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## Life as a Hollywood extra, in Kentucky

### Alumnus checks out movie making process

BARBARA BROW  
Northerner Contributor

Former NKU student Jamie Buckner got a chance to fulfill a dream this past week by participating in the making of a Hollywood movie.

It all began several weeks ago when a casting call went out all over

the Tri-state area requesting extras for the movie "Seabiscuit," a true story about a famed racehorse who overcame a handicap to be named the 1938 Horse of the Year.

The movie is based on the best selling book "Seabiscuit: An American Legend," by Laura Hillenbrand. The film version stars Toby Maguire, of Spiderman fame.

Buckner, who is a recent graduate of NKU, hopes to become a film director, so when the opportunity presented itself he eagerly took it.

Buckner answered the casting call, held at the Millennium hotel in downtown Cincinnati, along with hundreds of others. "I was curious to find out what the process was like. I did not expect anything to happen," he said.

Everyone who showed up was

escorted into a room for a presentation. The presentation was a set up, though. As the speaker talked, he surveyed the crowd's facial expressions and reactions to what he was saying.

"After the presentation, everyone got up in one group. The speaker looked over the crowd again and people began to hand him photos. If you did not have a picture, or he did not like the one that was given, a

new shot was taken with a Polaroid camera," Buckner said. "Then they would pin a card to the picture. If they liked your look they picked you. It was an odd process, which is exactly what I wanted to see."

As Buckner was leaving, he was handed papers explaining the ins and outs of being an extra. The papers outlined what was expected of him and what he should expect from the production.

"All the information they gave us, I just threw it away. I thought 'I'm not an actor what do I need this for.' I did not expect to be called at all," Buckner said.

Apparently, the casting crew liked Buckner's look because he received a call a few months later.

"When they called me I thought I had been selected. I couldn't

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## Initiative aims at developing character

JOHN KEATLEY  
Northerner Contributor

"Character... it starts with me." In the future, character may be starting with NKU.

Lisa Coors, an adjunct professor in the business department, hopes to bring character to NKU through "The Character Initiative at Northern Kentucky University."

The initiative, the brainchild of Coors and Mary Andres Russell, is part of the Character Council of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky's community effort to strengthen character.

The Character Council of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky is a non-profit, non-religious group that, according to their Web site, is "devoted to promoting good character in order to improve the lives of our residents and enrich the spirit of our community."

Coors envisions NKU embracing The Character Initiative at Northern Kentucky University and becoming a "university of character."

While there are elementary schools and high schools in the area that are considered "schools of character," NKU would be the first "university of character."

"This would give NKU a leading edge," said Coors.

NKU would have to follow a few steps before becoming a "university

of character."

First, NKU would adopt a character charter for formal recognition.

Then, Coors and Russell would train administration, faculty, and students in the basics of character enhancement.

Additionally, a "Department of University of Character" and a "University Character Course" could be developed, in partnership with the NKU Student Honor Code.

According to Russell, "NKU seemed like the place to start" because of the honor code.

"We feel we could really enhance what you are doing with the honor code," she said.

In their training sessions, Coors and Russell use exercises to show how character qualities apply in life. For example, in an exercise called "Heroes of Character," participants identify who their personal heroes are. Whether a well-known figure like

Mother Teresa or an unknown person like a neighbor, participants must then describe what character qualities they exhibit that make them a "hero."

The exercise "gets it to a personal level," said Coors.

Coors has already utilized character traits in her classes. For example, students brought in articles concern-

ing character.

Classes at the airport provide a convenient alternative to attending classes on campus. Many of the students enrolled in these courses are airport employees even though enrollment is open.

"Anyone who has a high school diploma or GED is eligible to take these classes. Students can be seeking a degree or just wanting to take courses to enhance their careers," said Chris Cole, University Communications.

Approximately half of the students enrolled in courses are non-traditional, older students who live or work near the airport. Many of the students are employees of Toyota, which is located near the airport.

Students enrolled in these classes pay resident tuition and free parking is available.

