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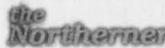


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# Future of student groups in jeopardy

## Supreme Court debates use of student fees

By Forrest Berkshire  
Managing Editor

College administrators around the country are holding their breaths as the Supreme Court debates the constitutionality of mandatory student fees.

The Court is debating whether it is a violation of a student's First Amendment rights when schools require students to pay mandatory fees which are used, in part, to fund organizations that the student does not agree with ideologically.

It is expected that the Court will deliver its decision some time before June.

The suit, Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin v. Southworth, originated at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997 when a group of students claimed the university was violating their First Amendment rights by forcing them to fund groups with which they disagreed on ideological or religious grounds.

Scott Southworth, the student who originally filed the suit in Federal Court, identified 18 "leftist" groups that he refused to fund, according to Susan Ullman, assistant attorney general of Wisconsin, who is representing the university. She said the students have described themselves as "very devout" Christians that are opposed to homosexuality and abortion.

The organizations the students opposed funding included the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center, the Campus Women's Center, the Madison AIDS Support Network, the International Socialist Organization, and the Students of National Organization of Women among others, according to Northwestern University's Medill Project, a First Amendment Law

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press...  
-First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution



Photo Illustration by Kelly Sudzina and Forrest Berkshire

# Students protest 'liberal' groups

By Forrest Berkshire  
Managing Editor

Northern Kentucky University student organizations could be caught by surprise by a case being debated in the Supreme Court.

According to student governments nationwide, it threatens to silence student organizations on college campuses across the country.

NKU's Office of Student Life, which is in charge of overseeing funding of student organizations, has made no plans if the Court rules it illegal for universities to charge mandatory fees that go towards funding groups that engage in political speech, according to Betty Mulkey, assistant director of

Student Life. "I'm really not very familiar with the case," she said.

Dean of Students Bill Lamb said he is not overly concerned that the case will affect organizations at NKU because of the process of how his organizations are funded.

"We have tried to make our system as democratic as possible," Lamb said. He said that under NKU's system any organization that wishes to request funding has an equal chance of getting it.

But NKU's system of funding is similar to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which is now appealing a decision that its policy is in violation of the First Amendment's

protection against compelled speech.

In both systems a portion of the student fees are allocated to a pool that goes towards funding student organizations, such as Students Together Against Racism and the Young Republicans.

A body of students, known as the student activities fee board, then allocates funding, based on requests submitted by the individual organizations.

According to Lamb, this allows an equal opportunity for students to benefit from the money generated from the fees, regardless of their political or

ideological views.

But in Wisconsin, a student named Scott Southworth challenged the system there, alleging that "liberal" organizations such as the Women's Center, which openly endorses pro-choice, were benefiting from his and other student's fees, which they disagreed.

Southworth and a group of like-minded students filed suit in 1997 claiming the university was forcing them into compelled speech, represented by their forced financial contributions.

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## Telemarketers target NKU students via Campus Directory

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

By Matt Kessler  
Staff Reporter

Frequent solicitation calls to Northern Kentucky University students have now been linked to the accessibility of public university records, according to the Discover credit card company.

Apa Customer service is a telemarketing agency that makes calls on behalf of Discover. Apa Supervisor Melissa Beam said that Discover compiles a list of names from college registers at various colleges and sends them to Apa to make the calls.

Mark Shanley, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment, said students have complained about the solicitation. He said he has checked with NKU legal council and NKU does not sell information to such telemarketing agencies.

"The bottom line is NKU does not sell names to marketing lists," he said.

Shanley said that students' names and addresses are available in the Campus Directory, which is public information.

International student Burhan Mohamedali has been receiving communications from telemarketers. Mohamedali's name is not in the directory because he came to NKU from east African country Tanzania only four weeks ago.

Mohamedali said he received a bill

from Launch, an entertainment company, for an item he did not order.

A spokesperson for Launch said he did not have an explanation, and believed it was "likely a mistake."

Nicki Chase, spokesperson for Discover Financial Services Inc., confirmed that Discover does purchase lists from a "variety of sources." Chase would not comment on whether Discover "has purchased names and telephone numbers from NKU.

John Sugg, associate registrar, said the Registration office has received calls from such companies requesting information regarding names and numbers of students.

"Our office had those requests but has not fulfilled those requests. It's not good business to give out that kind of information," Sugg said.

Kim Vance, assistant director of Residential Life, said they only provide the Department of Public Safety and a couple other university offices with rosters of students living in the Residential Village.

"We don't randomly give out rosters," Vance said.

Although telemarketing calls are considered solicitation, Vance said it is hard to hold them in violation of the no soliciting rule. She said the rule is easier to be enforced when someone is doing door-to-door solicitation in the Residential Village.

"There's a lot of gray area there," Vance said.

Leo Calderon, associate director of

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Cashier Rachel Sand and customer Caroline Davis are both freshmen at NKU. The NKU Foundation recently bought the property Thirtiway leases for \$2.1 million.

# New land benefits NKU

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

The Northern Kentucky University Foundation, a corporation not affiliated with NKU that manages the university's endowment funds, purchased more than four acres of land for \$2.1 million. The land purchase includes the Thirtiway store on U.S. 27, near the NKU entrance. Mike Baker, vice president of Administrative Affairs, said the university does not own the property now. Baker said one of the reasons the university did not purchase the

land itself was because the "university was not in a position to make that investment." He said they would likely purchase it from the NKU Foundation sometime in the future.

Baker said the Foundation thought it would be in the best interest of NKU to purchase the property.

"It preserves our options. It allows us to control the piece of land that is at our front door," he said.

Mary Paula Schuh, director of Campus Planning, said this purchase was important for the university.

"We have been constrained by the

amount of the land we own there at U.S. 27," she said.

This piece of land is not on the NKU Campus Plan, a document that describes the land the NKU would like to purchase. Schuh said the reason it is not on the Campus Plan is because NKU did not expect to be able to acquire the land.

"Since 1968, it's always been a desirable piece of property," she said.

Schuh said that one of reasons the property was so expensive is because of its location on U.S. 27.

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## CASE: NKU could mirror Southworth

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database. The reasons they cited for opposing these organizations were on religious and ethical grounds, court documents stated. They claimed to be devout Christians opposed to abortion, which the campus women's center openly supported.

The District Court found it unconstitutional to force the students to fund "Private organizations which engage in political and ideological activities," said court documents.

That ruling was appealed to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, which subsequently declined to rehear the case.

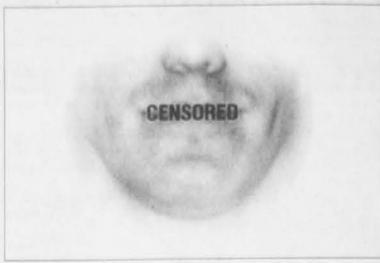
U.S. Circuit Court Judge Ilana Rovner, writing in dissent of the decision not to rehear, said "[This ruling], in my opinion, misprejudges Supreme Court precedent. Its effect is to impede the ability of public universities to fund student groups that represent a wide range of viewpoints. The resulting impact on the expression of ideas on campus would undermine the educational mission of those universities."

"All groups have a right to voice their opinions," Jordan Lorence, attorney for the students, said. "But they do not have the right to compel people to fund them."

He said the suit is meant to challenge what he termed "The liberal dominance of ideas at universities."

He also added "The Constitution protects the individual's right of conscience."

According to Ullman, the uni-



versity provided funding to an array of organizations with varying viewpoints. These organizations ranged from the contested International Socialist Organization to the Federalist Society, of which some of the students suing were members.

"The university supports freedom of speech for all groups," Ullman said.

But in court documents, the suing students made known which organizations they opposed supporting, and gave examples of the political speech they object to funding.

Amnesty International was one organization targeted because it "worked publicly for the abolition of the death penalty."

The International Socialist Organization was also named in the suit. The plaintiffs contended the group "advocated the overthrow of the government" when they published material stating

"Revolution not Reform. Reforms within the capitalist system cannot put an end to oppression and exploitation." The ISO also sponsored a rally at the state capitol with other organizations outside a member of congress' office.

These examples are directly related to political speech that the plaintiffs disagreed with, Lorence said.

Other organizations that are not, on the surface, political in nature can also infringe on a student's rights.

"A student's money should not go toward any group that they disagree with," Lorence said. He said that even applies to clubs that relate to a major, such as the Biology Club.

If a student believes in the Biblical Creationist Theory, and a Biology club supports the Theory of Evolution, that student's rights are being violated by being compelled to support it financially, he explained.

## Compelled speech debated

By Forrest Berkshire  
Managing Editor

The issue behind the battle in the Supreme Court over Student Fees is about compelled speech, and whether it is a form of compelled speech to force students to fund organizations they do not agree with.

The First Amendment protects a person's right to speak as they believe, but it also protects a person's right not to speak, explained John Valauri, professor at Chase College of Law.

When an individual is forced to speak words or express ideas they do not wish to, this is called "compelled speech," and is in violation of the First Amendment and its protection of free speech.

Requiring students to say the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag is one example, he said.

But he said that speech can consist of more than spoken words or written communication. The U.S. Supreme Court has also ruled that the donating of money to political organizations or parties, such as contributions to the Democratic or Republican national organizations, is also speech.

"Giving money can be expres-

sion," he said.

Since money is expression, or speech, the Supreme Court has ruled that an individual can not be forced to fund a private organization with which they do not agree.

The question that the Supreme Court must now answer is whether the portion of student fees distributed to student organizations constitutes compelled speech.

This is a unique case, Valauri said. In past cases the Supreme Court has ruled that labor unions can not donate portions of a member's dues to a political party if that individual does not agree to it.

But this case is in a different context, Valauri explained. In the case involving labor unions donating money to politicians, the labor union was actively lobbying for political favors.

Universities, on the other hand, are merely providing funding to student organizations. It is left up to the student government to allocate the funds, based on requests available to any established organization.

Normally, the university has the authority to control who speaks on campus. Each campus, however, has a public forum, a designated area that any one can use to speak

their beliefs. Northern Kentucky University's is outside the University Center, on the square between UC, Nunn Hall and Nunn Drive.

Valauri posed the question of whether or not student activities is a form of a public forum. He explained that it could be argued that organizations are providing a public forum in which any student can participate.

He said if the Supreme Court rules that allocating student fees is compelled speech, students will likely be offered a rebate for the portion of their fees that go to these organizations. But he said it will most likely involve a lot of paper work, as each student will have to indicate which specific organization the student does not wish to fund, and it will amount to little money.

"It's more of a pain in the neck for the school," he said.

"The main issue here is whether or not the university can compel speech in the form of mandatory student activity fees to support partisan student activities with which the student paying the fees disagrees," he said.

"You never know what the Supreme Court will do," he said.

## ADF asks students to sue school

By Forrest Berkshire  
Managing Editor

A group of Christian conservatives calling themselves the Alliance Defense Fund are providing the funding for college students to bring their universities to court.

According to *University Business*, a publication for administrators and faculty of higher education, the ADF encourages students to bring their universities to court.

The ADF mailed flyers to students explaining how to sue their universities, provided a toll-free phone number, and offered to pay for the lawsuits.

ADF is currently funding at least three lawsuits against universities over student fees, including Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin-Madison v. Southworth, which the Supreme Court is currently debating.

But the organization concentrates on more than universities, and boasts a long list of victories in courtrooms all across the country, from Pennsylvania to Oregon.

It has supported and won a wide variety of cases. They have supported two custody cases, one involving a father trying to win custody from the child's lesbian mother, and the other of a mother suing her ex-husband turned transvestite for custody of their child.

Two wins they boast of on their website dealt with the congressional ban on gays in the military. In both cases, the courts ruled the ban to be constitutional.

