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SGA forum addresses concerns over tuition



Collage by Brianna Bodine

Student Government Association members educated concerned students on how budget cuts will affect the university as well as their individual financial needs. Findings from the forum were discussed at this weekend's SGA retreat and will be presented to the Board of Regents.

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Legislator addresses funding

Lucas: Raise tobacco tax to earn revenue for Ky.

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Congressman Ken Lucas spoke last Friday, Jan. 16, to a crowded room of Northern Kentucky University students, where there was standing room only for some of the observers.

TeamNKU hosted the event featuring Lucas, who represents Kentucky's Fourth District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lucas is the only Democrat in the Kentucky delegation.

"I was absolutely excited about it," said Josh Ruth, TeamNKU legislative coordinator and co-chair.

"It's pretty powerful when we set up a room expecting maybe a max of 50 or 60 people, and we have over 200 people show up for an event."

The event was in the form of a question and answer session, where students were able to find out more about Lucas.

There was a mixture of both personal and political questions asked.

A few students inquired about the recent state budget cuts to higher education.

"Most of the states in the union have dramatic financial problems," Lucas said. "Cuts have to come from somewhere."

"I think it's a real shame that we have so many people who have taken up the pledge of no new taxes. I think you really limit yourself when you do that."

Lucas believes raising Kentucky's tobacco tax would bring in some much-needed money to the state.

"We have one of the lowest tobacco taxes in the United States," he said.

"Everybody else is taxing tobacco and we aren't. We could raise a good bit of money there, [and] that money could go to education."

According to Lucas, one of the most effective actions is to talk to your state legislators and governor and ask them to "generate some more money instead of cutting something that really shouldn't be cut."

Lucas also reminded the students that NKU President James Votrubia is working very hard for them.

"You have a president who is very smart, very reasonable, and will plead a case down there in the very best way for you," Lucas said.

Votrubia was unable to attend the event as he was in Frankfurt discussing the budget cuts with other university presidents.

"I'm sorry education is taking the hit," Lucas said.

"The best place to invest money is in education. It's a tool of empowerment."

A local jailer told Lucas that the average education level of inmates in that prison was between the sixth and seventh grade.

"It's not that people who don't have a high school education or college education are bad people," Lucas said.

"It does point out that they have two strikes against them when they're out in the world being competitive."

"The greatest thing we can do for society and for the taxpayer is to see that people are upwardly bound and get an opportunity to succeed and have an education," he said.

"It costs a lot of money to house an inmate. That money would be much better spent if we could give education opportunities to people who might not have them. Money for education

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Forum raises awareness

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The informational forum held at Northern Kentucky University last Wednesday to discuss a possible tuition increase proved to be beneficial to both students and the Student Government Association.

Students got answers as to why tuition may increase by as much as 20 percent, and SGA got feedback they could take to the Board of Regents for review.

Students who attended came for various reasons, including the free

pizza that was handed out afterward.

Sophomore Travis Rothe, a graphic design and French major, said he attended because he was interested to see what would happen with tuition in the future. Jennifer Kessler, an undecided freshman, said she went to the forum to see if her funding would still allow her to attend NKU if the tuition is increased as much as estimated.

"My tuition is paid by student loans, so I wanted to see how I would be affected," she said.

SGA President Chris Pace began the forum with a brief synopsis of

its purpose, the issues to be discussed, and an introduction of the SGA members who would be responding to student questions, including James Pollitt, Josh Ruth and Eric Fegan, SGA executive vice president and tuition committee chair.

Fegan, who Pace called the "budget expert for students," gave the audience an overview of recent tuition increases, saying students have paid 26 percent more in tuition over the last two years.

He added that with this year's cuts, tuition could rise 15 percent to 20 percent more.

Students were encouraged to

write questions on note cards which were given to Pace, who acted as the moderator for the forum.

Fegan, Pollitt and Ruth alternately answered questions.

Issues raised by students ranged from enrollment and financial aid concerns to whether NKU can still afford the new Student Union and "big name" faculty members such as former Cincinnati mayor Roxanne Qualls.

Fegan said NKU is not the only university facing increases in tuition. For example, Morehead

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Theft on campus disappears

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Technology-related thefts on campus have essentially ceased since the rise in incidents last October.

Jerry Warner, interim vice president for academic affairs and provost had sent a memo to faculty and staff in the latter part of October, urging everyone to take any steps possible to prevent future theft of the expensive, new technology. Warner sent out a follow-up memo Jan. 12 telling his recipients know that the university has not experienced additional losses

since his last e-mail.

"There are probably many reasons for this," Warner said, "but I am inclined to believe that many of you have played a role in this success by simply paying attention to the use of these classrooms and the equipment within them."

According to Jeff Martin, interim chief of police at the Department of Public Safety, everyone has been doing their part to put a stop to the loss of "smart classroom" equipment.

"The officers are keenly aware of the thefts and are on extra guard for unusual activity," Martin said. However, DPS stresses that the situation is not completely under their control.

"Professors and students have been asked to report anything that just does not look right to them," Martin said. "The best possible person to notice unusual activity is someone that is there each day."

"When something does not appear right, chances are it isn't. Call us and we will be glad to check it out."

Lynne Smith, education professor, says the college of education has been taking the appropriate precautions against technology-related thefts in their department.

"About two or three years ago we got a really large technology grant, so all of our classrooms are smart classrooms," Smith said. "That's been a huge advantage to

"Smarts" stolen in 2003

• Over \$75,000 worth of technological equipment was taken from campus last year.

• This was 245 percent of 2002's figures.

us, but it also of course means we need to be very careful.

"Certainly we care about the university's concerns, but also then we've added our own because we've been able to do so much with that technology money through the grant."

In the past, some departments

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Students vie for homecoming crown

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dpsreports

JAN 19 2004
Sunday 3:23 a.m.
Classification: ASSAULT - 4th Degree
Location: DORMS/UNIVERSITY SUITES - FOURTH FLOOR
Disposition: Under Investigation
Summary: A subject was struck in the face during a fight at the listed location. Officers and the Central Campbell County Squad responded. Subject was transported to St. Luke Hospital East for further evaluation and treatment.

JAN 18 2004
Sunday 3:06 a.m.
Classification: ARGUMENT
Location: DORMS/WOODCREST/WILLOW - THIRD FLOOR
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Two subjects were arguing at the listed location. Upon Officer arrival, the situation had calmed and the subjects were separated without further incident. One male subject was escorted off campus.

JAN 16 2004
Friday 6:00 p.m.
Classification: PROPERTY - Found/Recovered Property
Location: STEELY LIBRARY
Disposition: Closed
Summary: A wallet was found at the listed location. The owner has been contacted and the item was secured in the DPS Property/Evidence Room.

These are the latest reports as of our print deadline. For a full listing visit the DPS website at <http://access.ndu.edu/dps>

campusbriefs

Dorms now allow pet fish
University Housing has updated its "no-pet" policy and will now allow students living on campus to keep fish in their dorm rooms. The new policy specifies that fish tanks must be 10 gallons or less in size and that the owner must assume sole responsibility for the fish and tank. The policy took effect Jan. 12. For more information, visit the University Housing Web site.

NKU to celebrate Homecoming
Homecoming events will begin on campus Jan. 25 and end Jan. 31. The week will celebrate the history and the spirit of Northern Kentucky University with events such as a talent

show, trivia show, chili cook-off and the crowning of a homecoming court. The festivities will end with the homecoming games of the Norse men's and women's basketball teams against Bellarmine on Jan. 31. Contact the Office of Student Life at 572-6514 for more information.

New student center to officially open
The Office of Student Life will hold a grand opening of the new Student Involvement Center Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The center features computer workstations, a lounge area, television, fax machine and space for student organizations to meet. It is located in the University Center

Suite 10. The grand opening is open to all students, faculty and staff.

NKU to hold semester's first blood drive
Horseshoe Blood Center will be on campus Thurs., Jan. 22 for the first blood drive of the semester. The drive will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

AAC holds annual book drive
The Association of African Charities is now accepting donations of books, pens, pencils and other school-related materials as part of its annual Spring Book Drive. The pro-

ceeds will be sent to African schoolchildren who are often too poor to purchase these items. Students, faculty and staff can donate items by placing them in designated boxes around campus.

Local company uses student feedback
Students participated in a Jan. 20 research study by Procter and Gamble, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, to gain feedback on its new online selection process. Students "applied" for positions at the company via its online application process, and their reactions to the process were monitored in order to determine whether it was effective. Students were compensated for their time.

nationalbriefs

Kerry wins Iowa caucus
Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry won the Iowa presidential caucus Jan. 19, defeating front-runner Howard Dean in the first leg of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Kerry received 38 percent of the vote, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards received 32 percent, Dean received 18 percent, and Dick Gephardt received 11 percent, according to the Associated Press. Gephardt dropped out of the race following the caucus. The candidates will now campaign in New Hampshire and compete Tuesday in the first national presidential primary.

Atkins tells dieters: Eat less fat
People who follow the Atkins diet, a popular high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet, may need to rethink their eating habits once again. The New York Times reported Jan. 18 that Collette Heimowitz, director of research and education for Atkins Nutritionals, announced that only 20 percent of a dieter's caloric intake should come from saturated fat. The announcement comes in response to criticism that consuming large amounts of fat while on the Atkins diet could lead to heart disease.

Humans to take SARS vaccine
China will begin to administer a SARS vaccine to humans, according to the Associated Press. Thirty people volunteered to take the vaccine, which is still experimental. The volunteers will be injected this month with a vaccine made from the dead virus, which causes severe acute respiratory syndrome. Officials hope to determine whether it is safe for use on humans. SARS originated in China in 2002 and has since killed nearly 800 people across the world.