For more information, call Barbara Hedges at NKU Credit Continuing Education Department, (859) 572-6577 or hedgesb@nku.edu.

## Classes at airport expanding

Open to all students not just airport employees

LORI COX  
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University is offering another opportunity for individuals to spread their wings and soar into the future.

Three courses, Aviation Marketing, Speech Communication and Personal Financial Management, are being offered at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky airport in January.

The program began three years ago with one class and five students. It has grown to include three classes per semester with 25 students in each class.

Students can complete coursework for an Associate Degree in Aviation Administration, fulfill many general studies requirements, or take classes simply for self-

enrichment.

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## Stocking Stuffer



Ken Shields Bobblehead Doll Night

NKU vs. Wayne State

Monday, December 23, 2002 at 7:45 p.m.

A free Ken Shields bobblehead doll to the first 1,000 fans to enter Regents Hall.

## Tutoring offers chance to make difference

LORI COX  
News Editor

If you've ever wondered what you could do to make a difference in the world, the Tutor/Mentor program at NKU may be your answer.

Students involved the program with "at-risk" youth from Holmes Junior High, ACE Program or Covington Housing Authority.

"One of the great reasons for participating is the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life," according to Dr. Carol Ryan, chair of Elementary, Middle and Secondary Programs at NKU.

The basic duties include helping students, fourth-ninth grade, with reading, math and school projects. But, more importantly, the NKU student

serves "as a mentor-trusted advisor, someone to talk to...discuss concerns with," Ryan said.

Students must commit to meeting with the child one hour, once a week, Monday - Thursday.

"Students who have mentors typically stay in school, postpone early sexual activity, make better grades and avoid illegal drugs and/or alcohol," she said.

All NKU students are eligible to participate and receive either independent study course credit or a \$200 stipend for the semester.

For more information on becoming a tutor/mentor, contact Dr. Carol Ryan at (859) 572-5152 or ryanc@nku.edu.

## SGA ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES

**ANDREW GUZIK/JUNIOR**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** President of Campus Greens  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** None  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "I would like to create a more open dialogue between the students and the SGA. I would like to open the issues of the SGA Senate to all students in order to create a more involved campus."

**THOMAS SCOTT MILLER/JUNIOR**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Pi Kappa Alpha, Finance Club  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Upperclassmen, Pike Pledge Class U.P.  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "Help aid the student body in any way that I can. And also to help with the problems with in the Greek system."

**YUN MI KWON/SOPHOMORE**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Judicial Council  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Delta Zeta Sorority, Beta Beta Beta Honor Society, Learning Lab Tutor, Honors Program  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Tutor and volunteers regularly outside of campus.  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "Accomplish all tasks that are put in front of me to be completed. To be completely fair and unbiased at all times. To do my best and put forth 110% effort in all that pertains to my position."

**CHRIS FRODGE/JUNIOR**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Judicial Council  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** SGA Senator (1 semester)  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** IFC President, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Order of Omega, Activities Programming Board, Team NKU, Mentor Program, Norse Leadership Society, Norse Force  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** IFC President, Pi Kappa Alpha Treasurer (2 terms), New Member Educator, P&G Conference, Emerging Leader Conference, Pike J-Council  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF**

**ELECTED:** Hold students accountable for their actions; review and revise constitution, be open-minded and unbiased on making decisions.  
**KAREN HOFFMEISTER/FRESHMAN**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Judicial Council  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** SGA Senator (Fall 2002)  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Delta Zeta Sorority-Risk Management, Lamp Editor, Norse Force, Norse Hall Representative for RHA  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Lamp Editor for Delta Zeta, Risk Management for Delta Zeta.  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "I want to be sure that the correct policies are being followed by SGA and have the best Student Government to make NKU the best."

**LEIGH WELLS**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Campus Greens, Work Study, Film Society  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** None  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "Simply, the terms 'student' and 'government' imply two things: one, an emphasis on learning and two: an understanding of on-campus government. My goals spring from these terms. As a student I would like to learn what the SGA offers me and in return, offer my experience and ideas. This I would hope will be multiplied, the results (ideas, questions, etc.) compiled and shared with the student body."