In Minnesota and Georgia they helped strike down government benefits for unmarried "sex partners."

Another case involved Christian landlords who wished to not rent to unmarried couples, which they said "encouraged fornication."

And as the ADF racks up the wins, it also collects the cash.

In 1997, when the organization was first established by Christian conservatives such as James Dobson, of Focus on the Family Ministries, it had less than half a million dollars.

By the end on 1997, the most current records available on-line, it was operating on over five million dollars.

The money pays the fees for the lawyers that defend against what the board of directors calls "The secular assault against your values and beliefs."

They stated that "Through ADF's work, we have a fighting chance to preserve America's true heritage and value system."

But others, such as the leaders of the student governments currently under attack, claim that it is simply trying to silence any view with which they disagree.

## Fees: High court decision could impact NKU

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The District Court ruled in Southworth's favor, and the case was appealed. Following the split decision among the appellate court judges not to rehear the case, it was then appealed to the United States Supreme Court and argued on Aug. 9, 1999. A ruling on the case is expected before June of this year.

But before the Court makes its ruling, other organizations are trying to respond, although they say it is hard to devise a plan before they hear the Court's ruling.

Some student leadership organizations are trying to put up a united front in opposition to the onslaught of lawsuits and legislation attacking student organizations' funding.

One group is the Oregon student organization, a 20 member board made up of representatives from the student governments of schools in that state.

Ed Dennis, executive director of the Oregon Student association, said that if the Court rules against the university, "We don't know what we are going to do."

He said that it will ultimately come down to the different school administrations, and whether those administrations are friendly towards student organizations.

According to NKU president James Votruba, the free expression of ideas is important to the philosophy behind the university.

"That is what a university is about," Votruba said. He said that a university is a "market place of ideas," where students come to be exposed to views

they might otherwise never be introduced.

"If that was taken away, it would be a shame," Votruba said.

But Dennis and his allies are not ready to surrender their school's student organizations quite yet.

The Oregon Student Association recently developed a statement of principles on student rights. It states:

"Universities/colleges improve the quality of our society and strengthen future leaders through the discovery of new knowledge and the development of critical thinking.

These goals are best achieved in a thriving marketplace of ideas where participants are actively encouraged to seek out and exchange new ideas while enjoying a diverse array of options.

This mission extends beyond the classroom to extracurricular opportunities created by student fees to enhance the higher education experience.

A legal initiative to stifle the voices of student organizations currently threatens Oregon's higher education system."

Four principles that they have pledged to adhere to are:

1. Maintaining the ability of the student association to fund all student activities, subject to approval of the university/college;
2. Any organization must be broadly supported by students;
3. Fulfilling the decision of the court;
4. They also pledge to take no action that may invite further litigation.

## CALLS: NKU Registrar doesn't sell names

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DPS, said he does not believe telephone solicitors are violating the law. "It's a big hassle. That's the way we treat it," he said.

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 said student information is public and has categorized student information into three separate categories.

Category I: Name, address, telephone number, dates of attendance and class.

Category II: Previous institutions

attended, major field of study, honors (includes Dean's List) and degrees conferred (including dates).

Category III: Past and present participation in officially recognized sports and activities, physical factors (height, weight or athletics), date and place of birth.

According to the Act, the student has the right to make the information private. The Campus Directory states that any student wishing to be unlisted in the directory can contact the

Registrar.

Calderson said the best way to handle telemarketing calls is to hang up on them.

Vance would like anyone in the Residential Village who experiences problems with telemarketing calls to contact her at the Residential Life at 572-5676.

Calderson said anyone who has problems or persisting problems with these solicitation calls could file a complaint with DPS.

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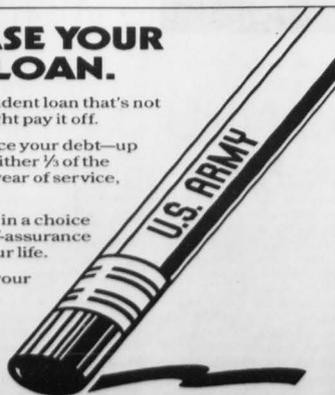
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DPS was dispatched to Albright Health Center's swimming pool area. When they arrived, they found a female having an asthma attack. She said that she started to have shortness of breath while taking a swimming lesson. She said the reason for the attack was because she had not taken her daily medication and she had left it at home. The officer dispatched the Cold Spring paramedic squad and they administered the patient oxygen transported to St. Luke East.

DPS responded to Steely Library due to a report of third degree criminal mischief because one of the

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toilets had been damaged. According to the report, the toilet was nearly broken in half. It was thought the damage was likely caused by someone standing on it and jumping in down or using some type of tool. Physical Plant advised that they turn the water off and put out order signs on the stall and bathroom door.

A black college phone was recovered from parking lot M.

DPS responded to Landrum after receiving a report that a custodian was pushed by a

male suspect after telling him he could not use the bathroom because it was being cleaned. She said she was not injured, but was shaken up by the incident. The custodian described the suspect a white male, approximately 5'8" with black hair and a mustache. After checking the area, the male could not be located.

A professor filed a complaint with DPS after receiving a disturbing message on his answering machine featuring a number of expletives. The message didn't mention the professors name or NKU. The complaint stated the number could have been dialed unintentionally.

## THRIFTWAY: NKU owns land, not store

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"If the property had been purchased between 1968 and 1972, it wouldn't have cost \$2.1 million," she said.

Thriftway was not affected by the deal, because they did not own the land that was sold. Baker said Thriftway leases the building from Regal Property Management, a real estate company was the previous owners of the property. He said the building belongs to the NKU Foundation.

"We do not own Thriftway. They will continue to lease that facility from us," Baker said.

Schuh said Thriftway has three years left on the lease, and they have the option to renew the lease. Schuh

does not believe that they will do that. She said the store has no room to expand and has trouble competing with stores such as Kroger.

"They won't do enough business to stay in business. They have the opportunity to renew and they might do that," she said.

Jim Wells, spokesperson for Thriftway stores, did not return multiple calls to comment on this matter.

Baker said NKU would probably not buy the property from the NKU Foundation until Thriftway has vacated the building.

"NKU is not in the leasing business. We will only buy the property when we can use the property," he

said. Baker said even though NKU cannot use the land for at least three years, it was important for the NKU Foundation to buy it while the opportunity was available.

"We haven't gone through our analysis of how that property can be used. It would be premature to speculate.

Schuh said there are a few options being given consideration. "One possibility is we might ask the Foundation to develop the property with businesses that support the university. Another scenario is an

## Professor suggests new class

By Peter W. Zubaty  
Copy Editor

A great need exists at Northern Kentucky University for the establishment of a course devoted to the history of African American women's struggle in the United States, according to Dr. Michael Washington.

Washington, Director of the Afro-American Studies Program here at NKU, teaches HIS 431: Historical Themes in African American History, a course which devotes approximately 50 percent of the course time to the study of the black female in America.

That 50 percent, however, is nowhere near enough.

"What the class covers is barely the tip of the iceberg. There should be an entire class, or series of classes, that address historical themes of African American women and their struggle," Washington said.

Senior history major Tim

Haziip, who took HIS 431 last fall, agreed.

"The class was very interesting. It had a lot of info that you wouldn't find anywhere else on black women," Haziip said.

Dr. Margaret Myers of the Women's Studies Program said they would be happy to develop a class such as this.

"There would be student demand, if it were offered," Myers said.

Washington said that student demand has been the biggest obstacle to starting up this type of class. He has received no objections from the history department in getting a class established, other than a lack of demand from students, or where there is demand, those students expressing that interest.

"It would be good to find an African American woman's historian to get this off the ground," Washington said.

This area has been sorely neglected by American secondary

schools and universities.

"It would be good because most African American history only focuses on Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, but the only black woman I am aware of from my classes is Rosa Parks," freshman Julie Cross said.

"The information we covered (in HIS 431) on Angela Davis and Ida B. Wells was especially interesting. The problem is, most people, black women included, have no idea who these women are, or of their contributions to the black women's struggle, and to society in general. It's tragic, really," Haziip said.

An African American woman's history class would also be accepted for the race/gender general studies requirement. It all depends on student demand.

Students who are interested in expressing their demand for this class should contact Dr. Washington at 572-6483 or Women's Studies at 572-5550.



Students enjoy food and refreshments courtesy of Student Government Association during the Cable Party Feb. 1.

## Cable comes to UC TV

By Hlevani Baloyi  
Staff Reporter

Spring semester kicked off with a party Feb. 1 to celebrate Student Government Association getting cable installed in the TV lounge in the University Center.

Students seemed to like this change. Junior Lee Vogel said, "I think this is improvement and it's a benefit to have more stations rather than regular stations."

SGA has pushed university administration for over two years on the issue of cable TV. The argument was that cable TV would allow students to come together for activities and programs put on by student organizations. Also, they argued having a big screen TV but no channels to watch was pointless.

SGA President Chris Boggs explained, "Our goal is to make sure the University Center is useful for students and to utilize the student lounge for activities such as Super Bowl parties and invest in additional games that students can use while on breaks between classes."

The new cable installation would not have been possible without the help of Campus Recreation Director Steve Meier, Physical Plant Associate Director Bob Bolce and university administration.

Meier investigated the issue with the cable company and they informed him there was no line connected to the University Center that could receive cable.

SGA wrote a proposal to Vice President of Administrative Affairs Mike Baker about the possibility of cable installation into the

University Center. Baker approached Meier and the case was re-opened. Bolce telephoned Insight Communications and found they were willing to mobilize a work crew to install cable.

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"We have got to get the word out to all of our representatives so they will be willing to support us," Spencer said. "And we need the funding to keep up with enrollment."

More state funds could be coming NKU's way through a portion of a \$5.7 million state trust fund if the university meets its projected enrollment growth goals devised by President James DeVroba and negotiated with the council on post-secondary education, according to Shanley.

The goal is, by 2004, to have 900 more undergraduates at NKU

## State could give NKU more

### Students account for 55 percent of NKU's funding, more than any other Kentucky school

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"We have got to get the word out to all of our representatives so they will be willing to support us," Spencer said. "And we need the funding to keep up with enrollment."

More state funds could be coming NKU's way through a portion of a \$5.7 million state trust fund if the university meets its projected enrollment growth goals devised by President James DeVroba and negotiated with the council on post-secondary education, according to Shanley.

The goal is, by 2004, to have 900 more undergraduates at NKU

than there were in 1998, which would be a 6.6 percent increase, one of the highest growth rates in the state, according to Shanley.

Shanley said, "Within the next six to eight weeks the university, through our administrative structure, will agree on what will be the mix of the various target populations we want to intentionally pursue as a part of our enrollment management strategy."

Shanley said the focus of targeting will be traditional high school graduates, especially higher ability students, and more African American and international students. Adult weekend and evening students will also be targeted and an array of programs enabling them to complete entire degrees by taking night and evening classes would be in the plans, Shanley said.

If the benchmark funding goes through, Spencer said, the university is looking into a pay increase for the faculty. Shanley said that expanding the dorms would be an option if it might help attract students to reach the critical 900 students for NKU's portion of the trust fund. However, no concrete plans for the increased revenue have been made.





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## Program to improve safety

By Alisha Stewart  
Staff Reporter

The Department of Public Safety and the Residential Life Safety Committee is conducting a safety workshop on self-defense training. Sgt. Cecil Brown of the

DPS will be conducting the workshop and focusing on basic self-defense techniques as well as how to recognize a dangerous situation.

Brown said it will be a basic workshop. His primary purpose is to help make people aware of their surroundings and teach them ways to avoid assaults.