SGA shuttle ferries students for free

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The Student Government Association offers a free shuttle to take dorm residents to various local stores.
On Sundays and Wednesdays each week this semester, SGA Express will run from the Residential Village to Kroger, Meijer and Walgreens from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The shuttle has actually been around for several years now, but because of the budget cuts it may also be cut if it is no longer cost efficient.
With more students driving their own cars, fewer students may need the service.
Eric Fegan, SGA executive vice president, said "a lot of international students use it," but recently the average number of students using the shuttle has

decreased to only 15 students each night that it's offered.
Fegan said SGA will soon release a survey concerning university spending, and one of the questions may address whether it is worth it to "spend student money" to keep the shuttle available.
A similar service was eliminated in the past because the costs were too high.
The TANK River Run took students to Riverboat Row, 3rd Street at Newport on the Levee and from Covington Landing to Maintrasse Village.
Despite a great first few runs, dwindling numbers showed that the experimental project simply cost too much.
In a previous issue of *The Northerner*, Gina Douthat, the Director of Communications and Development for TANK, said the project cost TANK \$158,000 while students only paid \$1 to use the service.



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The SGA shuttle might be leaving campus for good if funding is cut.

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Picture of the Week



Tony Redell/Photo Editor
This Dayton, Ky. Firefighter takes a break at the First Baptist Church that was ravaged by flames on Jan. 16.

campusreport

Internet creates 'new literacy'

By ELBERT STARKS III
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Newspapers

AKRON, Ohio — It's easy to define literate as "able to read and write."

What happens, however, if the recognized tools for literacy such as books, pencils and paper give way to Internet chats with streaming video?

What if, in the age of text messaging and 250 TV channels, youths grow increasingly disconnected from the printed word and find other ways to process information and communicate?

Once upon a time, hieroglyphics were a standard for literacy. Now, the modifier for that standard is usually "ancient."

A concept being discussed in some quarters, and taught and implemented in others, is called New Literacy.

Dr. William Kist, a professor at Kent State University's Stark Campus, is a proponent of it.

"Students" would always be happy to have more hours of access, I'm sure, but I don't think we've lost anything," she said.

"In the long run, we have to look at protecting the technology so it's there for everybody."

Warner addressed this issue in his original memo from October, saying, "I am well

aware of many problems that come along with [locking doors]... Unfortunately, when we are, everyone may be unconvinced a bit."

It's kind of a catch-22," Smith said.

Smith said, "because before we had the technology, there wasn't anything in there to lose. Now that it's in there, we've just had to be more careful."

Warner did warn members of the university community not to let their guard down. He indicated in the memo that there are

no doubt still people on campus who would steal technology equipment.

"We've always tried to be really careful, [but] it's certainly good to be reminded," Smith said.

"We all see it as such a benefit. We want to be the

best in the industry."

In addition to all the extra safety measures the university has taken, Information Technology has also started installing "Sonic Shock Alarms" in certain classrooms.

According to Gary Pratt, associate provost for IT, these

devices "emit a very loud alarm if equipment is removed from its location. The alarm is attached to the piece of equipment and will continue to emit the alarm for hours after it has been removed."

As for now, only five rooms have these alarms installed. These are all rooms that have experienced thefts during the fall semester. IT has more in order, and all new installations of "smarts" are scheduled to be equipped with the alarm.

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back to already installed rooms throughout the semester. Each Sonic Shock Alarm is priced under \$100.

"Overall, diligence on the part of faculty, staff, and students is our most effective deterrent and preventative measure," Pratt said.

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The "Sonic Shock" devices are a relatively inexpensive method of attracting immediate attention to equipment that is being removed improperly.

theory is that we human beings are going to read in a different manner in the 21st century than we did in the 20th century," Kist said.

"We are going to spend more time in front of a screen than we spent in front of a page."

"Now that doesn't mean that we're not going to need to have to know how to read print. That's absolutely imperative," Kist said.

"However, this theory ... is saying that the way we read and write is going to be different. It's going to be nonlinear."

Nonlinear reading? New Literacy? Are these simply esoteric terms with vague meanings?

If you use the Internet regularly, at work or at home, the answer is no. If you play video games online, where you interact with other players using created characters, you're already doing it.

Consider: You go online to look up the score from your favorite sports team.

While browsing, you check a link detailing Britney Spears' latest exploits, which leads you to a link about lifestyles, which prompts you to plan your next vacation using a travel-based Web site.

Oh, wait. Why did you get on the Internet in the first place?

That is an example of nonlinear reading, where the path of the information search is deter-

mined by the seeker.

"Do you remember those books, 'Choose Your Own Adventures'?" Kist said. "That's what reading is going to be more like. When you read a book, most people are reading from left to right, start to finish."

"Whereas if you hit on a Web site, every person's experience with a Web site is going to be different. No one is going to click on the same links in exactly the same order."

A 2002 summit held in Berlin set out to define basic tenets for the 21st century, using New Literacy. There were five types of literacies promoted: technology, information, media, creativity, global, and literacy with responsibility.

In essence, the contention was that reading and writing needed to be taught in conjunction with these new concepts, because the ability to find and then understand information as well as being able to sift through and discard any unneeded excess will begin to define how youths learn in the future.

But how will those students be taught, and by whom?

Kist lectures people who are majoring in education about traditional methods of teaching, the kind based on required reading, homework and quizzes, where standardized testing can be used as an indicator of achievement.

However, Kist also explains

to the prospective teachers how to use alternative methods of reaching students. Some of Kist's students are already trying some of these methods, using digital media such as MP3 files, the Internet, art and film to enhance learning.

"The paper-pencil assessment will always be around," said Tracy Knisely, a 33-year-old education major from North Canton, Ohio. "But that doesn't mean other things can't be used, that methods won't evolve."

It's not about being new school or old school," said Suffield Township, Ohio's Michael Manhoff, 22. "It's just another way of teaching, a tool. Maybe it's not something you use in every lesson. But you're just trying to reach the kids."

A group of Kist's adult students agreed that children exposed to alternative methods of learning tended to be enthusiastic, as well, since not every youngster enjoys reading.

Those are the students that New Literacy doesn't want to leave behind, because everyone learns at different rates and speeds.

A picture is worth a thousand words," said Christine Outback of Jackson Township, Ohio, another education major, citing an example of how learning can be different.

"Writing a report from an encyclopedia doesn't guarantee you learned something, either."

Theft

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have failed to comply with DPS recommendations to install locks on all doors and have them locked when not in use. Department's claims were that their students would not have adequate access to their classrooms and labs.

There are signs on nearly every door in the Business, Education, and Psychology building reminding professors to lock the doors of rooms when not in use.

"Personally, I just see [locking doors] as one of the respon-

sibilities that goes with having the technology to use," Smith said.

To Smith's understanding, access to rooms has not posed a major problem up to this point.

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Lucas

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is money well spent," he said.

Lucas will be retiring at the end of the year at the age of 71.

He "naively" signed a term-limit pledge when he entered the U.S. House of Representatives.

Although congressmen have renounced these pledges and have still gone on to be re-elected, Lucas has no plans to renounce his pledge.

"I did this, it was a mistake, and I need to honor it," he said.

Lucas is supporting Nick Clooney in the next election.

"I thought it was quite interesting how [Lucas] described how the term limitation promise [may have been] a bad mistake because of the dynamics of seniority in the house," said James Binney, a political science professor.

"It's actually going to be damaging to the Fourth District. Now we're going to be low-man on the totem pole."

Lucas also shared some of his favorite memories in his career.

He said he will miss the "bustle and bustle" of his Washington, D.C. life.

"For those of you who might have political aspirations, I'm sure you're looking at somebody of very ordinary intelligence, not a great speaker, not 6'2", and not nice-looking," Lucas said.

"People like us, the ordinary Joes, can go to Congress. In politics, much of it is timing."

The fact that Lucas got on the Board of Regents in 1968, when the university was formed, as an alternate supported his belief that "timing is everything."

The Lucas Administrative Center was named after him in honor of his 23 years as a Regent and 13 as Chairman.

"I think Ken Lucas is a great politician," Binney said. "I

think he's a real nice guy and real honest."

Binney brought over 70 of his students to the event. He thinks this was a great experience for them.

"I'm sure probably none of them have ever heard a congressman speak," Binney said.

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Jarrod Schmidt, senior graphic design major, was one of Binney's students who attended the event.

"I still had an outside interest to go," said Schmidt. "It was interesting."

Based on the success of this event, Ruth says TeamNKU will be working very hard to get a consistent speaker series started.

"Our goal was to start [a speaker series] last semester, and have a different speaker in every month," Ruth said. "We had a hard time getting the ball rolling last semester."

Although TeamNKU doesn't have anything lined up for February yet, the three judges—Campbell and Boone County are coming in to speak on March 3.

Ruth said they are trying to get the respective county com-

missioners to come out and speak as well at some point.

"We are trying to get a Northern Kentucky perspective," Ruth said.

"We [want] a really good non-partisan outlook on everything. Regardless of party affiliation, we're just trying to get different perspectives."

"What we're trying to do is hear more on how the students affect the politicians. So many students fail to realize that we are the politicians' constituency."

"We voted them in office, so when the state starts talking about budget cuts and things of that nature, [they] should be representing us and having our best interests in mind."

Ruth stressed that students of all types would enjoy any future speaker that is a part of their series.

"You don't have to be interested in politics, [or] have to be a political science major. All you have to know is that you're a voter, and you voted these people into office."

Schmidt agreed with Ruth's statement, saying Lucas made the event very reliable.

"It was a down-to-earth advantage point with a lot of personal questions and good political issues that everyone could understand," Schmidt said. "I didn't have to be a political junkie to understand it."

"People want to hear that these politicians are regular, everyday people," said Ruth.

"They've lived lives and they've had fun. These are down-to-earth people."

Ruth and the rest of TeamNKU are busy planning their next installment in this speaker series.

"We hope we get as good as a turnout in the next one as we did this one," he said.

Corrections

A graph in the Jan. 14 issue of The Northerner ("State funding per student," front page) did not include the amount of state funding per full-time student for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), and therefore the median funding seemed inaccurate. KCTCS receives \$4,234 per full-time student. The median funding per full-time student of Kentucky universities, \$5,671, is based upon the median funding of Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University and KCTCS.

The staff of The Northerner apologizes for any inconvenience or misunderstanding the omission may have caused.

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State University will see a 10 percent to 12 percent increase.

Fegan added that all Kentucky higher education schools are seeing increases in the double digits, but NKU is the only school facing increases at or above 20 percent.