**JURNEL HOLZ/FRESHMAN**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** Senator (Fall 2002)  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Student Alumni Association, Campus Life Committee, NAACP, Resident Assistant  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Leadership Institute, Resident Assistant (Spring 2001-present), Anointed Voices Gospel Choir PR and Social Chair.  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "I am committed to improving the quality of life for all students of NKU. I plan to voice the concerns of students who are unable to do so themselves and see that the

proper action and possible change is made."  
**KATIE CLARK**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Theta Phi Alpha Sorority-pledge sister educator, alumnae relations, Panhellenic-scholastic chair  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Emerging Leader Conference 2001, Presenter at Emerging Leaders Conference 2002, NLS Fall Gatlinburg Retreat 2002.  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "Since NKU is a commuter school, many students do not get involved on campus. As a senator, I would like to get more people involved with the issues surrounding our campus, as well as in organizations and attending NKU events."

**CHRIS PACE**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** Legislative Coordinator (2001-2002), Senator (2001-Present)  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Student Bar Association, Student Government, Team NKU, College Republicans  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** ABA Representative, Chase College of Law, Team NKU Legislative Coordinator, College Republicans Treasurer, Student Representative for Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "I will do my best to keep students informed; I will fight to keep tuition as low as possible; I will always keep the students' best interest at heart."

**SUSAN ROBARDS/JUNIOR**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Delta Gamma, FSLC, Norse Force, club track team  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Greek Week Committee, VP of FSLC, Director of Anchor Splash/Powder Puff in Delta Gamma, Director of Crews in Delta Gamma, participate in events sponsored by on-campus organizations.  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "To get a better parking program on campus such as looking

into garages if there is money; cheaper prices in the cafeteria; suggesting ideas brought up by student body."  
**BILLY VOLK**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Pi Kappa Alpha, WNTV  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Sports Chair Pi Kappa Alpha, Sales Manager WNTV  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "Help campus media; close any diversity gaps, make living on campus more enjoyable."

**DANIEL MOORE/SOPHOMORE**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Co-Founder and Co-President of the NKU Film Society, photographer for select the arts department productions.  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** None  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "The main thing I hope to do if elected to the Senate is to put in to place a campus-wide (official) recycling program."

**MARTY KUEZIK/FRESHMAN**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Pi Kappa Alpha, Team NKU, IFC Treasurer  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Committee Chair for Pi Kappa Alpha, Class President in High School  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "I am committed to getting more commuter students involved in campus organizations and activities. Such involvement helps develop leadership skills, builds resumes and encourages community and scholarship. Students who join campus organizations build new friendships and receive a sense of belonging and purpose through NKU."

**KELLY KEENE/FRESHMAN**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Student Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Member of Delta Gamma, Treasurer of FSLC, Lead NKU Graduate  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Member of Student Council in high school, yearbook staff in high school, cheerleader in high school  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "I am committed to getting more commuter students involved in campus organizations and activities. Such involvement helps develop leadership skills, builds resumes and encourages community and scholarship. Students who join campus organizations build new friendships and receive a sense of belonging and purpose through NKU."

**MICHAEL TORBERTA/FRESHMAN**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** None  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** College Republicans (1st VP)  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** First Vice President of College Republicans  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "I look forward to improving school spirit as well as seeking student opinions before voting on the issues. Students need a person who will use their ears more than their mouth to address their needs."

**BRANDON NEUKAM/JUNIOR**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** SGA Senator (2002)  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Resident Assistant, RA training and selection committee, tutor in learning center, SGA Spirit Committee, SGA grievance and Affirmative Action Committee, Norse Force, Norsin Around, SGA Senator  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Resident Assistant, Program Organizer in the village, Coordinator for Rockin' the Hall, SGA Senator, NLS Retreat, KRAC Conference, Supervisor Volunteer for Enjoy the Arts, Area Representative for ASSE Foreign Exchange Programs.  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "In serving the students of NKU I want to provoke the issues making them focus upon the wants and needs of the students. I want to continue my work on the grievances and affirmative action committee and more importantly on the spirit committee in order to create a strong affinity for the university. I also want to continue fostering the connection between SGA and the Housing community."