"You must be conscious of your surroundings," Brown said. "There is power in numbers."

The biggest emphasis of the

workshop is identifying potential problem areas and teaching things people can do to protect themselves. Brown will teach basic techniques and maneuvers on what to do if you should be attacked.

"I want to help kids realize that they don't need weapons to arm themselves on campus"

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**-DPS Sgt. Cecil Brown**

The purpose of the Residential Life Safety Committee is to

promote security and safety efforts to fellow students. According to Mike Tussey, an outreach specialist in DPS, this is an annual workshop in conjunction with residential life and public safety.

Students are also concerned

with safety on campus, especially after dark. Cassie Blair, a sophomore graphic design major, said she doesn't feel comfortable walking to her car after dark. "This self-defense training sounds beneficial, especially for those students who live on campus," Blair said.

Jerry Wallace, a Resident Adviser and also a part of Residential Life, helped make this possible. According to Wallace, the Residential Life Committee's goal is to promote effective communication and cooperation with DPS.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at Norse Commons, Room 117. There is no cost to attend. A question and answer session will immediately follow the workshop, as well as refreshments. The presentation should last about one hour. For any further information, contact Residential Life at 572-6099.

# "Ballyhoo" looks hard at Jewish family culture

By Melanie Dawn Brooks  
Staff Reporter

It is December 1939. The movie "Gone With The Wind" is premiering in Atlanta.

Crowds gather to see the movie and catch a glimpse of the stars.

Among the crowd is a young woman named Lala Levy.

For Lala, the movie added additional joy to the holiday season. For, in just a few days, she attends the social event of the year called Ballyhoo.

"Last Night of Ballyhoo," written by Tony Award winner Alfred Uhry ("Driving Miss Daisy"), is the story of a Jewish family trying to assimilate into Southern society.

They are a close-knit family, hard-working and eager to embrace traditions, traditions such as celebrating Christmas.

I didn't think I would like this play. The idea of a family losing their roots so they could be accepted into society isn't particularly funny.

The actors' portrayal of their characters is what makes this play a success. The story behind "Ballyhoo" was conceived from Uhry's own life.

Uhry grew up in a German Jewish family who had assimilated into Christian society comfortably.

They gave up most of their Jewish traditions and decided to focus on their rich German heritage and the promise of wealth and social status.

It wasn't until Uhry left to go to college that he discovered there was a prevalent separation within pre-World War II Jewish society.

European Jews who kept tradition were looked down upon by the German Jews who focused more on German culture and status.

Uhry decided to write a play that focused on what would happen if a family had to face the reality of their culture.

"Ballyhoo" is a look into the Levy/Freitag family — an affluent German Jewish family that tries hard to fit into Southern society.

Patricia Dalen plays Lala Levy, the star-struck member of the family. Lala dreams of becoming a writer whose work could be turned into a movie like the caliber of "Gone With The Wind."

Lala wants to be able to hobnob with celebrities and attend movie premieres. The only problem was she had

only written one paragraph. Unfortunately it wasn't very good.

Ann DuCati plays Boo Levy, Lala's mother. Boo's ambition in life is to marry Lala to a man of high social standing, of "good breeding."

Boo would be especially happy if Lala married into the Weil family, the best (richest) family in all the South.

Robert Elliott plays Adolph Freitag, Boo Levy's brother. His dubious honor is to be the patriarch in a house full of women. Adolph is good-natured and witty.

But if asked, one of his favorite activities would be aggravating his sister, Boo.

Peachy is from the "best Jewish family in the South" and he knows it. Peachy is totally obnoxious and doesn't have a care in the world because he doesn't have to — his family name and status will carry him through life.

He is a non-stop prankster whose punch-line is "What do you think?" My favorite character was Reba Freitag, played by Lynn Millgrim.

Reba is kind, agreeable and what some would say slow to catch the big picture. It is definitely worth seeing. Out of four stars, I would give this



Photo Contributed

Boo Levy stands behind her daughter as they make plans for the social event of the season in "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," the Tony Award winning comedy at Playhouse in the Park.

She primarily serves as the comedic catalyst to Boo's straight-laced approach to life. She wants everyone to be happy and to get along.

"Last Night Of Ballyhoo" is serious yet comical.

I found myself laughing and reflecting. It is definitely worth seeing.

Out of four stars, I would give this

## Campus Calendar

**Wednesday, Feb. 9:**  
• Students Together Against Racism 5:30 p.m. UC 303.  
• Yoga 12 p.m. AHC  
• Lunch Seminar: "Elian Gonzalez: Cuba vs. South Florida."  
• The Quilt Gathering: 5:30-8:30 p.m. UC 303

**Thursday, Feb. 10:**  
• AA meeting 1:30-2:30 p.m.: UC 232  
• Women in Transition 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m.  
• Self defense class 7 p.m. Rm 117 Nurse Commons

**Monday, Feb. 14:**  
• Survivors Support Group: 3 p.m.-4 p.m.: UC 232

**Tuesday, Feb. 15:**  
• Common Ground 3 p.m. UC 303.  
• AA Meeting UC 232 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 16:**  
• Yoga 12 p.m. AHC.  
• Lunch seminar: "Am I going mad?"

# NKU community peers at racial acceptance through the 'Colorblind' eyes of play director Lisa Persley

By Melanie Dawn Brooks  
Staff Reporter

Family unity and acceptance of one's self are the major themes of the musical drama "Colorblind."

"Colorblind" is an updated version of the classical film, "Imitation of Life."

The play is about a family — mother, father and three siblings.

One of the siblings, Lo Jo, is light-skinned and eager to be white.

The play focuses on the efforts of the parents trying to hold their family together and teaching Lo Jo to accept everyone despite their skin color.

One of the actors in "Colorblind" has a unique connection to the play and also to Northern Kentucky University.

LeShauna Persley is a first time freshman attending NKU. Persley is a finance major with a minor in the arts. She is also the daughter of the playwright, Lisa Rankins Persley.

According to LeShauna Persley, "Colorblind" is a story for everyone — no matter of race.

"I believe your students at NKU, black and white alike would really enjoy this play," she said. "The play has a positive message, not only to respect our parents, because one day they will certainly be gone, but to be proud of one's skin color, and know

that color should never play any part in judging one another. Love each other for whom and what they are."

"Colorblind" is being sponsored by the Office of Student Life, the Office of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs, and the Office of African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services.

Rose Morgan, director of the Office of African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, says she really likes "Colorblind."

"I really am excited by this play. This is a great chance for the student body to see a production that focuses on acceptance, no matter your skin color," she said.

Dr. Morgan said one of the reasons she decided to sponsor the play was to help promote black people in the arts and to help raise money for a scholarship for the actors.

"Some of the proceeds of this play will go into a scholarship that will give the actors (many of whom are young students — including LeShauna Persley) the chance to continue their studies in theatre," she said.

Morgan noted that this is one particular field that you don't see a lot of African Americans, so it was a pleasure to be a part of bringing this play to campus.

"I first found out about this play from LeShauna, who is in our University 101 class and also a part of NKU ROCKS," said Morgan.

NKU ROCKS (Responsibility, Opportunity, Community, Knowledge, and Success) is a new program designed to help acclimate and retain black students throughout their college experience to graduation.

It was during this meeting that Morgan became interested in bringing the play to campus.

"The goal of our office is to help present to the campus the talents that many of our students bring with them. I also thought this would make a wonderful addition to our Black History Month activities," Morgan said.

"Colorblind" has been seen in different venues since 1995, including the Aronoff Center in Cincinnati.

"Colorblind" will be presented to the NKU community Sunday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall.

Tickets are \$5 for students with ID and \$10 for the general public. For more information call 572-5464.



# NKU students can 'Enjoy the Arts' for less

By Jeffrey B. Williams  
Production Manager

Andrea Gordon, a junior public relations major at Northern Kentucky University, said she likes to go to the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival, the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Contemporary Arts Center, the zoo, movies and the Omnimax Theater.

Stephanie Kappesser, a sophomore nursing major, said she also enjoys the Contemporary Arts Center and the Cincinnati Art Museum, but she especially likes the ballet and the opera.

Both Gordon and Kappesser are full-time students. Each said they are, like most of us, pressed for money, yet they are able to attend some of the most expensive shows and exhibits in the NKU area.

Gordon and Kappesser are able to do so because they get free passes and discounted tickets from the Enjoy The Arts organization.

"I just renewed my one year membership," said Gordon. I really think for the money it's worth it."

Gordon said she spent \$20 for her initial membership in Enjoy the Arts and \$25 for her renewal membership.

Gordon said she used one of the \$300 worth of free ticket vouchers

she received for two tickets to see the Broadway show, "Tony and Tina's Wedding."

"I took my mom to that too. She really enjoyed it," Gordon said. She said she uses her membership extensively and has saved more than three times the cost of her membership.

She said the program has given her the opportunity to sample some of the area's most expensive entertainment.

"If I wasn't a member," Gordon said, "I most likely would not have attended as many shows as I have because they are so expensive."

Kappesser said she also paid \$20 for her first membership and \$25 for her renewal membership.

"I signed up at FreshFusion '98. I'm a big fan of the Contemporary Arts Center, so I go there a lot," Kappesser said. "I would like to have been able to have used it more, but my schedule is too hectic," Kappesser said.

Kappesser used her membership to attend the ballet and said the savings on that single show more than equal her membership fee.

"The whole evening probably cost only \$20 for two of us," she said. "The ballet was pretty good and we had pretty good seats. We met the performers at the pre-show and had hors d'oeuvres at a restaurant across the street."

Enjoy the Arts coordinator Sara Timmins said the main mission for the organization is to get students out to enjoy the arts in Cincinnati.

Timmins said, "The way we do this is to make it affordable, accessible, and by raising their awareness of the exhibitions in the area."

She said NKU students taking full-time classes will get an extra \$5 discount off their first year membership.

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# NKU comes home

By Cassie Guy  
Staff Reporter

For the first time ever, Mardi Gras Madness Homecoming 2000 for Northern Kentucky University will involve an off-campus dance at Jillian's, located in Covington, Ky. and a Black Comedy Tour.

The dance is Friday Feb. 18, from 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tickets are available at the Office of Student Life.

Cost is \$15 for students, staff and alumni.

The evening includes dinner and music by the Websters, Denial and DJ Dial M.

"This is the first time NKU is having an off-campus dance. It should be fun," Assistant Dean of Students Pamm Taylor, chair of Homecoming committee, said.

In addition to the Jillian's dance, Mardi Gras Madness Homecoming 2000 is having a Black Comedy Tour at Regent's

Hall, Friday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., featuring A.J. Johnson, Chocolate and Lavell Crawford.

Tickets are available at the Student Life Office, cost is \$5 students, and \$10 general admission.

"Students should get involved, there is something for everyone," Program Coordinator Tiffany Mayse said.

Saturday, Feb. 19 is the women's Homecoming basketball game at Regents Hall at 5:30 p.m. The men's game is at 7:30 p.m. against Ft. Wayne.

The coronation of Homecoming King and Queen with Tracie Macke from FOX19 takes place during halftime of the men's game.

Students can vote for Homecoming King and Queen at the University Center Lobby Wednesday and Thursday.

# Homecoming Candidates



Jitana Benton  
Senior, NKU Rocks



Michelle Muse Junior,  
Phi Sigma Sigma



Brad Hungler Senior,  
SGA



Jennifer Fraser Senior,  
Phi Beta Lambda



Kara Clark Junior, SGA,  
Delta Gamma sorority



Louis John Prabell Junior,  
Phi Beta Lambda



Emily Hastings Senior,  
Norse Leadership society



Angie Moore Junior,  
Theta Phi Alpha sorority



Brian Harmon Junior,  
Baptist Student Union



Todd Duesing Junior,  
Tau Kappa Epsilon, NLS



Jessica Enderle Senior,  
Delta Zeta sorority



Ben Stewart Senior  
Alpha Tau Omega



Jennifer Ledden Junior  
Baptist Student Union



**Friday, Feb. 11**

Regents Hall: **Black Comedy Tour** 8 p.m.  
General \$10, students \$5

**Saturday, Feb. 12**

Norse Day: Florence Mall 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

**Monday Feb. 14**

"Singed out" and Flower sale  
UC Lobby, Theater 12 p.m.

**Tuesday Feb. 15**

Organization Rally: 11:00-2:00 UC Lobby  
NKU Jazz band UC  
Cafeteria 12 p.m.  
Theme Dinner "Bayou Blast!" NC  
Cafeteria: \$5.50 5:00-7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 16**

Office Award Presented  
Cafe Du Norse and Student  
Organization Rally: 11:00-2:00 UC Lobby  
Greek Variety Show UC  
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**Thursday, Feb. 17**

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Women's basketball game Regents  
Hall 5:30 p.m.  
Men's basketball game Regents  
Hall 7:30 p.m.  
Vote for Homecoming King and Queen UC

**Friday, Feb. 18**

Mardi Gras Dance: 7 p.m. Jillian's  
Faculty and Staff: \$20 single, couple \$40  
Students: \$15, couple \$30

**Saturday, Feb. 19**

Women's Homecoming Basketball game  
Regents Hall 5:30 p.m.  
Men's Homecoming Basketball game  
Regents Hall 7:30 p.m.  
Crowning of King and Queen  
Regents Hall, hall-timo of the Young Alumni Society after the game  
UC Ballroom  
Party and Reception



## Black comedy tour kicks off homecoming for NKU

By Cindy Folsom  
Staff Reporter

Tired of sitting home Friday nights? Well, put on your party clothes because the Black Comedy Tour is coming to NKU Friday, Feb. 11. The tour will feature "Friday's" A.J. Johnson, and BET's Comic View's Lavell Crawford, and Chocolate.

Freshman Cornelia Crook says, "This comedy show is a much needed break for me. It will be nice to just sit back and have a good laugh."

The long anticipated show will begin at 8 p.m. in Regents Hall on the 11th. The cost of a ticket ranges from \$5 for students (with an ID) and \$10 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the Office of Student Life from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Immediately following, the Black Women's Organization will be hosting an after party at the UC Grill until 2 a.m. "Remember," says Angel Chichester, the program's director. "The show is for everyone, so come out and prepare to have a good time."

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# Good people often are the 'Enemy of the People'

By Nichole Boling  
Staff Reporter

The live experience of theater magnifies its entertainment value a hundred times more than the passive role of individually viewing a big budget movie with star power and special effects.

Each theater experience is unique and inimitable. So why do people flock to the movies and not the stage?

Northern Kentucky University Fine Arts Manager Karen O'Brien feels that the theater gives a feeling of personal belonging.

"It's the sense of community that appeals to the theatergoer," she said. Unfortunately, many people consider the theatre their enemy, because they might have had a bad experience there.

So ask yourself, "what exactly is an enemy?"

Webster's Dictionary simply defines enemy as: "One that hates another or one that attacks or tries to harm another." However, could an enemy also be someone who tries preventing harm against innocents?

This is the case in Henrik Ibsen's timeless drama, "An Enemy Of The People." This play will be the first of the new millennium to be presented by the NKU's Department of Theatre this semester.

"An Enemy Of The People" was first performed onstage 118 years ago.

Often termed the "Father of Modern Realism," Ibsen knew the consequences one could face for such an honorable act as standing up for the truth, even when there is no benefit to yourself or your loved ones.

Dr. Stockmann, the play's hero, faces such a dilemma. He is the Medical Officer for Kirsten Springs, a health institute in a coastal town in southern Norway which claims to have "healing waters."

The whole town, Stockmann included, is profiting quite nicely from the tourists that the springs attract.

However, Stockmann makes a medical discovery about the springs that causes the townspeople to ostracize him.

There is a high level of bacteria in the water that could cause a "perma-



Megan Rose, Jonathan Vaughn and Nichole Sanford in Northern Kentucky University's production of "An Enemy of the People."

nent case of poisoning" to visitors to the springs.

Stockmann does not expect the response he gets. In fact, he thinks he will be crowned the town's hero for finding out such detrimental

information before it causes an epidemic.

His brother Peter, who is the mayor, is convinced there is nothing wrong with the springs.

Peter tells his brother, "It is my

duty to prevent your report from reaching the board," and threatens the editors of the town newspaper with an increase of taxes if they publish the report of the findings.

Peter persists, "The corporation

built Kirsten Springs out of its own money. If the people want them changed, the people naturally must pay the bill."

Like many of us today, we want to believe that doing what's right is the best thing to do, but when the power of crooked politics becomes involved it's not always beneficial to fight for the truth.

Even Stockmann's wife Catherine knows this and tells her husband reluctantly, "Without power, what good is the truth? Tom, there's so much injustice in the world, you've simply got to learn to live with it."

Learning to live with injustice is something Stockmann is not prepared to do, and by the end of the play we see him losing the battle with his peers over the truth. "An Enemy Of The People" will be showing from Feb. 17 through Feb. 27, Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at NKU's Corbett Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7 for senior citizens, \$8 for faculty/staff and \$9 for general admission.

For ticket information call the NKU's Fine Arts Box Office at 572-5464.

Photo contributed

## 'We love art at NKU'



Melissa Riggs/The Northerner  
"The most important thing a society produces is their art," said Mike King.

Northern Kentucky University supports the arts through exhibitions, plays and music.

The surrounding artwork are samples from the faculty/staff art show which was exhibited from Jan. 10 through Feb. 4 in the large gallery at the university's Fine Arts Center.



## Brian Joiner's 'Black Woman, Series II' art displayed at NKU Corbett Theatre

By Sarah Baker  
Staff Reporter

An art exhibition, "Black Woman Series II," by Brian Joiner will be displayed in the Corbett Theatre lobby Feb. 10 through March 10 in celebration of black history and women's history months.

An opening reception will be held Feb. 10 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"This series of work reveals the perceptions of African American women in our community and their views about the world in which they

live.

All walks of life are represented. From the mainstream working class to the high profile: from young to elderly, from wealthy to modest to penniless," Joiner wrote in a summary of the project.

The Fitton Art Center in Hamilton, Ohio displayed most of the portraits in the Black Woman Series II for the first time a year ago.

Nelly Bly Cogan, exhibition director of the center, said, "A lot of people he paints don't see their portraits until opening night.

His work is so compelling that when they saw it there was a lot of emotion, even tears."

Attendance was high throughout the month the series was on display.

People would bring their friends and families back to see it, Cogan said.

Joiner will also deliver a lecture at NKU March 1 about his art, what motivates him, and how he expresses his values and beliefs, according to Cheryl Sumner, director of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs.

The lecture starts at 6:15 p.m., but a location has not yet been determined.

## Phi Kappa Tau searches for NKU's strongest man

By Kelly Simons  
Staff Reporter

Phi Kappa Tau and World Gym have teamed up to sponsor a Greek strongest man contest starting at noon on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the World Gym in Alexandria.

The fee to enter the contest is \$10 for each participant and \$1 per spectator.

Isaac Gerdes, Phi Tau's philanthropy and fundraiser chairman, said, "We are hoping to start a tradition between Phi Kappa Tau and World Gym, which will promote healthy competition, as well as more positive relationships within the Inter-Fraternal Council system."

Gerdes said since this is the first year of the contest, Phi Tau has decided to limit the event to just fraternities on campus.

"This will allow for a more manageable crowd, giving us some flexibility and room for change based on need."

However, since this is going to be an annual event, other organizations may

be incorporated in the future," he said.

President Jim Cropper of Phi Tau said the contest is a chance for the fraternity community to come together as a group and meet one another.

The competition involves four events.

• Preacher curl—must break a 90 degree angle taking the barbell to at least a 135 degree angle and back up.

• Flat bench—must break a 90 degree angle; the barbell can touch chest, but cannot bounce (judge makes final call).

• "Box" squat—the barbell will be placed behind the head, the participant sits on the bench that will be placed 1-2 inches above bend in knee and push the weight up (participant will not be asked to go past a 90 degree angle for it to be considered a full lift).

• Dead lift—must have weight belt on and then pick barbell up above knees and roll shoulders.

Chris Williams, a manager at Alexandria's World Gym, is scheduled to be the judge.

Williams is a trained wrestler and part of the World Championship

Wrestling and Northern Kentucky Wrestling Federations.

All lifts are judged on form and safety.

A participant may be asked to stop a lift if deemed unsafe or in poor form by the judge or emergency medical technician.

Gerdes said all participants weigh in at noon on Saturday, Feb. 12, to determine their weight class.

There are eight possible weight classes, ranging from 130 pounds to 250 pounds.

There will be eight winners based on each of the weight classes and four winners based on the weight they lifted divided by their body weight, Gerdes said.

He said, "The prizes are top secret until the day of the event. We want to get creative."

The event can benefit individuals by helping motivate and spark interest in a healthier lifestyle that includes resistance training, Gerdes said.

He added that the contest can be fun for everyone involved, while still promoting group unity and pride.

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# True diversity

Dear Editor,

I am greatly appalled and offended at the article I just read on diversity. Since when are African Americans the only minority? Do Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans not exist anymore? Has my family suddenly disappeared and I do not know? I look at my daughter and her Hispanic roots are clearly evident.

Will she ever be able to come to Northern Kentucky University and have teachers who are of Hispanic descent? Will she be able to see role models of her heritage?

I come from a family you could either call progressive or poor trash depending on your racial beliefs.

My family has had interracial marriages for over 50 years. But the minority was not African American it was Hispanic. I might have blond hair and blue eyes but my family does not, my daughter does not.

To think that NKU will not even consider my family a minority greatly offends me.

The idea that NKU has no programs to reach out to the large, quiet and extremely poor Hispanic populations in Northern Kentucky offends me. Do not mistake me, I do not want services taken away from the African American community, but I would like to see services put in place for Hispanic students and an outreach to recruit them.

Diversity does not reflect the color of a person's skin but of a person's culture. I would like to think that NKU wants a community of all skin colors and cultures, and not a campus that just labels things black or white.

I hope NKU can go beyond the racist idea that a people can be described by the color of their skin. The idea that a person's skin color can describe their culture is ignorant.

I hope as a community we can recognize this and learn to integrate many cultures onto our campus.

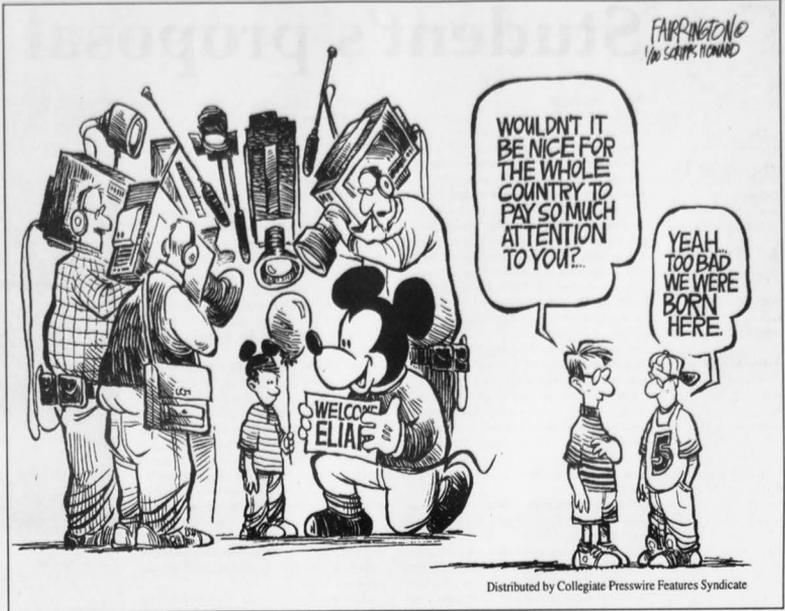
I would like to see an outreach for more Hispanic students, staff and faculty to our campus, but unfortunately NKU recruiters do not think the Hispanic culture is worth recruiting.

I have even been told by the minority admissions counselor that she does not like her title, she should be called the African American recruiter because that is who she recruits.

When I was told this I went home and cried. To think that my daughter is not worth her attention was one of the most hurtful and racist comments I have heard.

I hope by the time my daughter is old enough to go to college, NKU's view has changed on all cultures that can not be seen in black or white, and has learned to honor all cultures in the way in which they do the African American culture.

Bernadette Whitley



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# Christian Right declares war on universities

By Forrest Berkshire  
Managing Editor

The Jihad is begun and the final siege is set.

I have had a vision concerning the Supreme Court case between the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Scott Southworth. He and his conservative allies have declared war on universities, and have challenged them on the grounds of freedom of speech and the issue of student fees.

In my vision I have seen the dark army encircled about the great city of knowledge, driving all that oppose them into the temporary shelter of its walls.

Their leader, garbed in a veil of light, strides through the ranks of his minions.

His soldiers have donned their armor of Fundamentalism, and hold their swords of self-righteousness ready to cut down any that oppose them. On their heads they wear the

helmets of hypocrisy, and on their left arms they bear the shield of blind faith.

They have cut off their own ears to protect them from the dangerous weapon of the Emerald City, Question.

To them free thought is a sin. There can be no discussion, no question.

They have attacked the river of knowledge that feeds the emerald city, the lifeblood of its inhabitants. All that remains is to see if their dams hold.

If their dams hold, they will block the flow of the life giving waters and slowly cut off the city's nourishment. Then, once the inhabitants are weak from starvation, they can sweep down and finish them.

The city's walls will be torn down and its inhabitants enslaved.

Thus it is in the highest court of the land in our very own country, the United States.

The final battle has been named

Board of Regents, University of Wisconsin-Madison v. Southworth. The university has been accused of violating students' freedom of speech by compelling them to financially support organizations that they do not ideologically support.

Yet for those of us that have witnessed the battle thus far, we see that the battle is not between Scott Southworth and the university he once attended.

It is between the Christian Right and the freedom of young people to express differing points of view.

The Christian Right has mobilized their army, the Alliance Defense Fund, and declared war on any group that promotes an idea that they do not agree with.

The battleground it has chosen is the Court. The dams they are attempting to use to dry up the river of knowledge are constructed out of their numerous lawsuits.

Their army of lawyers have bombarded universities from the Atlantic

to the Pacific, challenging the use of student fees to fund student organizations.

The hypocrisy of the leaders of the ADF is astounding. James Dobson, leader of Focus on the Family and a member of the board of directors of the ADF, is a well-known opponent of what he terms "pornography."

Focus on the Family has led the crusade for regulating what images a person can view in the privacy of their own home, arguing it is immoral and should be banned, an issue of the First Amendment that the Supreme Court has wrestled with for decades.

Yet the ADF has now twisted the First Amendment to fit its own political agenda. Its lawsuits claim that by universities requiring students to pay mandatory fees that in part go to funding student organizations, they are violating students' freedom of speech.

They contend that universities are forcing students to endorse ideas

they do not agree with, therefore forcing them into compelled speech, which is illegal by the Constitution of the United States.

But it is glaringly apparent to many of us that the ADF's argument is a thinly veiled attempt to silence any view that it disagrees with.

To me it appears that the true goal of the ADF is to dam the lifeblood of student organizations.

They must realize that many groups could not exist without this funding. Members of student organizations have told me this. All of the time of these organizations would be spent in the effort to raise funds in order to exist.

This would eat up valuable time that is spent on the true mission of student organizations, the introduction and dialogue on different ideas that students otherwise may never be exposed to.

I recognize their true goal, to kill the dialogue of ideas, the fundamental principle behind the university.

Like the Pharisees of the New Testament, which persecuted and eventually orchestrated the crucifixion of Christ, they oppose any question to their beliefs, religious or political.

For them, question is bad. It threatens their tenuous hold on what they hold dear.

It appears their point of view is that fundamentalism is the answer, the letter of the law.

I fear that their ideal government is that of the Taliban, the current government of Iran, only instead of fundamentalist Islam, it would be fundamentalist Christianity. A ruling Theocracy that would legislate morality according to their specific views, and any that opposes them would suffer the dire penalties.

Could this be their final goal? If it is, and if they succeed in silencing student's voices on college campuses, then they are just that much closer to reaching their final domination over what we see, hear and speak.

## NORTH POLL

### Who do you think is the sexiest celebrity?

Jacob Schneider  
Pre-engineering  
Union  
"Jennifer Aniston. She's got a sexy face."



Andrea Schrage  
Undeclared  
Ft. Mitchell  
"Brad Pitt because he has a great body."



Homer Byers  
Political Science  
Louisville

"Jennifer Lopez. She's got some real nice feminine qualities."



Larin Daily  
RTV  
Florence  
"Fred Durst from [the band] Limp Bizkit. There's just something about him."



Ross Ewing  
Secondary Education  
Bright, Ind.  
"Dharma [Jenna Elfmann] from the TV series, 'Dharma and Greg.' She's a perfect girl - funny, sexy and a great personality."



Jennifer Owen  
Theatre  
Lexington  
"I don't know why, but I find Kevin Spacey incredibly sexy."



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# Student's proposal set in stone

By Melissa Riggs  
Features Editor

"She thought I wasn't going to propose to her soon at all."  
-Jeff Gardiner

Long before Valentine's Day, love was in the air, despite the cold weather mother nature presented during December's graduation commencement. Graduating senior Jeff Gardiner was nervous, but it actually had nothing to do with receiving the diploma for his bachelor's in journalism. He was thinking about his girlfriend, Sonya Wessling, who he was about to pop the question to in his own unique way.

A month into the fall semester of 1999, Gardiner received a flyer about purchasing a brick with a message on it that would be placed outside of Steely Library.

Gardiner thought the idea of engraving a brick to be placed at NKU would be the perfect way to ask his girlfriend to marry him.

Gardiner was planning to ask his girlfriend to marry him. He admitted that he wanted something original and had thought about renting a plane that would display the message. "Sonya, will you marry me," attached to the back of the plane like planes at the Reds' games.

"I had planned on doing something at graduation anyway," Gardiner said. He thought this was the perfect idea.

As the semester continued, commencement was approaching quickly. Just two days before graduation, Gardiner was involved in an accident and totaled his truck. "She thought I wasn't going to propose to her soon at all," said

Gardiner. Except, little did Sonya know, Jeff had already purchased the ring, so his plan was still on.

Dec. 18 arrived. Although commencement was not until later that morning, Gardiner arrived in the NKU parking lot at 7 a.m. Gardiner said he was very nervous.

He had previously told Sonya that he had purchased a brick. However, he told her that it was for his parents. "I knew it was going to be cold or possibly rainy, so I told her we had to go see the brick that day," Gardiner said.

Gardiner also gave the ring to his mother. "I had it in the breast pocket of my jacket and I was afraid when Sonya hugged me that she would ask what was in my pocket," Gardiner said.

After leaving Nunn hall after commencement, Gardiner got the ring back from his mother. He, his girlfriend and family approached the engraved bricks outside of Steely Library. During all of the excitement of revealing the brick which reads, "Sonya, will you marry me? Love, Jeff," it actually caused a bit of confusion. Sonya didn't get to read the entirety of the brick right away which made for all the more surprise when he proposed to her.

"It didn't work out exactly as I had planned it because I got nervous and jumped the gun," said Gardiner. It didn't seem to have mattered. After he proposed to her, Sonya could only say one word, "yes."

Their wedding is tentatively scheduled for April of 2001.



## NKU links Internet couple

By Amanda Schreiber  
Staff Reporter

It all feels like so long ago; when really it's only been one year, seven months and five days. It's sad when you know the days.

It all happened on Aug. 4 around one or two in the morning. It wasn't unusual that I was up at that hour considering it was summer. Since no one seemed to be online that I knew, I just began striking up conversation with anyone who cared to talk. "Mbgg," as he was known to me at the time and I, "Jamberry," struck up a conversation about summer and just basic things about our lives. Soon my body began to tell me, "Get your butt in bed!" so I had to say good night to my new found Internet buddy and head off to bed.

The next morning after breakfast I did my routine check of my e-mail. Lo and behold, I had about a page and half letter from this guy. His name was Greg Gordon and he lived in Morro Bay, Calif. This guy told me almost his whole life story after only talking for a few hours. I knew he was either a psycho stalker or just a really nice and trusting guy.

Over the next few weeks we talked and got to know each other, but I still kept my distance. I wasn't going to be the victim of some internet rape. About a month or two later he asked me if I would be his girlfriend. It was so cheesy!

Here I was in Cincinnati, and he in Morro Bay California. There was no way this relationship would ever work, plus I was only 15 years old. Politely I told him no. Did that stop him? No, of course not. Finally, a few days later and just to get him off of my back, I agreed. At first I didn't take the relationship serious at all. Greg was just a

close friend from the other side of the United States and that's all I thought he'd ever be. Eventually as time passed we traded pictures and called each other on the phone as much as possible.

After that first phone call and hearing his voice, I just knew that we were more than "friends." I, Amanda Schreiber, had a boyfriend. He may not live next door or go to a local school but he was mine. Then came the scary part: pictures! Was this guy even going to like me? What if he thinks I'm fat and unattractive? Or worse - what if he is fat and unattractive?

I was so nervous the night I sent him my pictures via e-mail that I had to take a motion sickness pill to relax. Lucky for me, the next morning I had another e-mail telling me how beautiful I was and how lucky he was to say I was his. Two to three weeks later I got his pictures. I was surprised. He looked nothing like I thought. He was very attractive, not too tall, not too much of anything. He was just perfect for me.

Well, that's the background information. Let's fast forward to the good parts. Last summer we planned to meet for the first time. He was going to fly into Detroit to visit some family that lived there and then have his father drive him from Michigan to Ohio to see me. I was nervous, thrilled, and so many other things.

This was going to be the most exciting day of my life. I just had a gut feeling. Finally the day came. He called when they had reached their hotel and told me he had to take a shower and get changed and then we were to go to dinner together. Needless to say I was even more of a nervous wreck by this time, but I was able to maintain a well composed face as I waited at the window anxiously.

When he drove up the driveway then stepped out of the car I thought I was going to die. He was even more gorgeous than his pictures and he had a bouquet of my favorite flowers, daisies, in his hand. Everything went off without a hitch and that whole week together was absolutely amazing. We both managed to receive our very first kiss.

Well, one year and some odd months later, we are still together, but we're not living in a fantasy world where nothing goes wrong. We fight, but overall we both truly love each other.

I think having him live so far away helps me realize how special he really is to me. We both really want to be together and it tugs at your heart knowing that someone that you love is over 3,500 miles away.

Greg has decided that once he is done with junior college next winter he is going to pack up and leave sunny California for me and move to snuggly Ohio, where he will attend Northern Kentucky University for a year without me, until I graduate from high school. We will both be making a lot of sacrifices but if you love the person, it's totally worth it.

In a way NKU will be the best thing for us both. Finally after about three years we will be able to be together all the time and do normal couple things, which I covet endlessly.

This Valentine's Day we'll do the usual, just call each other and run up the phone bill and probably send cards and small gifts, since neither of us has a source of income at the moment.

But to us, knowing that we have each other is all that really matters. That's what Valentine's Day is for, whether he is three niles away or 3000, I'm just delighted we can spend the day talking to each other.



"NKU will be the best thing for us both"  
-Amanda Schreiber

## Top 10 Country Music Love Songs

1. Amazed - Lonestar
2. It's Your Love - Tim McGraw & Faith Hill
3. How Do I Live - Trisha Yearwood
4. I Cross My Heart - George Strait
5. To Make You Feel My Love - Garth Brooks
6. You're Still The One - Shania Twain
7. I Swear - John Michael Montgomery
8. Breathe - Faith Hill
9. My Best Friend - Tim McGraw
10. She's More - Andy Griggs

## Top 10 Pop Music Love Songs

1. Because You Loved Me - Celine Dion
2. (God Must Have Spent) A Little More Time On You - 'Nsync
3. I Don't Want To Miss A Thing - Aerosmith
4. Back At One - Brian McKnight
5. Call and Answer - Barenaked Ladies
6. In My Life - The Beatles
7. Beauty and the Beast - Celine Dion
8. Love Hurts - Gram Parsons
9. Beth - Kiss
10. Right Here Waiting - Richard Marx



"I write from the heart"

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and it seems that everyone is in the mood for love. Whether people believe in true love or not, just about everyone loves watching romantic movies and listening to love songs.

I always loved music, but being a songwriter has helped me realize what an impact a song can have on people.

I have been a writer since I was seven years old. But up until a few years ago I kept it all in a couple folders in my desk. I wrote to express myself and I didn't think anyone else would be interested in what I would write. A few years ago, I found out I was wrong.

Skeptically, I opened up my notebooks and let others look at them. There was a local band in my hometown that recorded one of my songs. It was a really cool feeling to be able to hear my song on a CD, but I really didn't think a lot of it. It was a song I had written for my ex-fiancee about two best friends falling in love. It was a very personal song and was special to us, but I didn't think it would really mean anything to anyone else.

Then it happened. I will never forget the day I was in the local video store trying to pick out a movie when a female I didn't know spoke to me and asked me if I had written the song. I told her that I did and she thanked me for writ-

ing it. She told me that she and her boyfriend were getting married the following Saturday and they considered that song "their song." It meant a lot to me.

Since then, my writing has changed with the different things I have experienced in my life. The only thing all my songs have in common is that they all come from my personal experiences. Some are happy some are sad. But I hope that when someone listens to one of my songs, they realize they are looking through the windows of my heart.

By no means have I had the picture perfect life. Instead of getting mad and doing something destructive, I try to put my emotions and feelings into words that others might be able to relate to. And in some situations, writing has been the best way to cope with detours life has managed to throw my way.

One example of this is the night I caught my ex-fiancee with my then-best friend. I didn't know what to do or what to say. Goodbye was the logical solution, and the route I chose to take. But my heart has never liked that word. So I sat alone at 1 a.m. doing the only thing I could think to do - write.

Up until last year, I usually wrote alone. Last year, I met Patricia A. Smith, who is now my publisher. Through the last year or so we have co-written some of the songs I am the most proud of.

I was working three jobs last summer, one of

which was front desk clerk at a hotel. It was a small hotel and I worked the overnight shift, so I had a lot of free time.

I would usually sit at the desk and write. My inspiration would come from a variety of places: memories, things going on in my life and even people going in and out of the hotel. You'd be surprised what can go through your mind at 3 a.m.

One night I was thinking about a girl I really liked, but was too shy to ask out. I still remember sitting there as the words and tears flowed out of me. The result was a song called "Another Chance."

A few days before Christmas, I learned that one song "The Doctor Is In" was named Honorary Mention in the Great American Song Contest. To me, that was a great honor. I was careful, however not to lose sight of the reason I write - because I love it. And I still write from the heart - and let it flow naturally in whatever direction it may take me.

Betty Johnson, a songwriter, said, "Have I had success with the love songs I have written? Not really, not yet. Unless you count the tears of a listener as success. I do."

I feel the same way. I love to be honored my peers for a job well done. But I don't need to win the Country Music Association's Song of the Year Award, even though it would be nice. Someone telling me they could relate to one of my songs is better than any award.

**"I know what I'll get for Valentine's Day: a card, dinner and a 12 pack of beer"**  
-Erica Lamb

# Gifts from the heart

By Tracy Schuster  
Staff Reporter

For most of us, Valentine's Day is a time when we give our significant other a token of our love and appreciation. Most of us expect to receive or give chocolates in those red, heart-shaped containers or spend \$35 on a dozen roses that do not last more than a week.

Whatever you expect to give or receive, keep in mind that this Valentine's Day is the first one of the new millennium, so spend a little extra time, not money, and concentrate on selecting the perfect gift.

Erica Lamb, a marketing major said, "I know what I'll get for Valentine's Day, a card, dinner and a 12-pack [of beer] and I'll give him the same."

However, if choosing the right gift is more of

a struggle for you than it is for Lamb, refer to the list of admirable gifts that accompanies this story. The gifts listed are sure to make your Valentine's heart melt quicker than M&M's. No matter what you choose to buy for your mate, do not spend too much money on them or you'll have to spend more on them next year.

On the other hand, if Cupid's arrow did not strike you this holiday and you do not have a special Valentine in mind, don't worry, at least you will be saving some money. Although you could always give a Valentine gift to mom, dad, or grandparents or, even better, treat yourself with something nice.

Here are a few important rules to remember for Valentine's Day: Don't leave the price tag on the gift, don't go overboard and, most importantly, don't forget Valentine's Day is Monday, Feb. 14.

## Gift Ideas

Remember, if these ideas don't suit your fancy, you can always stick with the traditional Valentine's Day gifts such as: candy, jewelry, roses, perfume, dinner or a movie.

### For Romeo:

- Fill his car with red and white balloons (\$3) and fill his gas tank (\$15-\$25).
- Buy him a heart-shaped cookie cake from Blue Chip Cookies (\$11.95).
- Tape a dozen of his favorite songs on a blank cassette tape (\$2).
- Buy some Valentine underwear or boxers from Structure (\$14.50-\$18.50).
- Be the "DD" all night and drive him and friends to the Argosy (without complaining).
- Buy a hat with his (favorite team's logo at the Cinci Shop (\$25)).
- Buy a money clip at Things Remembered (\$10-\$20) plus engraving.

### For Juliet:

- Buy her a cuddly teddy bear (\$10-\$25) and spray your cologne all over it.
- Buy a frame (\$5) and put a baby picture of you inside it.
- Buy a blank card (\$2) and copy a sweet poem inside.
- Take her to dinner (\$35-\$55) and rent a movie (99 cents-\$4.23) and let her pick it out!
- Buy lingerie at Victoria's Secret (\$40-\$60) or TJ Maxx has great deals (\$5-\$19.99).
- Buy the beanie baby "Schweeheart" (\$8) at Enchanted Cottage in Hyde Park.
- Make a candlelight dinner with food only you made. Don't worry if you can't cook, she will remember the thought more than the taste anyway.

### For Romeo and Juliet:

- Fit a winter car kit including de-icer, a scraper, heat pack, blanket (\$25-\$35).
- Cook breakfast and serve it in bed.
- Give each other a massage.
- Play naked Twister (naked is optional).
- If you are mutually inclined, sing a song to your Valentine.

## Top 10 Romantic Movies

1. Titanic
2. Chasing Amy
3. Armageddon
4. Forget Paris
5. American Pie
6. Up Close And Personal
7. There's Something About Mary
8. 6 Days, 7 Nights
9. Ghost
10. Gone With The Wind

# Survey says net good meeting place

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

College-age students see the Internet as a good way to meet someone, according to a survey and focus group conducted by *The Northerner*.

The participants, who were all between the ages of 18 and 24, are students at area colleges including Northern Kentucky University, University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, and Miami University.

Nearly 100 percent of the people surveyed reported they have posted an ad and browsed the ads at one time or another, while only about half say they have actually met or talked on the phone with a person they met online.

During the focus group, many participants discussed their experiences with Internet dating. Rachel Croucher, a University of Cincinnati student, said that she usually talks to the person via e-mail for a few weeks before she meets them.

Croucher said that she would prefer to meet someone through Instant Messenger, instead of randomly in a chat room because it is easier to stay in contact with the person.

One of the reasons many say that they choose to use Internet personals is not because they are lone-

ly, but because they want to be cared about for who they are.

Susan Brackman said she thinks Internet dating is as safe as meeting someone at a bar and giving them your phone number. However, she thinks that meeting someone on the Internet is a lot less based on physical appearance.

"With meeting someone online, you realize if the person is really into looks or into the true you. The negative from it - you realize how many people think looks really matter," Brackman said.

Less than 10 percent of the people surveyed viewed Internet dating as socially acceptable. Both Croucher and Brackman believe society does not accept meeting someone online.

Croucher said her parents don't approve of her meeting people online.

"I usually have to lie to my parents. This is wrong, but I know that they wouldn't approve," she said.

There are four types of relationships that people can look for when placing personal ads online.

1. Looking for friends
2. Looking for short term relationship
3. Looking for long term relationship
4. Looking for intimate encounters

The participants of the focus group said that many times they will list more than one of the four.

However, a reader can usually tell what a person is most interested in by reading their description of what they are looking for. Of the participants who said they placed a personal to genuinely find a compatible person for a serious relationship, nearly all said they prefer to be friends with the person first.

90 percent of the people surveyed said they only have tried free personal services. One-fifth of the remaining 10 percent say they have tried both and have had most success with Yahoo! Personal or another type of free personal service.

These free services are financed by advertising. Yahoo! targets the age range of 18-24-year-olds with their advertising. Banner ads are placed at the top of each ad. These ads usually deal with music, movies, relationships, or another topic that may interest the target audience.

Another site that offers free personal ads is www.collegeclub.com. Collegeclub advertises in the same manner as Yahoo! does with nearly the same target audience. However, many of the banners that are displayed on Collegeclub are for companies that are owned by the same company that owns Collegeclub. A representative for Collegeclub.com said that they make money every time a user clicks on a banner ad.



"You realize if they're into looks or the true you"  
-Susan Brackman

# Two MTV game shows come to life at NKU

By Rick Amburgey  
News Editor

Two MTV shows, "Singled Out" and "Loveline", are coming to Northern Kentucky University.

"Singled Out" will take place in the University Center Theatre at noon on Valentine's Day.

Karen Chinetti, administrative assistant of the Office of Student Life, said it will be the same as the MTV game show.

She said there will be one girl and approximately twenty guys. She said the guys will be eliminated by answering questions. Then, a group of twenty girls will do the same thing to get a chance with one guy.

Chinetti said these questions are compiled by Activities Programming Board. She said no one knows what the questions will consist of.

"I think they're keeping them under lock and key," she said.

Chinetti said students can register for the game show in the Student Life office.

Chinetti said the event will be fun, but a relationship could possibly result.

"It's usually a fun thing, but you never

know," she said.

Peers Educating Peers is co-sponsoring "Loveline" with the Theta Phi Alpha sorority. The event will be conducted in the same fashion as the MTV show.

Cheryl Fitzpatrick, PEP coordinator, said the event will be held Feb. 24 from 7-9 p.m. in Kentucky Hall.

"Loveline is designed for us to provide a health-related activity in the dorms," she said. Fitzpatrick said the event will be a combination of learning about healthy relationships and safe sex and STD's.