"Because NKU has already seen a 26 percent increase over the past two years, one student asked why tuition is still on the rise."

Fegan said there is an average increase of 2 percent to 3 percent every year.

"There is no guarantee that tuition will not increase in any year," he said.

If there is a continued rise in tuition, some students may question whether they can still attend NKU.

"There is the potential to lose students currently enrolled for financial reasons," Pollitt said.

However, he said there is no way of knowing definitely if NKU will "lose enrollment because of a tuition hike."

"I'll still stay at NKU, but I

know a tuition increase will affect my funding," Kessler said.

Not only could a tuition increase affect financial aid, but Fegan said it could also mean less help for international students and could raise enrollment standards for minority students.

"I do believe it would put minority students at special risk," he said.

However, Pollitt said there can be some benefit from a tuition increase, such as a better academic education, maintaining low class sizes and keeping full-time faculty on staff.

Students questioned whether it is worth the cost to have Qualls on staff as a visiting professor who receives the salary of a full-time professor.

Ruth said it depends on each person's outlook, but hiring Qualls may not necessarily be timely.

Fegan added that "roughly \$4.7 million goes toward instruction," which includes faculty salaries and teaching materials.

As far as inquiry into other spending, some students wanted to know what could be cut, while others asked what else could be added, such as the possibility of Division I sports.

Fegan said when NKU can afford an arena or football team, he would like to see Division I sports.

As for the new Student Union, Pollitt said it is still on schedule for completion for fall 2007.

Ruth said the university may need to re-evaluate outside spending, because it is "quite difficult" to raise money from outside revenue sources.

He added that some spending "may not be a necessity."

Michael Tobertga, a SGA senator, said he thinks there is some wasteful spending.

"I feel there are things that can and need to be done with the budget," he said.

If the university cannot cover the reductions, students wondered where they would get the extra money to cover the cost of a higher tuition.

"Students work full-time and are students full-time, and it's difficult," Pollitt said. "Students may have to rely more on financial aid and loans."

Fegan closed the forum by saying that SGA appreciated the students' attendance and comments.

"We hope to do something like this again," he said.

Students who attended said the forum was helpful and they would attend a similar function in the future.

"I think it was good that I

went because I'm more informed about what's going on," said sophomore Karen Lunn, a marketing major.

She said she was also glad to find out why tuition was raised in the past.

While students said the forum was informative, they did have some suggestions for possible future meetings.

"I would like to see more people outside of NKU answering questions," Rothe said.

Lunn said she wanted to know more about the changes that could come from the cuts, and other students simply wished there was more time to discuss the issues.

Despite positive reviews from students in attendance, Tobertga said he was "a bit displeased with the turnout at the forum and would like to see more student involvement, such as participating with TeamNKU."

He said because students will be largely affected by a tuition increase, they should have concerns about Kentucky politics.

"I truly fear for the university because of the cuts," he said.

For students seeking more answers or wanting to voice more concerns, Ruth encourages them to join TeamNKU on Tuesdays and Thursdays at letter-writing sessions.

There, students will have access to computers, fax machines and telephones to contact local legislators.

TeamNKU also hopes to have a speaker visit the campus monthly to discuss pertinent issues, including congressman Ken Lucas, who visited NKU on Friday.

Lunn said the forum also informed people of the effort to get them to go to the rally in Frankfort that TeamNKU is organizing for Feb. 5.

SGA says they hope for a larger turnout to influence state support for higher education, because more students will now know about the possible consequences the budget cuts will bring.



HOMECOMING 2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1981 *Fall:* Norse Volleyball team goes to NCAA Division II Tournament

1979 *Spring:* Norse baseball team goes to NCAA Division II World Series

1976 *June:* NKSC becomes Northern Kentucky University
July: Dr. A. D. Albright accepts presidency
November: Dedication of Charles O. Landrum Academic Center

1975 *May:* First graduate degree awarded
September: Dr. Steely resigns as president
November: Dedication of W. Frank Steely Library

1974 *September:* Science Center dedicated

1971 *May:* First commencement, Regents Hall

1972 *June:* Salmon P. Chase College of Law merger with NKSC approved by court
August: First classes for 4100 students begin on Highland Heights campus; Chase moves to Covington campus

1971 *Spring:* First Northern baseball team, called Norsemen
Fall: First Norse basketball team

1970 *June:* First classes offered by NKSC on the Covington campus
June: NKSC purchases more than 300 acres for campus on Highland Heights campus; Chase moves to Covington campus
August: First semester of NKSC

1969 *March:* Highland Heights selected as site for new campus
July: University of Kentucky Northern Kentucky College decided to Northern Kentucky State College
December: Dr. W. Frank Steely appointed first president of NKSC

1982 *Spring:* Dedication of first residence halls
Fall: Chase moves to Highland Heights
Fall: A.D. Albright retires

1983 *April:* Dr. Leon Boothe introduced as third president of NKU

1985 *Spring:* Norse baseball team appears in NAIA World Series

1987 *March:* Lady Norse basketball team goes to NCAA Division II Final Four

1990 *Fall:* Dedication of Applied Science and Technology Center

1992 *September:* Dedication of Graves Concert Hall and new music wing of Fine Arts Center
Fall: New residence halls occupied

1995 *March:* Norse men's basketball team wins GVC title, plays for regional title

1996 *March:* Norse men's basketball team wins GVC title and regional title, then plays in NCAA Division II National Title Game, broadcast on national TV
June 30: Dr. Boothe retires after 13 years as President

1997 *March:* Norse men's basketball team wins GVC title, regional title, then plays in NCAA Division II National Title Game, broadcast on national TV
April: Announcement made that Dr. James Motruba has accepted presidency of NKU
Fall: Opening of Ceramics and Sculpture Building

1998 *Fall:* Volleyball team goes to NCAA Division II Elite Eight Final Four

1999 *Spring:* Women's basketball team goes to NCAA Division II Final Four


2000 *April:* Norse women's basketball becomes first NKU athletic team ever to win a national championship

REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE, UC 10. ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1/23 Friday	9 am	Banner, window, and department decorating begins	UC lobby, UC & NC windows, departments
1/25 Sunday	1 - 5 pm	Norse Day	Newport on the Levee
1/26 Monday	7 pm	Talent Show sponsored by APB	Otto Budig Theater
1/27 Tuesday	5-7 pm	Black and Gold Theme Dinner	Norse Commons
1/27 Tuesday	6 pm	NKU Trivia Show and Novelties sponsored by APB	Norse Commons
1/28 Wednesday	12 pm	Bets for Bucks and Novelty sponsored by APB	UC Cafeteria and Lobby
1/28 Wednesday	1 pm	Dr. Frank Stallings, Special Guest Speaker and Reception	Otto Budig Theater and UC Lobby
1/28 Wednesday	4 pm	Donations for Brighton Center due	UC 10 - Office of Student Life
1/28 Wednesday	7 pm	Hypnotist Frederick Winters sponsored by APB	Otto Budig Theater
1/28 Wednesday	9 pm	Yell Like Hell Competition and Court Announcement	Albright Health Center
1/28 Wednesday	10:00 pm	Homecoming Celebration	Skyline Tavern
1/29 Thursday	8 pm	Freestyle Battle sponsored by APB	UC Gameroom
1/30 Friday	All Day!	Black and Gold Spirit Day	(wear your school spirit!)
1/31 Saturday	10 am-3:30 pm	Norse Bowl	Intramural Fields <small>(Albright Health Center in case of inclement weather)</small>
1/31 Saturday	4 pm	Alumni Chili Cook-off	Regents Hall
1/31 Saturday	5:30 pm	Norse Women vs. Bellarmine	Regents Hall
1/31 Saturday	7:45 pm	Norse Men vs. Bellarmine	Regents Hall
1/31 Saturday	Half time of men's game	Crowning of King & Queen Organization Spirit Awards	Regents Hall

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viewpoints

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,I would like to address this
letter to any of the students on
our campus that are interested
in fighting for a woman's right
to choose a safe, legal abor-tion. Since President Bush
has been in office, he has put
women's reproductive free-
doms in jeopardy.
Roe vs. Wade hangs by a
thread and is dangerously
close to being overturned if
just one more anti-choice jus-
tice is appointed to the
Supreme Court.Women will be forced to
back alleys if this happens.On April 25, 2004, the
biggest pro-choice rally in
decades will happen in
Washington, D.C.So far, 7,993 people have
signed up go. There are alsomonthly meetings for this
month and the people who
have signed up to attend.
My meeting is in the
Cincinnati, Ohio region.Every month, our meetings
canceled
because we have
enough people who
know about the march.
It's really discour-aging! I am asking
anyone who is
interested to visit
[www.marchfor-](http://www.marchforwomen.com)
[women.com](http://www.marchforwomen.com) to
sign up for the
march.I would also
like anyone who
wants to attend
meetings to let
cuss our agendas.fundraising, etc., to visit
www.marchforchoice.meet-
up.com and find your city's
meetup and meet the other
choicers in your area.

The more people we have,

the better chance we have at
being heard.
March for your life.**Brandt Dalhover**
Freshman, undeclared

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editorialnote

The moon ain't Iraq

U.S. plan for return to space a ploy for votes

STAFF EDITORIAL
The Crimson White
(U. Alabama)(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA,
Ala. — Load up the van, kids,
we're goin' back to the moon!Or at least, that's what
President Bush said Jan. 14 as
he announced his intrepid new
vision for our nation's beleaguered
space program, a vision that
includes a new generation of
spacecraft, a moon base and
an eventual trip to Mars.Now, we're all for it. We've
got our pouty ears on and our
phasers set to "extra crispy,"
and we're more than ready to
go back to a place we haven't
seen since the height of the
disco revolution.In our minds, we get a moon
base, then a Mars base, and then,
ladies and gentlemen, we
go looking for Klingons.
Sounds like a brilliant plan.
Besides, our space program
has already brought us innova-
tions like Velcro, Teflon and
Tang. Who knows what new
round inventions this will
bring? We're just hoping for
jetpacks. However, as we'd be
nice, too, but we think that's
too much to hope for.

Photo courtesy of KRT campus

Our geeky minds are salivating
at the prospect of this new
moon base. Apparently, this
base will be America's launch-
ing pad for deep space, and it
will be powered by a nuclear
reactor. A nuclear moon base?Now, that's too cool. Throw in
a frickin' laser beam and we're
done.However, Bush's baby does
have some flaws. The plan
details the retirement of our
current space shuttles in 2010,
with its replacement craft to befinished in the coming years.
In short, sometime in the
near future, America, the inno-
vator of space exploration, will
be left stranded on terra firma.
That just doesn't sit too well
with us.To pay for his modern-day
version of manifest destiny,
Bush wants an extra \$1 billion
given to NASA, and an addi-
tional \$1.1 billion diverted from
current in-house projects.Yeah, so what about Iraq,
Afghanistan and the ever-bur-geoning budget deficit? We're
sure Bush will just have another
billion printed up. No biggie,
right, George?And can we really get this
new space program off the
ground with just \$12 billion?
Bush recently gave more than
\$0.80 big ones to Iraq, and
Iraq ain't Mars. Compared to
Mars, Iraq is within spitting
distance, and that's without
any wind.Think how many
Republicans are opposed to this
plan. So much for being
fiscally conservative. Then
again, Bush threw out the gov-
ernment's ledger a long, long
time ago (in a galaxy far, far
away).We like space exploration
just as much as the next guy
and gal, but come on, George,
this smells too much of a political
ploy.We also think it's a her-
ding to distract us momentarily
from both the war and the job-
less economy. But, surely
Bush wouldn't fool us like
that. We know what he really
has in mind.You really do want the geek
vote, don't you?**npr****norse poll responses**

Compiled by Tony Redell

**How would another
tuition increase at
NKU affect you?****Kirsten Essex**
Junior, education*"My father pays for my tuition,
and it will definitely affect him.
It doesn't make sense to
increase our cost of education
and living per semester."***Katie Hart**
Senior, nursing*"It wouldn't affect me as much
as it would other students, as I'm
on a full academic
scholarship."***Kurt Herschede**
Freshman, undeclared*"I'd have to work more hours to
pay for an increase, which
would cut on my study time,
which could decrease my
grades, which will affect my
career."***Victor Fumbo**
Freshman, nursing*"[It] could cause my
withdrawal from school, and
that will definitely affect my
career, my life."***Brandon Toms**
Sophomore, computer science*"My father pays my tuition, but
I see my friends trying to work
to pay for their education.
They'll have to work longer
hours and party with me less."***Delise Myberry**
Junior, nursing*"People come here to better
themselves, better education all
around. With an increase, that
could alleviate the opportunity
for those people."*

Detainees held unjustly

Secrecy, justice usually don't go hand-in-hand

STAFF EDITORIAL
The News Record
(U. Cincinnati)(U-WIRE) CINCINNATI —
Usually when war is waged,
the reasoning behind it is too
complex to be explained in one
word, or one case.The present situation
America is tangled up in with
Iraq is such a case.
If 100 politicians were asked
why we went to war with Iraq
there would surely be a list of
answers.This list would likely
include such items as protect-
ing freedom and individual li-
berties.Upholding the tenets of the
Constitution, and the Bill of
Rights would almost certainly
be included as well.Making America safe and
protecting foreign interests
would also be present.Resorting to violence for the
lump sum of the above reasons
could be deemed fighting to
protect our way of life.

Under these circumstances,

noting that the administration
that declared this war (and
gave us these reasons) has vio-
lated such basic principles
making our nation appear hy-
po-critical, and less than truthful.Soon after Sept. 11, the govern-
ment began secretly arrest-
ing individuals believed to
pose a threat to the United
States.In some aspects, it is very
similar to the oft-maligned
KGB in Moscow.Thousands of individuals
have been taken into custody
for various reasons.Families are unable to find
out any information about
their loved ones.All information that pertains
to these arrests, such as who's
being held and why, has been
restricted.It has even gone as far as
omitting names of those being
held from the prison rosters.The Supreme Court's deci-
sion to ignore petitions and
permit secret detention to con-
tinue is as disappointing as it is
scary.Where did our rights go
relating to freedom of speech
and the Freedom of
Information Act?A report released in June
said that of the 762 people
arrested for illegal immigra-
tion, many have been detained
for more than the 90-day max-
imum as stated in our laws.After 90 days, the person
must be deported or set free.
It seems that the government
is using the prisoners' illegal
alien status as a way to cover
their backs should they not
find sufficient evidence against
the individual.The government claims that
only a few of the detainees
are on gag orders from the courts.Therefore the government
believes it is not withholding
information, which can be
released by the detainees.However, no one knows who
the detainees are or where they
are being held.Many citizens feel that since
they appear American and
have no recent visits to
Afghanistan or Palestine ontheir passports, they have no
reason to fear such blanket
enforcement of martial law.If one day people with last
names beginning with "Mc"
became the next group of peo-
ple selected for secret deten-
tion, would they would be
equally powerless to stop it?There have been several
reports of abuse and prisoner
mistreatment.With no information being
released and proper jail rosters
not being kept, how can we
hold anyone accountable for
their actions?The secrecy is giving the
government a free pass to do
as they wish.When all is said and done,
there will be no evidence to
fall back on to correct the cor-
rupted links in the system.With the Supreme Court's
refusal to consider the plight
of those secretly incarcerated,
the road is paved, and the legal
documents, supposedly in
place to protect our liberties
will end up crumpled and
blown under the guardrail.**EDITORIAL POLICY**The views expressed on the Viewpoints page do not necessarily
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by mike maydak



horoscopes

For the week of January 19-25, 2004

By Lasha Seniuk, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

Aries
(March 21-April 20)

Early this week, watch for colleagues to publicly challenge policy changes or request new assignments. Business ambition is on the rise. Submit applications, apply for loans and clarify workplace roles. By late Wednesday, all will work in your favor. Thursday through Sunday accent family decisions. Key discussions involve canceled events, postponed promises or short-term financial adjustments. Wait for new and creative ideas; improved options will soon arrive.

Taurus
(April 21-May 20)

Respond quickly to renewed income sources or postponed job offers. Before midweek, many Tauruses will expand their business duties, group influence and daily authority. Study the past for valuable options. Bosses, colleagues and financial officials will search out your expertise. Friday through Sunday, romantic memories are strongly felt. Expect yesterday's hopes, dreams and attractions to demand resolution. Remain philosophic.

Gemini
(May 21-June 21)

Home and workplace obligations will be in conflict. Late Tuesday, loved ones may need more attention than usual. Ask for added patience. At present, sensitivity is needed. After midweek, minor digestive ailments may be bothersome. Attend quickly to allergies, disrupted sleep patterns or intestinal irritations. Some Geminis will need to adopt a more creative approach to health, fitness or vitality. Daily routines are vital. Stay alert to subtle fluctuations of energy.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)

Dreams or sudden flashes of wisdom may compel many Cancerians to challenge business officials or rapidly expand their workplace influence. Areas strongly affected are complex power struggles, unusual behavior or ethical standards. Stay strong and expect rare political complications by midweek. After Friday, a long-term friend may announce unusual travel or educational plans. Ask probing questions. Friends and close colleagues need your guidance.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Friends and colleagues will explore new concepts. After a brief phase of stagnation, rekindled ambition will bring fast results. Watch for loved ones to also make peace with social restlessness or lost hope. Sudden or unusual requests may be ongoing themes. Friday for complex announcements or quick group decisions. Friday through Sunday, financial mistakes from the past may recur. Stay alert. Newly initiated projects may be permanently stalled.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Social and romantic confidence are on the rise. Monday through Thursday, watch for previously shy friends or lovers to issue private invitations. Work officials may also rely heavily on your past efforts or public reputation. Accept the compliment but remain cautious. New relationships will take extra time to fully develop. After Thursday, workplace alliances will subtly shift. Older colleagues may expect special treatment. Go slow and avoid direct confrontation.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Over the next six days, unbalanced relationships may reappear. Expect sudden social messages and fast romantic demands. Go slow, if possible, and avoid delicate emotional triangles. Loved ones will be unusually sensitive to minor changes. Late this week, watch also for a last-minute job or business proposal. Legal standards and ethical decisions may be key influences. Don't hesitate to ask complex questions or reveal private information: integrity will prove vital.

Scorpio
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Over the next few days, steady family pressures may subtly increase. Much depends on personal insight and learned spiritual lessons. Allow loved ones extra time to contemplate failed decisions or resolve past doubts. After midweek, fast financial changes, vague documents or business messages may cause confusion. Ponder job improvements and thoroughly check all records. By late Saturday, a new era of group participation and revised career goals will arrive.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Don't ignore the comments, social ideas or opinions of others. At the moment, home and emotional security may be deeply important to friends and loved ones. Find gently expressive ways to explore common ground and all will be well. After Thursday, younger colleagues may present creative ideas or ask for special consideration. Minor workplace politics may soon become challenging. Offer your expertise and wait for decisions from authority figures.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Before midweek, your insight and attention to detail will impress key officials. Contemplate new procedures and propose fresh projects. Advancement will be fast and permanent. Early Thursday, a long-term friend may be mildly jealous of a new relationship. Remain focused and refuse to discuss delicate triangles. Loved ones will eventually regret their moodiness, isolation or criticism. Remain calm. Intimacy and trust will soon be rekindled.

Aquarius
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Monday through Wednesday, complex work projects may be replaced by potentially rewarding team assignments. Before mid-February, established policies will need to change. Expect sudden reversals and watch for positive ways to expand all business relationships. Thursday through Sunday, a private power struggle between relatives requires diplomacy. Don't confront. Loved ones are highly sensitive and will not appreciate an honest or bold discussion of key facts.

Pisces
(Feb. 20-March 20)

Loved ones may ask for practical advice over the next few days. Use this time to plan new home events, clarify finances or arrange educational programs. For many Pisceans a renewed interest in public discussion will help resolve home disputes. Someone close may need to clearly explain their past social judgments. Offer forgiveness. Your reaction to complex emotional needs or strained family dynamics may prove vital to the success of long-term relationships.

classifieds

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crossword

"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)

ACROSS

- 1 Asian inland sea
- 5 Filthy fog
- 9 Bad-tempered
- 14 Lucy's hubby
- 15 Continental dollar
- 16 State gambling game
- 17 In due time
- 18 Vivacity
- 19 Playful marine mammal
- 20 Program choices
- 22 Sewing-machine man
- 24 Teeter-totter
- 26 Parts of shoes
- 27 Chinese currency
- 29 Demented

DOWN

- 3 Venomous snake
- 33 Powerful working dogs
- 37 30-day month
- 38 Soup spoon
- 39 Decay
- 40 Yuccalike plant
- 41 Strong desire
- 42 Shrieking bird
- 44 Golfer's peg
- 45 Bovine sound
- 46 Horse hue
- 47 U.S. family of artists
- 49 Naturalist
- 53 Escalator man
- 57 Pieces of pounds
- 58 Inuit craft
- 59 Blinded
- 61 Tree of
- 62 Knowledge site
- 62 Petty
- 63 British gun
- 64 Cleave
- 65 — Faye Bakker
- 66 Safe-cracker
- 67 Former spouses
- 30 Sandler and
- 31 West
- 43 Old-time actress
- 45 Adoree
- 46 Unanimously
- 47 Lock man
- 48 Understand
- 49 Equine hybrid
- 50 Some exams
- 51 Signal-direction finder
- 52 Access limited
- 53 Some IRAs
- 54 Italian eight
- 55 Fret
- 56 Aching
- 57 Fry lightly
- 58 Woe is me!
- 59 Roll of money
- 60 Sleeping disorder
- Model T, e.g.
- Television interference —mell
- Surfeit
- Uncommon
- Border
- Neither's companion
- Steel plow innovator
- Diving duck
- Ride the thermals
- Period of many years
- Submissively
- Biblical poem

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Houston, TX

1/21/04

- 48 Related on the mother's side
- 50 Directory
- 51 Play part
- 52 Minds
- 53 Barely
- 54 Thompson or Samms
- 55 Old name for Thailand
- 56 Designer Cassini
- 60 Basic H.S. subject

Answers to this week's crossword will be published in next week's issue.

life×

Six of these students will become members of Northern Kentucky University's

Homecoming Royalty

Duke

Kevin Hunter
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Residential Housing Association

Brad Goessling
 Sponsoring Organization - Phi
 Kappa Tau

Jared Moore
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Alpha Tau Omega

Russell (R.P.) Proctor
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Freshman Service Leadership
 Committee, Norse Force,
 Speech Club, Sigma Phi
 Epsilon Fraternity

Jason Rimmer
 Sponsoring Organization - Pi
 Kappa Alpha

Duchess

Jessica Baker
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Theta Phi Alpha

Kate Brodbeck
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Norse Force, Phi Kappa Tau
 Fraternity

Ashley Dorris
 Sponsoring Organization - Delta
 Gamma Sorority

Tiffany Jones
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Freshman Service Leadership
 Committee

Heather Meeks
 Sponsoring Organization -
 College Republicans

Ashley Meyer
 Sponsoring Organization - Phi
 Sigma Sigma

Danielle Nelms
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Student Alumni Association

Abby Plageman
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 Activities Programming Board

Sharon Price
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Residential Housing
 Association

Kathleen Spice
 Sponsoring Organization - Pan-
 Hellenic Council, Kappa Delta

Prince

Colin Klayer
 Sponsoring Organization - Pi
 Kappa Alpha

Jesse McDonald
 Sponsoring Organization - Tau
 Kappa Epsilon, Speech Club,
 Activities Programming Board

Princess

Sheena Dunn
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Activities Programming Board

Anna Hogan
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Presidential Ambassadors

Brandi Hon
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Theta Phi Alpha

Mary Jill Meyer
 Sponsoring Organization - Phi
 Kappa Tau

Tiffany Stroer
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Norse Leadership Society

Leslie Young
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Student Alumni Association,
 Norse Force

Sarah Wilson
 Sponsoring Organization - Phi
 Sigma Sigma

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 the 2004 Homecoming Committee.



The untold story of the week's events

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Northern Kentucky University's spring semester will begin with a homecoming celebration. The week leading up to the event will be filled with campus events and activities, topped off by the Norse basketball game and the crowning of the king and queen. This year's homecoming festivities run from Jan. 25 until Jan. 31.

The theme for this year's

homecoming is "The Norse: The Untold Story." The theme has been selected because, "the history of NKU and the Norse is a mystery to a lot of people," said Stephanie McGoldrick, program coordinator and chairman of the Homecoming Committee.

"[We want] to bring the whole campus community together," McGoldrick said. She said that it is hard to motivate people to get excited about homecoming because it comes in the middle of the school year, said McGoldrick said the commit-

tee's goal is to define NKU's history with some of the events being held throughout the week.

For example, there will be a trivia show of NKU history and a history presentation by Dr. Frank Stallings. There will also be a display case in the UC lobby to display historical information. If someone just picks up a pamphlet or learns one little fact about the university, McGoldrick said that they'll feel like they've succeeded.

There are three categories for homecoming court: king and queen (junior and senior candi-

dates), prince and princess (sophomore candidates), and duke and duchess, (freshman candidates).

Students can vote in all the categories. The top five finalists for king and queen are chosen by an interview process, said Tiffany Mayse, coronation chair of the Homecoming Committee.

The interviews are based on a point system that evaluates campus and community involvement, grades, essays, honors, and presentation skills, according to Mayse.

The rest of the homecoming

court will be announced at the Yell Like Hell Competition on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 9 p.m. in the Albright Heston Center.

The crowning of the king and queen will take place at half time during the men's basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 31.

The student body can vote Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. in the University Center or from any computer with Internet access at <http://elections.nku.edu/homecoming>. Students must have a valid student ID in order to vote.

King nominees

Lance Angle
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Presidential Ambassadors
 College Activities - Presidential
 Ambassadors, Norse Nation,
 Residential Housing Association,
 Catholic Newman Center, Resident
 Assistant

Mike Farwell
 Sponsoring Organization - Activities
 Programming Board
 College Activities - Activities
 Programming Board, Norse Force

David Ginn
 Sponsoring Organization - Tau Kappa
 Epsilon Fraternity
 College Activities - Tau Kappa
 Epsilon Fraternity, Chaplin, IFC
 Chair, Inter-Fraternity Council,
 Secretary, Greek Activities
 Programming Board, VP Public
 Relations, Greek Life Consultant,
 LEAD NKU

Andy Hixson
 Sponsoring Organization - Alpha Tau
 Omega Fraternity
 College Activities - Alpha Tau
 Omega: President, College
 Republicans, Student Government
 Association: VP of Public Relations,

Jeff Iker
 Sponsoring Organization - Norse
 Leadership Society & Speech
 Communication Club
 College Activities - Alpha Tau Omega
 Fraternity, Vice President, Norse
 Leadership Society: President,
 Freshman Service Leadership
 Committee, Speech Communications
 Club, Norse Force

Dustin Lewis
 Sponsoring Organization - Phi Kappa
 Tau Fraternity & Leadership Task
 Force
 College Activities - Phi Kappa Tau
 Fraternity: Vice President,

Philanthropy Chair, New Member
 Class President, Norse Leadership
 Society, Activities Programming
 Board: Spring Programming Chair,
 Vice President; Freshman Service
 Leadership Committee: President,
 Advisor

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 Alpha Fraternity
 College Activities - Homecoming
 Committee, Presidential
 Ambassadors, TEAM NKU, Pi Alpha
 Fraternity: Rush Chair, Vice
 President, Public Relations, Campus
 Involvement, Greek Week Committee

Tye Mortensen
 Sponsoring Organization - Resident
 Assistants
 College Activities - Pi Kappa Alpha
 Fraternity: Cumberland Region
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 President, IFC Delegate, Community
 Service Chair, Judicial Council,
 Pledge Class Vice President;
 Presidential Ambassadors, Student
 Alumni Association, Student
 Government Association, Honor
 Society President, Lambda Pi Eta
 Communication Honor Society,
 Department Search
 Committees

James Pollitt
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 Republicans
 College Activities - Student
 Government Association, Freshman
 Service
 Leadership Committee, College
 Republicans, Phi Alpha Theta, Risk
 Management Committee

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 College Activities - Presidential
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 WJFE: Production Specialist,
 Residential Housing Association,
 ASH: Vice President

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 College Activities - Zeta Phi
 Beta Sorority, Inc., Greek
 Activities Programming,
 Order of Omega, Social
 Work Club, Phi Alpha Delta
 Law Fraternity

Christina Budal
 Sponsoring Organization - Club
 Communication
 Presidential Ambassadors
 College Activities -
 Presidential Ambassadors,
 Multicultural Campus
 Climate Task Force
 Residential Housing
 Association, Math Center,
 Gatlinburg Leadership
 Retreat

Kim Dube
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Speech Communication
 Club
 College Activities - Speech
 Communication Club
 President, Lambda Pi Eta
 Communication Honor
 Society President,
 Communications
 Department Search
 Committees

Sarah Grubbs
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Kappa Delta Sorority
 College Activities - Kappa
 Delta Sorority, NKU
 Theatre Department Set
 Construction

Loni Hammons
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Residential Housing
 Association
 College Activities -
 Homecoming Committee,
 Theta Phi Alpha Sorority,
 Residential Housing

Association, NKU
 Welcome Week Committee,
 Junior Pan-Hellenic
 Council

Katie Hart
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority
 College Activities - Phi
 Sigma Sigma Sorority,
 Norse Leadership Society,
 Pan-Hellenic Association,
 Order of Omega, Northern's
 Nursing Association

Michelle Heavrin
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Delta Zeta Sorority
 College Activities - Delta
 Zeta Sorority, SGA, Junior
 Pan-Hellenic, Psi Chi
 National Honor Society,
 Psychology Club

Krystal Hinkle
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Norse Leadership Society,
 College Activities - Zeta
 Phi Beta Sorority, INC.,
 Norse Leadership Society,
 Northern's Nursing
 Association, INROADS
 Intern, Order of Omega

Stefan Koo
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Christian Student
 Fellowship
 College Activities - Theta
 Phi Alpha Sorority,
 Christian Student
 Fellowship, Norse
 Leadership Society,
 Freshman Service
 Leadership Committee,
 Leadership Institute

Kim Newman
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Panhellenic Council

College Activities - Delta
 Zeta Sorority, Panhellenic
 Council, Alpha Phi Sigma
 Criminal Justice Honor
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 Programming Board
 College Activities - Order
 of Omega, Delta Gamma
 Sorority, Norse
 Norin' Around
 Coordinator, Speech
 Communication Club

Randi Vatter
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 College Activities - Theta
 Phi Alpha Sorority, Sigma
 Tau Delta English Honorary
 Fraternity, Greek Expansion
 Committee, Leadership
 Task Force, NLS Gatlinburg
 Retreat Member

Rachel Whisner
 Sponsoring Organization -
 Leadership Task Force
 College Activities - Theta
 Phi Alpha Sorority
 President, Norse Leadership
 Society, Leadership Task
 Force

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wednesday

• Faculty Lunch Seminar from noon-1 p.m. in Steely Library 304

thursday

• Posting of the 2004 Homecoming Court on 10 a.m. in Office of Student Life

• The W. Jonathan Gresham Faculty Recital is at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall

• The NKU Blood Drive will be from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the UC Bullroom

• There will be a Norse Visitation Day from 12:45-3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required.

friday

• Banner, window and department decorating begins in UC Lobby, UC and NC corridors and departments at 9 a.m.