**CHERI TAYLOR/SOPHOMORE**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** Senator (Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002)  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Fall 2001 Psychology Club, Team NKU, SGA, Spring and Fall 2002-Team NKU, SGA, Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Leadership training conference Fall 2001, Emerging Leaders Conference Spring 2002, Fall 2002.

**NLS Gatlinburg Retreat**  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "If I am elected to the Senate of the Student Government I hope to encourage more students to get involved in extracurricular activities. I want to serve as a liaison between students and the Student Government in order to fulfill the needs of all NKU students."

**JAMES POLLITT/SOPHOMORE**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** Appointed this semester by Executive Board to the Senate  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Presidential Ambassadors, College Republicans, Team NKU, Student Government, Freshman Service and Leadership Committee  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Secretary of College Republicans, Committee Chairman-Fundraising, Risk Management Committee  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "Keep tuition reasonable; try to form a student traffic court."

**JOHN "SLATER" BREDLEY/JUNIOR (AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK)**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**PREVIOUS SGA EXPERIENCE:** High school held offices and KYA  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Marketing Club, CEO, Norse Force, Pi Kappa Alpha, Judicial Board (Fraternity)  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** Judicial Board (Fraternity)  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "My goals are to accomplish things that the student body wants. To make our campus a more student-friendly environment."

**JENNIFER (JENNY) RASP/SOPHOMORE**  
**POSITION SEEKING:** Senator  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** SGA, Academic Advising Council  
**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:** SGA Senator (1 year), Served on Millennium Committee for Kenton County, NKU Academic Advising Council  
**GOALS AND COMMITMENTS IF ELECTED:** "My major goal would be to see something happen with parking issues. As a commuter student, I believe this is a pressing issue. Also, I would like to continue working on strengthening school spirit."

**Thursday Dec. 5, 2002**  
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# FEATURES

FEATURES EDITOR SAMANTHA WARNER EXT. 5260

## Buried Alive

## NKU senior has no regrets



Photo contributed

This week features Deceiving Ralph drummer Bobby Joe Friday

**JOSHI FLOWERS**  
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Who thought I completely sold out with the Devo interview last week? Well you're wrong because I'm back with another local band very deserving of your time and your dime. Deceiving Ralph is a Cincinnati based punk band I just recently discovered. Unlike a lot of punk bands whose songs are essentially "I wanna be seduced" with the lyrics changed Deceiving Ralph has its own creative style in the punk scene. Deceiving Ralph also isn't some lazy punk band who throw some songs together one afternoon and put them up on mp3.com. No, Deceiving Ralph has been making quite a name for themselves in the New Punk movement. They average about 200 shows a year, started their own record label, played on the Warped tour, and have been nominated by City Beat for best punk band the last two years.

Bobby Joe Friday is their drummer who is also the main force behind their website and booking. He also has created several shows for Northern Kentucky's Community Programming Center including an ongoing variety show, "Ground Zero". You can check out

the band for yourself at their website [www.deceivingralph.org/](http://www.deceivingralph.org/)

**Hey Bob are you busy? No, man, what's up? You want to be interviewed for my column in the Northernner right now?**

**Sure, man. Lay it on me. Chris Ballew from the Presidents hasn't responded back yet and I've been digging you guys so why not.**

**OK. Describe your band in three sentences**

Heh, Deceiving Ralph is a band who rocks out 110%. Deceiving Ralph is a band who never takes a shortcut, never gives less than their best, and never leaves a show without putting everything they have into what they did. Deceiving Ralph is a band who will drink all your shasta and knock up your sister.

**Haha. Influences?**  
The Vandals, Black Flag, The Queers, The Ramones, Mr. T Experience, