00am A Time To Kill
8:00am-12:00pm Informative NR
Get Ready For Mafia March
12:00pm-2:00pm Zilo
2:00pm-4:00pm Blue Chips PG-13
4:00pm-5:30pm Bubble Boy PG-13
5:30pm-8:00pm Robin Hood
8:00pm-10:00pm The Musketeer PG-13
10:00pm-12:00am Blue Chips PG-13
Saturday March 2
12:00am-1:30am Bubble Boy PG-13
1:30am-4:00am Robin Hood
4:00am-6:00am The Musketeer PG-13
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9:30am-12:00pm Informative NR
12:00pm-2:00pm Burly Bear
2:00pm-4:00pm WNTV original programming
4:00pm-6:00pm Eight Men Out PG
6:00pm-8:30pm Erin Brockovich
8:30pm-11:00pm He Got Game R
11:00pm-1:00am "O" R
Tuesday March 5
1:00am-3:00am Eight Men Out PG
3:00am-5:30am Erin Brockovich
5:30am-8:00am He Got Game R
8:00am-12:00pm Informative NR
12:00pm-3:00pm WNTV original programming

3:00pm-5:00pm Hoosiers PG
5:00pm-7:30pm Far And Away PG
7:30pm-10:00pm Captain Corelli's Mandolin R
10:00pm-12:00am Jay And Silent Bob Strike Back R
Wednesday March 6
12:00am-2:00am Hoosiers PG
2:00am-4:30am Far And Away PG-13
4:30am-7:00am Captain Corelli's Mandolin R
7:00am-9:00am Jay And Silent Bob Strike Back R
9:00am-12:00pm Informative NR
12:00pm-2:00pm Zilo
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4:00pm-5:30pm Space Jam PG
5:30pm-8:00pm A.I. PG-13
8:00pm-11:00pm Godfather R
11:00pm-1:00am Chasing Amy

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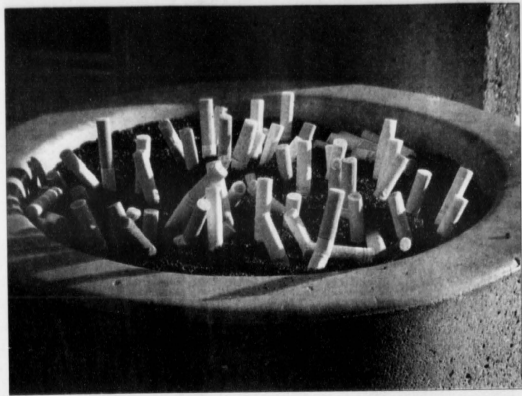
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IT improvement

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"When you have problems in student labs, instruction is impaired," Andersen said. "and that is a very serious."

The campus's 35 smart classrooms are one of IT's main motivations for asking for additional staff, said Bert Brown, IT's associate director of customer systems.

"We need to be able to respond to those needs right away," Brown said.

Brown said the opening of the new science building, which will add close to 20 more smart classrooms, makes it imperative they get more funding. If they don't get more funding, he said IT will have to rely more heavily on the student

support workers. Brown said that will be tough since they already receive about 500 work orders a month from faculty to repair broken equipment.

Despite some glitches with smart classrooms, Andersen commended IT on their commitment to improvement.

"There are still some problems to be resolved, but they are making a concerted effort to meet the needs of the University," Andersen said.

Dr. David Carrell, the chair of the College of Business, agreed that, while IT hasn't been perfect, they have made a good effort.

"They have done the best they can under the circumstances," Carrell

said.

Some other faculty members, however, declined to comment on their experience with IT.

Overall, most faculty members have been understanding of any delays in work orders, and most are taken care of in 3 to 5 days, said Jarrod Carpenter, a student computer consultant for IT. In fact, the reaction of faculty and staff to IT is what makes the job rewarding, he said.

"There is always a feeling of satisfaction when people are grateful that you solved their problems," Carpenter said.

Non-traditional student

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GED program in Gallatin County, she said.

At Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Fairborn, Ohio, she worked alongside highly educated people in the technical library for three years, she said.

"Everybody who came into the library had at least one degree," she said. "Most of them had a lot more. There were a lot of Ph.D.'s doing work there for the government."

And Jones is part of an educated family. Her husband and mother both earned bachelor's degrees from Cincinnati College of Pharmacy, she said. Her mother also earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Kentucky.

One of her sons earned a bachelor's degree in medical communications from Ohio State University, she said. Her other son earned a bachelor's degree at Wright State University and is a computer specialist, she said.

So, Jones said, it wasn't a hard decision to go back to school. It was an idea long in the making, she said, and it was one of those things she made up her mind to do after she retired.

With her life experience, she said, school is easier now than it was straight out of high school. For example, now she gets along better with her teachers.

"When I was 18, I was scared to death of them," she said. "Well, I'm not afraid of them now. Most of them are young enough that I could have changed their diapers."

Nicholas Bonner, foundations coordinator, at age 42, is an example. He taught Jones in his concepts in art class.

"I really enjoy having nontraditional students in my classes because they have different perspectives," Bonner said. "People who have been around for a long time have seen a lot of things happen and change in our society. Their perspectives are very important."

He said he enjoyed teaching Jones because she made herself noticeable among 60 or so students.

"She had great things to say. She always participated in class," Bonner said. "She had a totally different perspective and really presented some great questions."

Robert Wilcox, associate professor of history, taught Jones in his world civilizations class.

He also said he enjoys teaching nontraditional students and said they are a gift to the class. They add to the flavor of the whole learning experience with perspective from life experience, he said.

"Judy has been watching the world very closely for a longtime," Wilcox said. "She's seen the changes and she's seen how things haven't changed. She can bring that to bear in personal anecdotes or experiences she has had over a longer period of time."

He liked the feedback Jones gave him, he said, because she expanded the discussions with aspects he and other students possibly hadn't thought about. He said she is motivated and has a tremendous sense of humor.

And motivation is key, Jones said, because there is one thing that doesn't get better with age.

"Find it more difficult to memorize now than it was when I was 18," Jones said. "That's hard, but, I'm surprised at how much I do know. I only take a couple courses at a time. I can't do any more than that. I took three last semester, and it pushed me."

On the flip side, she said, she is

comfortable with herself, and she hasn't felt negative attitudes toward her.

"I don't feel strange at all," Jones said. "Everyone has been nice to me."

What is difficult for her, like many other college students, is deciding on a major.

"The point is to get a degree," Judy said. "Never mind what it is in."

Years ago, she began teaching herself art through reading books, she said. First she drew, and then she painted. She displayed her paintings in the Darke County Fair in Ohio.

She said, "One day I went to pick up my stuff, and there was something taped to the back of it. I said, 'What's this?' And the lady said, 'Somebody wants to buy your painting.' I was thrilled to death."

After that, she laid down her brush for a while. But she kept her supplies and had 38 tubes of paint when she came to NKU.

She said she also brought credit from her previous school, Lord-Belmont Junior College. Now she is taking classes and earning non-traditional credit through writing portfolios about what she has learned through life experience.

Her quest for knowledge continues. At the end of the rainbow is something worth more than a pot of gold. And Jones said she is determined to get there, to finish what she has started.

"I've learned a lot," she said. "but there is a lot more to learn. There's always something to learn because you never know it all."

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