• A Vocal Jazz Ensemble with Stuart Anthony & Powerhouse will begin at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall with a \$3 admission.

saturday

• The Delta Sigma Theta Community Service Project will be at Mt. Zion Baptist Church after noon.

• The Norse Force is having a Support Our Troops night at the basketball games starting at 5:30 p.m.

sunday

• NKU athletics asks you to join them at Newport on the Levee for Norse Day from 1-5 p.m.

• NPHC Membership seminar from 3-4 p.m. in the Budig Theater

• A Junior Music Experience Awards Ceremony will be from 1-4 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall

monday

• The first meeting for the 2004 Bible Source is at noon in the Baptist Student Union. There will be free pizza for all those who attend.

• The APB Talent Show will be in the Budig Theater at 7 p.m.

• The archival display of NKU history will be in the UC lobby until Jan. 30.

• The banner competition, window painting competition and window painting contest will be judged at noon in UC Lobby.

tuesday

• The Homecoming King and Queen interviews will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

• The Black & Gold Theme Dinner will be in Norse Commons at 6 p.m. The NKU Trivia Show and Novelty will be during the dinner.

Nonviolence a way of life

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NKU honored Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a speech by civil rights activist Juanita Nelson, titled "A Way of Life: Non-Violence, Peace, and Justice."

A large and diverse crowd gathered in Budig Theatre to celebrate the legacy of Dr. King with two long-time activists.

The Lafayette-Bloom Middle School chorus provided some music for the occasion. Then, adjunct professor Ann Braden gave the introduction for her long-time friend, Juanita Nelson.

"Through the years, just by the way she lives, she's influenced thousands of people," Braden said. Braden herself is a well-known activist, author, and Kentucky native.

She was mentioned in Dr. King's famous "Letter From a Birmingham Jail" and is the recipient of an award for lifetime achievement by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Braden teaches a course on civil rights and social justice and said that she enjoys being at NKU.

"I've come to feel like this place is my second home," she said.

After a warm reception, Nelson gave a speech on nonviolence, activism, and how it



Tony Redell/Photo Editor
Nelson (center) and students from Lafayette-Bloom Middle School chorus

formed her moral philosophies.

Nelson was a member of countless civil rights groups. She detailed her work with her late husband Wall, specifically, their work in Cincinnati.

In the early 1950s Nelson and her late husband were part of a group that protested the segregation of Coney Island.

"We spent nine scorching days in the Hamilton County jail for that," she said.

They protested the segregation of an assortment of topics, which opened the doors for integration all across the city of Cincinnati.

Nelson said her husband and her work with another Cincinnati group, the Peacemakers, shaped

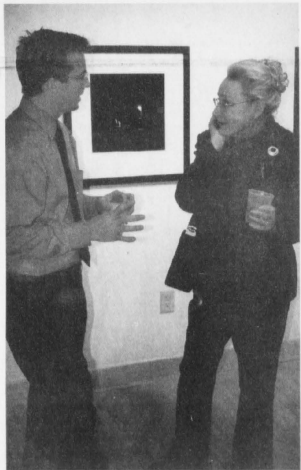
her definition of nonviolence. "Nonviolence is the constant awareness of the dignity and humanity of one's self and others," she said.

"It seeks truth and justice and renounces violence both in method and attitude. It is a courageous acceptance of active love and good will."

Nelson still lives the simple life on a three-quarter acre bean patch in the country. Her current lifestyle reflects her outlook on life and her beliefs.

"I am concerned to strive for a coherent, integrated life, so that the way I live and get my living might be the clearest statement of my belief in nonviolence."

Photos take realistic look at world



Amy Ehrenreiter/Photographer
Matthew Albritton and Gisela Walberg discuss his trip and photographs

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Matthew Albritton, NKU Fine Arts Instructor, had many fans floating in and out of his art gallery on Thursday, January 15. The Fine Arts department hosted an exhibition for their faculty's artwork.

Albritton's photograph showcase, titled "Cyprus," is a collection from his visit in the summer of 2003 to an island off the coast of Greece, from which the exhibit gets its name. Albritton was working in Cyprus for the University of Cincinnati in a Bronze Age archaeological dig.

The photos Albritton took are "not a straightforward documentation," according to a paper he wrote on the history of the pictures. They are a "way of connecting to each experience." Albritton's visitors, mostly past or current students who had seen his work before, braved the cold to attend the opening reception.

Maria Kammerer, a ceramic and sculpture technician who graduated in 2003, saw Albritton's work in the past and found it "compelling," she said. Each image is "clear and sharp," she added.

Shelia Iott, Senior, attended the art gallery because she's seen Albritton's work and had



Tony Redell/Photo Editor
Albritton's work is displayed Monday through Friday in the Third Floor Gallery in the Fine Arts Center.

him as an instructor in a photo documentation class.

Iott best described Albritton's artistic attitude: "What you see is what you get. Albritton sees things how they are."

All of Albritton's photographs are black and white. And rather than use digital technology, he works in a darkroom.

The photographs take hours to develop as they steep in the

darkroom's chemicals.

Albritton's photographs are on an assortment of topics, ranging from living rooms to poker tables.

And though some of Albritton's art displays schools and poor living conditions, his personality is no where near a match for the dark themes.

However, while at first glance his pictures are dark, by concentrating on the light in

each photo you begin to see the what topics Albritton attempts to portray in his work.

Albritton's photographs from Cyprus are now on display at the Fine Arts Center.

The Third Floor Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., or by appointment.

Call 859-572-5148 for more information or directions.

"The Cooler" is an attempt at

MOVIE REVIEW

'The Cooler' cheats gamblers, audience

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William H. Macy stars in "The Cooler" as lovable loser Bernie Lootz, a man who can't catch a break in life or love. His luck first turns sour when he runs up a huge gambling debt at the Golden Shangri-La Casino. The owner of the casino, Shelly (Alec Baldwin), commits Bernie to a life sentence of bringing bad luck to gamblers.

Limping around the casino floor (the result of a busted kneecap from Shelly) all Bernie has to do is be near a lucky table or slot machine and

the house wins. This talent earned Bernie the nickname, "the cooler."

Bernie takes no pride in his ability to bring others bad luck and he decides it's time to get away. A cocktail waitress, Natalie (Maria Bello), falls for Bernie and suddenly his fortune changes.

Everyone's a winner, except, of course, for casino owner Shelly.

While the movie might sound entertaining on paper, it was surprisingly disappointing.

The movie did cover a range of emotions - sometimes funny, sometimes sad, and sometimes just plain disturbing.

The plot was so predictable it



Photo courtesy of movies.com
Maria Bello, Alec Baldwin, and William H. Macy star in 'The Cooler.'

was easy to figure out how it ended. The secondary storyline involving Bernie's long lost son

was clichéd and pointless.

Joey Fatone's role as a lounge singer is some of the

worst acting you'll ever see, even though he only has a few lines with which to ruin it.

One bright spot in the film was Alec Baldwin's convincing roll as a casino boss stuck in his old ways, refusing to change his casino to attract tourists.

Shelly is a dynamic personality, mixing fits of rage and compassion within a man whose life is consumed by his business. His story is much more compelling and interesting than Bernie's.

Baldwin hasn't received many good roles in the past few years, but this one certainly fits.

It is not surprising that he, along with Maria Bello, have been nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best

Supporting Actor and Actress, respectively.

Macy, Baldwin, and Bello are excellent talents, but the story just didn't work.

Macy was surprisingly unconvincing as a professional loser, making it hard to root for him.

Also, there appeared to be no chemistry between Bernie and Natalie, which was obvious in the love scenes (edited heavily, thankfully).

"The Cooler" is an attempt at combining too many genres at once. It isn't a comedy, or drama, or even a romance.

The end result is a cluttered tale of luck, love and redemption.

My advice: don't bet on it.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Fish' is a fantastic tale of family

By SUSAN NELTNER

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As a child, Edward Bloom reads in the World Book Encyclopedia that a goldfish contained in a small bowl will stay small, the fish will grow up to three times larger if put into a bigger bowl.

This tiny piece of knowledge instills in him a desire to expand his horizons beyond his small home town of Ashton, Ala., and make something of himself and his life.

Bloom meets a diverse group of people and has extraordinary adventures at every turn during his travels. In his later years, his wandering experiences become the basis for the tales everyone knows and loves him for (even if at times they seem a little exaggerated).

Everyone loves him for them, that is, except his son Will (Billy Crudup). Will leaves home to start a new life in France, but is forced to return home when he learns his father (Albert Finney) is dying.

It's been three years since they have even spoken to one another, and Will returns to attempt to discover who his father really is.

Ever since he was little he has only seen one side of his dad—the stories. And Will believes that to understand his father is to understand the complete story, not just the parts filled with fluff.

'Big Fish,' directed by Tim Burton and based on the novel by Daniel Wallace, isn't just a story about one man's life, but a poignant reminder of the ties that bind a family.

Burton, known for such films as 'Edward Scissorhands,' 'Batman' and 'Beetlejuice,' takes on a lighter note in 'Big Fish.'

He still uses sets and designs that are out of this world, but instead of



Ewan McGregor stars as the young adventurer Edward Bloom in Tim Burton's 'Big Fish,' a film rich in both fantasy and family.

being dark and foreboding, they have a carefree, magical aura.

Burton's direction is perfect for a film like 'Big Fish,' while Albert Finney's deep voice rumbles throughout the film, spinning the fantasy-filled tale of his character's life.

Burton shows the story to the audi-

ence in a way that still makes my eyes believe they are deceiving themselves.

During his life, a young Bloom (Ewan McGregor) seems to have met a witch (Helena Bonham Carter) who showed him how he would die, befriended a giant, worked for a circus with a ringleader (Danny DeVito) who

turned into a werewolf, met Siamese twins who are connected at the hip while fighting a war, and met his one true love, Sandra (Jessica Lange).

Burton's extravagant scenes for each tale permeate the film with the feeling of existing in an imaginary world filled with mythical creatures

and bright colors, instead of merely watching the tale of one man's life.

Ewan McGregor does a wonderful job of playing the young Bloom, but it is really Finney who brings both the older and the younger character to life.

He captivates the audience with his energy and life, though he plays a man on his deathbed.

He makes his character so believable that it was hard to believe the stories he tells are only part of a film.

This is a movie about a man's life and his death, but it is beautiful and chilling to see that he is still in love with his wife and his family to the end.

Finney and Lange play more than just husband and wife, they play a couple still in love, on the verge of being separated by the cruel progress of cancer.

Their tale is just one aspect that lends this movie it's a magical air, but it is one of the most important.

The movie also addresses the need to resolve problems before it is too late.

Crudup's need to understand his father is convincing, but he doesn't seem to express himself as well as the other actors. At times it felt like he wasn't living the story, but simply acting the part.

In a movie like 'Big Fish,' living versus acting the part is the distinction between a good job and one that deserves an award.

By the end of the film, I was sad to leave. This is one of those movies that I'll be watching with my children on a Saturday 20 years from now.

It is bright and colorful, and takes me away from this world for just a few hours. It is a film that almost seems too big for the big screen.

But then again, it wouldn't be 'Big Fish' if it was just a plain old tale with ordinary directing and acting.

CD REVIEW

Years of performance mold DiFranco's sound



Photo courtesy of Righteous Babe Records
DiFranco returns to her solo roots in her new album 'Educated Guess.'

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When some artists go solo, they leave one hand only to piece together another. That's not the case for Ani DiFranco. On her latest release, 'Educated Guess,' DiFranco really goes solo. She plays all the instruments plus sings lead and all backing vocals.

To say that DiFranco has dabbled in a few different styles over the past decade is a gross understatement. From

folk to rock, to spoken word, and to the more recent work with jazz and funk grooves, her work has been all over the creative playing field.

The body of work represented in 'Educated Guess' is stripped-down, raw folk with a touch of soul influence.

DiFranco's lyrics focus on personal issues, but not so personal that listeners can't appreciate or relate.

The title track talks of her crazy family not understanding their crazy daughter.

DiFranco's identity issues

are explored with a dose of some spoken word poetry in tracks like 'The True Story of What Was.' DiFranco's deep, thought-provoking lyrics are further complemented by her beautiful voice. She sings with soul and conviction throughout.

Musically, most songs are highlighted by her incredible flat-picking style on the acoustic guitar.

The opening track 'Swim' focuses on a moody, minor-keyed feeling that is pervasive throughout the entire album. DiFranco's use of minor chords and some of her more colorful extensions create a great deal of movement in her compositions through a tension-and-release effect. And it's not often a slow and sad minor sound. Take, for instance, the country rock bounce of 'You Each Time.' DiFranco has no trouble moving through genres. The song 'Bliss Like This' is DiFranco's nod to her work in the jazz groove area and features some great Warlitzer electric piano action.

The production work of this album truly adds to the overall musical effect. DiFranco used vintage analog recording equipment and reel-to-reel recorders, something not often heard of in this digital age.

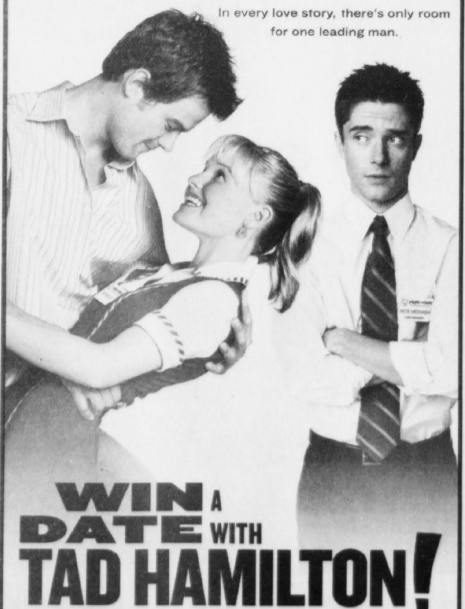
Analog creates warmth and captures subtle nuances (like fingers raking across strings, or even the rain outside) with amazing depth. The sound becomes so alive in 'Raincheck' that it feels like Ani may be sitting right next to you.

It's rare for artists' solo efforts to become more than just an effort or an attempt. DiFranco's 'Educated Guess' is more than just an attempt; in fact, it's way more than an educated guess. It is years of passion and performance that have molded her into an innovative solo artist.

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Sports Scene



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Teams rely on coaches

If you are familiar with NKU basketball, then you are certainly familiar with the men's and women's head coaches, Ken Shields and Nancy Winstel.

You may not be as familiar with Shields and Winstel's assistants, however. You may also be less familiar with the importance of the work that these individuals do.

On the men's side, Shields is flanked by two long-time assistants. Dave Bezold, who is second in command under Shields, is in his fourteenth season as an assistant, and is expected to be a strong candidate to replace Shields when he retires at the end of this season.

Pat Ryan is in his sixteenth season under Shields and coaches part-time. Donnie MacFarland and David Marshall also serve as assistants to Shields.

These assistants are responsible for many different duties, from recruiting to keeping track of fouls during games.

"To be successful you have to have committed players and a great coaching staff," Shields said. "I've been blessed throughout my career with both of these."

"Recruiting is a big part of my job," Bezold said. "During the game I'm primarily responsible for giving defensive suggestions and trying to find the correct matchups."

Bezold, who knew Ryan from his playing days, coached two years at Viterbo College before coming to NKU.

"The day he (Bezold) became a full-time coach here," Shields said, "was the day things started to turn for the better for this program."

Ryan has served as an assistant under Shields for his entire tenure as head coach.

He was formerly the head coach at Holy Cross High School and still serves as the school's assistant principal.

On the women's side of the ball, Winstel has surrounded herself with three very capable assistants: Brian Neal, Michelle Wolf and Mandy Hirling.

"You really have to be a jack-of-all-trades to be a successful assistant," Winstel said. "If the truth be known, they carry me big time."

Neal is in his sixth season under Winstel, after serving as an assistant at Wilmington College and working in the Sports Information Department at NKU.

"I really value what he has to say," Winstel said. "We wouldn't have near the success if it wasn't for him."

Wolf, much like Bezold, is responsible for a lot of the recruiting for the Lady Norse.

He also is responsible for finding successful offensive matchups and doing a lot of individual player coaching during the game.

"I started coaching as a hobby," Neal said. "After I kind of developed a niche in recruiting, I decided that this job would be a real good fit for me."

Wolf is a graduate assistant under Winstel and is taking nine hours of class per week to earn her MBA.

"She is responsible for breaking down a lot of the game tapes and scouting what other teams are trying to do."

"Michelle has really come into her own this season," Winstel said.

"These coaches help to develop our entire system, and without them, we really wouldn't be able to put it all together," Shields said.

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norsports

Lady Norse boost record to 11-4 with win over SUE



Tim Downer/Assistant Photo Editor

Connie Myers continued her strong season scoring 22 points and grabbing nine rebounds in the victory over SUE. The Norse, who are ranked number 22 in latest Division II poll, take on UW-Parkside Thursday.

Men lose two straight, can't shake conference opponents

Despite strong performances by Rupe and Purdon, Norse lose four of last five games to GLVC rivals.

*Article by Sports Information

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. - Ron Jones scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half Saturday afternoon to lead Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to an 81-75 victory over Northern Kentucky University at the Vandalia Center.

Calvin Sykes added 18 points, seven rebounds and dished out six assists for the Cougars, who improved to 9-7 overall, 5-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Before Saturday, NKU owned 15 straight wins against SUE.

NKU did not lose to SUE since the 1991-92 season, when the Cougars posted a 97-90 win against the Norse in Edwardsville, Ill.

Since joining the GLVC, SUE had gone 0-14 against

NKU prior to Saturday's victory.

SUE shot 50 percent from the field in the first half on 13-of-26 shooting to go into the break with a 38-25 advantage. NKU was held to 27.6 percent shooting in the first half.

Jesse Rupe scored 11 points before the break for the Norse, who trailed by 17 points in the first half.

Jesse battled hard and just missed a double-double," said NKU Head Coach Ken Shields. "SUE once again increased its lead to 17 points (63-46) with 6:42 remaining in the game, on two free throws by Heimos."

"We got behind, but we battled back in the second half," Shields said.

The Norse responded with a 26-12 run, capped by Jordan Slomers' three-point basket with 22 seconds remaining to cut the lead to 75-73.

The Norse spurt was keyed by Steve Purdon, who scored all of his 16 points in the second half.

"Steve Purdon really stepped up and played courageously in the second half," Shields said.

Jones sealed the game for SUE by hitting six straight free throws in the final 20 seconds. He finished the game with 21 points and made all 10 of his free throw attempts.

Rape led NKU (11-8 overall, 4-5 GLVC) with 25 points and nine rebounds.

Mike Kealey scored 10 points for the Norse, and he now has 997 career points. Pat Cary added eight points and six rebounds for NKU.