She said students will have the opportunity to raise concerns about relationships. She said the panel will try to offer possible solutions and will give them resources to use.

Angie Moore, a Peer Educator Assistant, said she came up

with the idea to do "Loveline" this semester. Moore hopes flyers and information distributed by e-mail will attract many students.

"I know the Greek System will be there and other organizations will be there," Moore said.

Moore said free food and free drinks will be provided. She also said they are working with Residential Life to be able to have students call in their questions from home.



"Loveline is designed for us to provide a health-related activity in the dorms"  
-Cheryl Fitzpatrick

# Life after true love

By Matt Kessler  
Staff Reporter

Love is the hardest thing to find, and even harder to keep. When it is lost it's one of the hardest things to let go of.

I can say that I have been in love once, we had a great, long relationship with everything. But in time something went wrong and to this day I can't really say what it is. But it's over and that is that. Life doesn't always go the way you plan it to, but you learn and move on.

She was the same age as me, 17, at the time. We had hardly known each other for more than a month when we went on our first date. She was nothing like the girls before her. We had a great time, and things persisted. After asking her for the first date, things just went too quick. We spent every day together for the next 14 months.

Day in and day out, I spent time with her, her sisters, and her family. I was becoming not a boyfriend but another member of the household, and she was becoming one of the members of my home too. Near the end of the relationship, it didn't feel like a relationship - it felt like a marriage.

We didn't go on dates or do any thing special together. Our time together was also spent with her sisters, or we would just go together and get done with the things we had to do for the day. I would even mow their grass for them if I had the time. We did everything together, including family vacations.

Basically we took our relationship for granted, so I guess that is why it ended. It was something I will always remember but it's time to go on.

Since I'm not in a relationship, I'm dating. I've found it to be more hard than good. After being in such a serious relationship, I forgot what it was like just to date.

I've dated on and off since my ex and I were together. Then about four months ago, I met someone that I truly like. But I didn't know what I was getting into. We just happened to meet and to be honest I'm really not sure how we got to talking, but it happened.

Then one day I asked her to go hang out with me, which we did. We had a good time, things were a little awkward, but we were only going out as friends, so who cares? I asked her on a date after that day and she said yes.

The funny thing is that date is yet to come. We still talked at least three times a week after that day, but never had the chance to go out. Then after Christmas break, I saw her again. I asked if we were ever going to see the date, she said if you ask me, so I asked her. She said yes, but that was two weeks ago.

The other day I ran into her best friend. We started talking and I asked where she was. The reply was at her boyfriend's house. Wasn't that a shock? Crap happens... This is almost a funny thing, but this is why dating, in my eyes, is annoying.

She was just one of many since my girlfriend and I broke up. I still haven't been able to recapture that special feeling. But I'm to believe it's out there - somewhere. I don't think I am asking too much. I want to find the one that can sweep me off my feet.

I guess things have changed since my 14 month relationship. I've learned that I don't enjoy dating. I got used to the seriousness of my old relationship, the fact that I always had someone there. Once you find something like that you don't want to lose it. I changed after that relationship. It changed what I wanted in another person. Until I find that person, I'm stuck in this little game.

## Northern Valentine's Poll: What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



**Rob Foster**  
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Hebron  
"I don't have a Valentine this year, so I do need one-any offers?"



**Patricia Record**  
Biology  
Alexandria  
"I don't have a significant other, but I'm looking for Mr. Right."



**Jesse George**  
Marketing  
Erlanger  
"I can't tell you that because it's a dirty surprise."



**Hakeem Ellis**  
Pre-Med  
West Africa  
"I'm gonna watch TV and think about how I'm going to hook up with the most beautiful girl on campus."



# Kentucky Wesleyan: It is NKU's destiny



By Jason R. Crisler  
Assistant Sports Editor

In the book, "A Tale of Two Cities," the opening line is, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." On Monday, Jan. 31 it was the same way for Northern Kentucky University's men's basketball team as it squared off against Kentucky Wesleyan. It was the tale of two halves. Two very different halves.

The Norse jumped out to a nine point half-time lead, 40-31, and it was the best of times for the Norse.

For the next 20 minutes of regulation, Kentucky Wesleyan ran NKU out of the

gym by outscoring them by 20 points, and it was the worst of times for the Norse.

As a matter of fact, the number, two, was a recurring theme in the game.

NKU only had two players score in double figures against Wesleyan, (notice the two). One was Kevin Listerman. No offense to Listerman, who is the heart and soul of the team, but he isn't a scorer. He shouldn't be the second leading scorer for the game with only 10 points.

Craig Conley and Brian Lawhon, two of the best three point shooters on the team, only attempted two three pointers each and combined for only eight points.

I can go on and on, but most importantly, was this just another loss? Does this loss mean any more than the other two losses NKU has suffered this season?

In and of itself, it's meaningless. NKU is still in the top ten, still second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, (there's that darned number again), behind Kentucky Wesleyan and well on their way to making a run at the NCAA National Championship.

It's only one game of the 30-odd games

they will end up playing this season. Is it that big a deal? Yes! Not just because the Panthers are the defending GLVC champs, the defending national champs and currently ranked third in the nation. Kentucky Wesleyan is a rite of passage for the Norse. A rite of passage is an event associated with a crisis or change of status.

Losing to Kentucky Wesleyan is what is keeping NKU from making the change from being contenders to becoming champs. NKU has proven they can beat everyone else in the conference.

NKU plays in the toughest conference in Division II basketball. Three teams are currently ranked in the top 15 nationally from the GLVC.

Wesleyan is three, NKU eight and Southern Indiana is 11.

It's great that NKU is second in the GLVC, but as long as it stays that way, NKU won't be number one in the nation at the end of the year.

Winning the GLVC is tough, and the only team that I feel can keep NKU from doing it is Wesleyan.

ating NKU has almost become a habit for Kentucky Wesleyan. NKU has lost four straight games to Wesleyan and 11 in a row down in Owensboro.

Hopefully, NKU will get another shot at them in the GLVC tournament. Even if they don't it isn't unrealistic to assume that if NKU is going to win the National Title, they may face the Panthers in the NCAA tournament.

NKU could possibly end up facing Wesleyan three times in one game. A loss in any of the next two possible meetings will influence NKU's future drastically.

A loss in the GLVC Tournament to Wesleyan could mean a lower seed in the NCAA tournament and a loss in the NCAA Tournament to them means an early bus trip home.

Proving to themselves and to the nation that they can defeat Wesleyan may be the missing piece of the puzzle.

NKU had them right where they wanted them Monday. Like a staggering boxer, Wesleyan was on the ropes and NKU was ready to deliver the knockout blow.

Unfortunately, the bell sounded and the round ended and NKU was unable to put the finishing touches on a dangerous team. NKU let Wesleyan back into it and it was the Panthers who applied the killing blow.

This could be the most talented team NKU has ever fielded. The Norse go nine or 10 deep, they play good defense, they can shoot and they're athletic.

The team has a lot of heart and desire. The Norse should be in midseason form. I can't believe they're not good enough to hold onto a nine-point lead. They're not as bad as they looked in the second half Monday.

I can't wait to see the next meeting between these two teams. I hope it comes in the National Championship game or Final Four. I want NKU to win a national title, but I really want them to do it by defeating the defending national champs. It would be fitting to do that way.

The loss the Norse suffered on Jan. 31 wasn't just another loss. It was just another loss to Kentucky Wesleyan, defending national champions.



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Despite a loss to Kentucky Wesleyan, Kevin Listerman was a strong contributor with 10 points in the game.

## NKU wins big conference game against Parkside despite injuries

By Peter W. Zubaty  
Copy Editor

NKU's costly 79-65 victory over Wisconsin-Parkside put a dent in the Norse's armor of depth. Guard Brian Lawhon, who staked the Norse to an early 6-2 lead with a three-pointer and three free throws, went down with 18:03 to play in the first half with a sprained ankle. Lawhon was knocked down in the act of making the three-pointer, and would not return to the game.

As if that wasn't enough, the Norse also lost center Zach Wieber late in the game with a dislocated shoulder. Wieber was active in the game, scoring 10 points and snaring five rebounds.

"That leaves us in a tough position, with two key people on the questionable list for Saturday's important game with Lewis," coach Ken Shields said.

Despite the adversity, the Norse got the job done. They got off to a fast start, using crisp passing to get open shots on the perimeter and open a 21-10 lead with 11:10 to go in the first half. While neither team shot particularly well, the Norse were all over the glass in the first half, outrebounding UW-P 22-15, including eight offensive rebounds leading to a number of points in the paint.

NKU took a 41-27 lead into the half, bolstered by its rebounding and a stingy perimeter defense, which restricted UW-P to zero for six behind the three-point arc.

NKU was off and running in the second half, getting three quick three-pointers from Craig Sanders to extend its lead to 54-31. A series of up-and-under post moves by Adam Norwell and the Norse were in the driver's seat with 14 minutes to go at 62-37.

The Norse had a difficult time handling Rangers' center Willie Robinson, who led all scorers with 21 points, but he didn't get a lot of help from his teammates. The Norse kept the game out of reach by restricting the Rangers' three-point shooting to 1 for 15 on the evening.

UW-P scored a few late fast-break baskets to cut the final score to 79-65, but at that point the game's outcome wasn't in question.

The key to the game was NKU's smoldering 43 percent three-point shooting, while holding the visitors to just under 6 percent behind the arc.

NKU also benefited from the charity stripe, hitting on all 14 of its attempts.

"I don't know if I've ever had a team shoot perfect free throws," Shields said.

The defense didn't force a lot of turnovers, but made up for it by holding the Rangers to 41 percent field goal shooting.

"They only had six turnovers, that was an interesting stat," Shields added.

Norwell led the Norse with 18 points and nine rebounds. Sanders chipped in with 16 points.

NKU improved to 18-3 on the year, 10-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

**UW-P (65):** Grice 1 0 2, Kleinfeldt 2 0 4, Robinson 9 3 21, Carp 2 0 4, Coffman 4 5 13, Bellino 0 0 0, Moman 4 0 9, Maday 0 1 1, Knuth 1 0 2, Mirkovic 3 0 6, Robertson 1 1 3  
**Totals: 27 10 65**

**NKU (79):** Sanders 6 0 16, Brewster 2 0 4, Norwell 6 6 18, Lawhon 1 3 6, Listerman 0 0 0, Conley 3 0 7, Perdrix 1 0 3, Schaefer 0 0 0, Stowers 2 2 7, Murphy 0 0 0, Rufe 0 0 0, Marston 2 3 8, Wieber 5 0 10  
**Totals: 28 14 79**

**Half: NKU 41-UW-P 27**

**3-pt goals:** UW-P 1 (Moman), NKU 9 (Sanders 4, Lawhon, Conley, Perdrix, Stowers, Marston)  
**Rebounds:** UW-P 33 (Kleinfeldt, Robinson 6 each), NKU 40 (Brewster 10) **Assists:** UW-P 10 (Coffman 4), NKU 12 (Listerman 5)  
**Steals:** UW-P 6 (Moman 3), NKU 2 (Listerman, Conley) **Turnovers:** UW-P 6, NKU 12  
**Attendance:** 812

### Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball		
Feb. 10	Missouri-St. Louis	8:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Quincy	4:30 p.m.
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## NKU secures win second time around against Lewis

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team lost its earlier meeting with Lewis on the road this season. This time, the Norse had the momentum and the homecourt on their side. That was a big help as NKU defeated Lewis 78-67 on Saturday at Regents Hall.

Lewis had all its shots falling early in the first half and led 21-13 early. However, the Norse played good defense and went on a 10-0 run in a five minute span to take a 29-24 lead. NKU led at halftime by a score of 34-28.

NKU didn't look back as it kept

pouring it on against Lewis in the second half. The Norse led by as much as 22 in the half and went on to win the game by 11 points.

Defense was a key to the victory in the game, according to NKU senior forward Scott Marston, who had 18 points in the game. "We played interior defense," he said. "Billy Brewster was a key player too. He was told he didn't have to score and was told to stop Tarrie Monroe, their leading scorer. Monroe only had four points."

NKU senior Kevin Listerman added, "Brewster had an MVP performance today defensively. We got a big defensive day out of him. He did a good job."

Another reason the Norse won

easily against Lewis was the fact that they have been playing well as of late, especially at home.

"The first time we played Lewis, we didn't play good defense," Marston said. "This time, we did. We are on a roll and haven't lost yet at home. We have that going for us. This team is so unselfish."

Every little conference win is big, especially as the Norse get closer to the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament, according to Listerman. "We control our own destiny," he said. "As long as we continue to win, we better our chances at getting a number two seed in the tournament."

With the win, NKU is now 19-3 and 11-2 in the GLVC.

### The Northerner Athletes of the Week

Photos by Anna Weaver



**Left:** Scott Marston helped contribute to the Norse attack with 18 points against Lewis on Saturday.



**Right:** Michelle Cottrell helped lead NKU to three conference wins this past week. She contributed 25 points and eight rebounds against Lewis.

# NKU women win, men lose against Ky Wesleyan

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The eighth-ranked Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team played on the road against third-ranked Kentucky Wesleyan on Jan. 31 at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

The Norse led by nine at the half and were in control of the game. In the game, NKU coach Ken Shields was trying to win for the first time ever on Kentucky Wesleyan's home floor.

However, the Panthers didn't miss a beat in the second half as they outscored NKU by 20 in the half. Kentucky Wesleyan won the game by a final score of 75-64 for their Division II record 56th straight win at the Sportscenter.

Despite the loss, the Norse shot 44 percent, seven for 16, from three-point range and shot 43 percent, 23 for 54, from field goal range.

Senior forward Craig Sanders led the way for NKU with 20 points, including four three pointers. Kevin Listerman had 10 points and Adam Norwell had 12 rebounds for the

Norse.

The winning Panthers were led by junior Lorico Duncan with 21 points. Also, Leroy John had 16 points and 14 rebounds for Kentucky Wesleyan.

The Panthers shot 86 percent, 19 for 22, from the free throw line and shot 44 percent, 27 for 62, from field goal range.

With the loss, the Norse dropped to 17-3 and 9-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Panthers improved to a conference best 10-1 in the league.

**Kentucky Wesleyan (75)-McGhee 0 0 0, John 4 8 16, Richardson 2 0 4, Duncan 7 6 21, Perry 5 0 10, Bartolone 3 0 7, Turley 0 2 2, Zuern 0 3 3, Palmer 0 0 0, Thomas 5 0 10, Johnson 1 0 2**  
**Totals: 27 19 75**

**NKU (64)- Sanders 8 0 20, Brewster 2 0 4, Norwell 2 0 4, Lawhon 1 0 3, Listerman 2 5 10, Conley 1 3 5, Stowers 0 2 2, Marston 4 0 9, Weber 3 1 7**  
**Totals: 23 11 64**

**Half- NKU 40- KW 31**  
**3-pt goals: KW 2 (Duncan,**

**Bartolone), NKU 7 (Sanders 4, Lawhon, Listerman, Marston)**  
**Rebounds: KW 38 (John 14), NKU 31 (Norwell 12) Assists: KW 14 (Bartolone 4), NKU 10 (Conley 5)**  
**Steals: KW 1 (Duncan), NKU 3 (Norwell, Listerman, Conley)**  
**Turnovers: KW 8, NKU 15**  
**Attendance: 4,500**

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The NKU women's basketball team kept right on rolling with a 71-59 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan on Monday.

The Norse started out slow in the first half but took a four point lead at the break. They shot 55 percent, 11 for 20, in the first half.

Wesleyan only shot 30 percent, nine for 30, in the first half. However, they made 11 of their 15 free throws in the half.

NKU pulled away in the second half as they shot 50 percent, 14 for 28, in the half. They won the game by a score of 71-59. Sophomore Michelle Cottrell led the Norse with 20 points and 12 rebounds in the game. Also, freshman

Bridget Flanagan and junior Michele Tuchfarber each contributed 11 points each for NKU.

The sixth ranked Norse, who won their ninth straight game, improved to 15-2 and 10-1 in the GLVC with the win.

**Kentucky Wesleyan (59)-Wolf 1 3 5, Waters 0 1 1, Martin 6 0 12, Jarvis 0 0 0, Keith 8 5 21, Warren 0 3 3, Boshart 0 0 0, Zaborac 0 0 0, Estes 0 6, Vaal 3 3 9**  
**Totals: 21 17 59**

**NKU (71)-Cottrell 6 8 20, Jensen 2 2 6, Cowens 2 2 6, Livingstone 5 0 10, Tuchfarber 3 2 11, Smith 0 0 0, Bell 0 0 0, Mobley 3 1 7, Flanagan 4 0 11, Polosky 0 0 0**  
**Totals: 25 15 71**

**Half- NKU 41- UW-P 27**  
**3-pt goals: UW-P 1 (Moman), NKU 9 (Sanders 4, Lawhon, Conley, Perdrix, Stowers, Marston)**

**Rebounds: UW-P 33 (Kleinfield, Robinson 6 each), NKU 40 (Brewster 10) Assists: UW-P 10 (Coffman 4), NKU 12 (Listerman 5)**  
**Steals: UW-P 6 (Moman 3), NKU 2 (Listerman, Conley) Turnovers: UW-P 6, NKU 12**



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Michelle Cottrell and Bridget Flanagan wrestled Lewis for the ball in Saturday's game.

## Norse win game in the second half

By Peter W. Zubaty  
Copy Editor

A tale of two halves best describes NKU's 70-50 victory over Wisconsin-Parkside Thursday night. The Norse outscored the Rangers 41-24 in the second half to blow open the game after a tight first half. The Norse overcame a sluggish first half with crisp passing and movement without the ball on offense in the second half to defeat the taller Rangers.

"When we move and cut well, we can get things done," coach Nancy Winstel said.

The Norse played much more aggressively in the second half and did not shy away from the paint. That aggressiveness paid off by goading their taller opponents into foul trouble and converting their subsequent free throws. The Norse converted 15 of 16 free throws in the second half, which was the difference in the game. Overall, their free throw percentage for the game was 82 percent, 18 for 22.

"We've been shooting free throws well as of late," Winstel said.

That aggressiveness also translated into a surprising 38-37 rebound advantage as well. The Norse turned in a balanced rebounding performance, led by Amy Mobley with eight.

While the Norse only shot 41 percent for the game, their defensive effort was impressive. The defense held the Rangers to an anemic 33 percent shooting for the game and forced 29 turnovers.

Many of those turnovers occurred in the decisive final eight minutes of the game. The Rangers were visibly worn out at that point, and a nine point Norse lead grew from there. A nice dribble penetration and kick-out from Julie Cowens to Mobley resulted in a three-pointer to extend the lead to 56-44. The Rangers would get no closer.

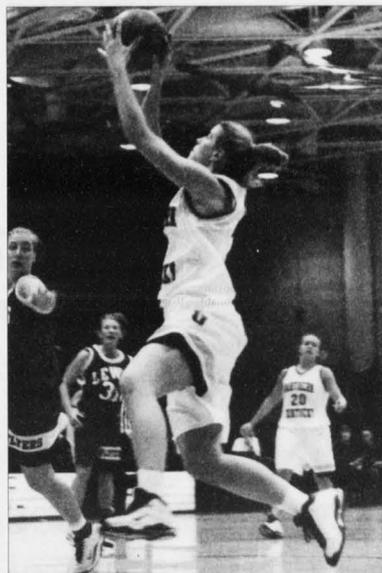
The Norse scorched the nets from the free throw line to deny the Rangers any cheap opportunities to get back in the game.

Michelle Cottrell and Mobley were the offensive stars of the game, tallying 18 and 14 points, respectively, the bulk of that damage coming in the paint.

The Norse improved to 16-2, 11-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

**UW-P (50)- Roderfer 4 5 13, Nebel 0 0 0, Radmanovich 5 2 12, Meyer 4 1 13, Fano 0 0 0, Sublett 1 0 2, Brunk 0 0 0, Seager 0 0 0, Pressing 2 1 5, Schaefer 2 1 5**  
**Totals: 18 10 50**

**NKU (70)- Cottrell 7 4 18, Cowens 1 0 2, Jensen 0 0 0, Livingstone 2 2 8, Tuchfarber 3 5**



Anna Weaver/The Northerner  
Michelle Cottrell was a "warrior" in the game against Lewis as she scored 25 points and had eight rebounds in the win for NKU.

**11, Smith 4 0 8, Mobley 5 3 14, Flanagan 2 2 7, Polosky 0 2 2**  
**Totals: 24 18 70**

**Half- NKU 29- UW-P 26**  
**3-pt goals: UW-P 4 (Meyer 4), NKU 4 (Livingstone 2, Mobley,**

**Flanagan) Rebounds: UW-M 37 (Radmanovich 9), NKU 38 (Mobley 8) Assists: UW-P 8 (Meyer 3), NKU 12 (Mobley 3)**

**Steals: UW-P 6 (Sublett 3), NKU 12 (Tuchfarber 5) Turnovers: UW-P 29, NKU 21**

## Norse hit their foul shots to win game

By Bruce Reller  
Sports Editor

In a game in which everything needs be put together in order to claim a victory, the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball 81-76 win against Lewis Saturday was just that.

The Norse led early 16-3 in the game and had everything going right. It stayed that way most of the first half until Lewis went on a small run to end the half. NKU led 40-37 at halftime.

One of the reasons NKU led Lewis creep back into the game was their horrible free throw shooting in the first half. The Norse only hit five of their 13 foul shots in the half while Lewis hit 13 of their 15 foul shots in the first half.

"We fouled them and they made their foul shots," said NKU coach Nancy Winstel. "They fouled us and we didn't make ours. We didn't make the front end of bonuses. That really hurt us."

The game went back and forth between the two teams through most of the second half. Then, the Norse just about put the game away when they went on a 13-2 run with eight minutes left to take a 66-55 lead.

Lewis went on a small run at the end, but NKU was just able to hang on for an 81-76 win.

The Norse were able to put it all

together in the second half because of their much improved foul shooting in the half. They hit 13 of their 17 foul shots in the half.

"In the second half, we made our foul shots," Winstel said. "We kept them off the foul line in the half."

Another reason for the success of the Norse was the combined trio performance of Michelle Cottrell, who had 25 points and eight rebounds in the game, Heather Livingstone, who had 18 points, and Amy Mobley, who had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

"Cot's a warrior. Our team knows when to give her the ball," Winstel said. "I also have to give credit to Livingstone and Mobley, who had one heck of a game. We have a very young team out there who gets the job done."

A key for Lewis to stay in the game was the performance of senior Carey Jewell, who is the leading scorer on its team. She had an impressive 40 points, including nine three-pointers, against the Norse.

Winstel said, "She is an outstanding player. We always knew that. Lewis is a senior-oriented team. They played like that today."

With the win, NKU improved to 17-2 and 12-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

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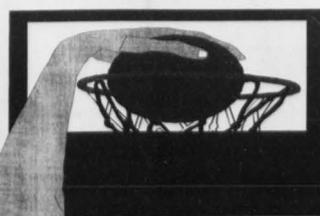
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