The Norse return to Regents Hall for a game against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside at 7:45 p.m. on Thursday.

Win puts Head Coach Winstel at sixth, with 450-144 record at NKU

*Article by Sports Information

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. - Connie Myers scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds Saturday as the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team posted a 74-59 win over Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in the Vandalia Center.

Myers scored 17 points in the first half to help NKU build a 34-27 lead at the break. She finished 10-for-13 from the field and added two assists before fouling out late in the game.

"Connie is having an All-Conference season for us this year," said head coach Nancy Winstel.

The Norse continue to have success without star sophomore Sharell Snardon, who has been absent from the team due to the death of her stepfather.

Once her absence, Myers has picked up the slack, averaging 21 points and 9.75 rebounds over the course of four games.

Elizabeth Burrows finished with 10 points, eight assists and six rebounds for NKU, which improved its record to 11-4 overall, and 6-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The win also marked the 450th career victory for Winstel, who is 450-144 in 21 seasons at NKU.

This mark puts her in good company. She now ranks sixth among all active Division II

coaches in total victories. She also ranks 18th among active coaches, with a .723 career winning percentage.

"We really battled out there," Winstel said. "Our defense has become much better as the year has gone along."

Karmen Graham added 11 points and five rebounds for NKU, which shot 53.7 percent from the field.

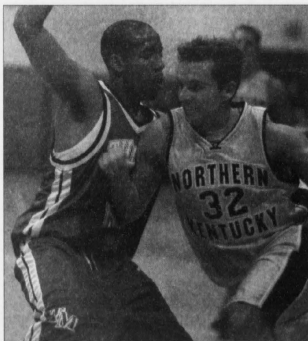
Jessica Brock finished with nine points and nine rebounds for the Norse, who won the battle of the boards by a 39-25 margin.

NKU used a 46-24 scoring advantage in the paint to roll past SUE (8-9, 3-7 GLVC). Tanya Guehl led the Cougars with 15 points, but NKU limited SUE to just 37.7 percent shooting from the field.

Karyn Greager added eight points and four rebounds for NKU. Nikki Perkins finished with four points and five assists. NKU ranked No. 22 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll, will play host to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Regents Hall.

NKU knocked off Wisconsin-Parkside earlier this year with a 77-66 win at DISCONE Gymnasium. The Norse got 21 points from Snardon and 14 points from Nikki Perkins in that victory.

-Kyle Burch contributed to this article



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Steve Purdon provided much of the offense, coming off the bench to score 16 points all in the second half. NKU's record now stands at 11-8

Four soccer players named All-Region

Seniors Zinser and Schneiders lead list of Lady Norse to join 2004 All-Great Lakes Region team.

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Four Northern Kentucky University women's soccer players received regional accolades after being named to the All-Great Lakes Region team, as chosen by National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

The list is led by seniors Kendra Zinser and Becky Schneiders.

Zinser, a senior forward, finished the season with 13 goals and 33 points; team highs in both categories.

Her successful senior campaign was capped off by a tremendous showing in the NCAA tournament, including

scoring three goals in the Regional Championship victory over Grand Valley State University.

"That was a great individual performance," said Head Coach Bob Sheehan. "She nearly had two more goals. It was one of the better games I've seen from one of my players."

Becky Schneiders, a senior defender, led a defense that tallied ten shutouts this season.

"Becky really was the leader of our defense," Sheehan said.

The other two players given the distinction are junior sweepers Robyn Withers and sophomore midfielder Katie Hanck.

Withers was a key cog to NKU's strong defense, starting all 24 matches for the Norse and developing into one of the field leaders for the Norse.

Hanck finished with seven goals and seven assists for the season.

She was twice named as the Great Lakes Valley Conference player of the week and, like Zinser, Schneiders and Withers, was named first-team All-GLVC.

The Norse will have to find a way to recover from losing Schneiders and Zinser, something Sheehan says will be very hard to do.

"You can't replace players like these two," said Sheehan. "They are so unique in their abilities that you won't be able to completely replace them."

The Norse will return 16 players from this year's team that finished 17-3-4.

While these four were given regional accolades, no player on



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Schneiders (21) and Zinser(3) finished their successful careers.

the team received national awards.

"I believe that all of our players performed at an All-

American level," Sheehan said. "It's kind of a shame no one received that attention, but this is a nice honor."

hotseat



with John Rasp

This week, John Rasp sits down with men's senior basketball player, Jessie Rupe.

Rupe: Who would give you the toughest one-on-one game on the team?

Rupe: Toughest one-on-one game would probably be Mike Kelsey because I would have to guard him outside. Then if I guarded him close he would just go around me.

Rasp: What was the most exciting game you've ever played in?

Rupe: Our win down at Kentucky Wesleyan last year. It was the first time that Coach Shields beat them down there. It felt like we won the national championship.

Rasp: Do you have any superstitions?

Rupe: I have a lot of superstitions. I do a lot of the same routine. During the national

championship I have a certain spot on the free throw line that I always stand on. Coach Shields has definitely rubbed off on me.

Rasp: Who's the best dunker on the team?

Rupe: Probably Kevin Reinhardt.

Rasp: Who wins in a three-point competition between you and Coach Bezdoff?

Rupe: Coach Bezdoff would probably beat me. I haven't seen him shoot lately, but he used to be a good shooter.

Rasp: Who is the toughest player you've had to guard in a game?

Rupe: Jason Wright from Indianapolis was probably the strongest. He made it pretty tough on me playing him.

Rasp: How did you choose the number 40?

Rupe: I was number 42 in high school, but when I came in here Adam Norwell had it. I didn't want something in the 50's, so since 40 was available I took it.

Rasp: Fact or Fiction: NKU will make the NCAA tournament?

Rupe: Fact.

Rasp: Fact or Fiction: You will receive at least one technical foul this season?

Rupe: I'll say fact. I'll probably lose my cool sometime and get one. I haven't got one yet at Northern though.

Rasp: Fact or Fiction: Kentucky Wesleyan is the hardest place to play on the road?

Rupe: I'd say fact. Not only do their fans get into it, but they usually have their hometown referees down there.

Rasp: Who's the best dressed men's basketball player?

Rupe: Probably Steve Purdon. He's Mr. GQ.

Rasp: What player on the team gets all of the girls?

Rupe: Not me.



Rupe is one of three captains on this year's team.

NFL season proved exciting; What's next?

Football Picks



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What another exciting football season we've encountered! You have to love the word parity. Just about every team was in contention for the playoffs, just like last season. No one expected the Bengals, Panthers, Seahawks, Cowboys, or Chiefs to make a run at divisional titles, much less the playoffs.

At the beginning of the 2003 football season, most people thought the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' defense would continue its dominance into this season, but that wasn't the case as they struggled to an 8-8 finish.

Some also thought the "Greatest Show on Turf" (St. Louis Rams) would be back and

ready to make a Super Bowl run, but they fell at home in the second round of the playoffs to the Carolina Panthers. Here are my season awards.

Most Improved Team Award

The Cincinnati Bengals I could have given this award to Bill Parcells and Dallas Cowboys, but the Cowboys have had winning seasons the past two decades. Marvin Lewis is just what the Bengals have been missing since the Sam Wyche era. He turned the laughingstock of the league for the past 15 years into a winning team. Who would have thought the Cincinnati Bengals would be competing for a playoff spot going into the final game of the season? The future looks bright for Lewis and the Bengals.

Most Disappointing Team Award:

The Oakland Raiders. I actually thought the old-timers could make another run at the Super Bowl, but injuries, age, and lack of discipline took a toll on this team. The Raiders have too much talent to be a 44-12

team. I think they will rebound next season with a good NFL draft, some key free agency acquisitions this off-season, and resign their key players. The New York Giants and Tampa Bay Buccaneers also qualify for this award.

2004 Season Preview:

The AFC East will be a very competitive division again. I'd like all four teams to improve.

The Dolphins will finally get to the playoffs and the Patriots will get stronger. I'd also like the Jets to be competing for the division, if Pennington can stay healthy.

The AFC North will be very competitive as well. The Bengals will be out to prove to the league that last season was

no fluke. Bill Cowher will have the Steelers in contention again. Ray Lewis and Jamal Lewis will definitely be fired up after their early first round exit from the playoffs. The Browns will struggle again if their defense doesn't improve.

The AFC South will feature the Titans and Colts battling for the division again. But look for the Jags and Texans to possibly make a run at the playoffs as both of their quarterbacks now have gained much-needed NFL experience.

The AFC West will be an interesting division to watch. The Raiders will be back. The Chiefs will continue putting points on the board, but also

will continue giving up a lot if its defense doesn't improve. The Chargers will struggle all season and will finish last. I think next year Bronco fans will be wishing for John Elway to come out of retirement after Jake Plummer has a dismal season.

The NFC East will be the most competitive division. It will be interesting to see how Joe Gibbs handles his first season back after being away from the game for twelve years.

Is Tom Coughlin's discipline just what the New York Giants need? Look for Donovan McNabb to make a run at the MVP award. Bill Parcells and the Cowboys will be in the playoff mix again if their running game improves.

The Chicago Bears will be a very improved team under Louie Smith in the NFC North division.

Will next season be Brett Favre's last if he doesn't get the Packers to the Super Bowl?

I think Mike Tice will be fired if he doesn't get the Vikings to the playoffs. The city of Detroit will be calling for Lion's GM Matt Millen's

head if he doesn't get this team to an 8-8 season and some road wins.

Has the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' defense been exposed or are they overrated? I think if their defense gets run over again, next season could be a rebuilding year for them.

If Michael Vick stays healthy, the Falcons will be in contention again for the playoffs. The Panthers will repeat as division champions if everyone stays healthy and if they play with the same passion and intensity.

The Saints will struggle on defense, but look for Duce McAllister to make a run at the 2,000 yard mark if healthy.

In the NFC West, look for the firing of Mike Marty if he continues to make bad decisions and play calls. The Seahawks will be very explosive on offense and, with some confidence, I look for them to finally win some road games.

The Cardinals will struggle again and Denny Green will be wishing he was working back in the studios with ESPN. How will the 49ers handle life without Terrell Owens?

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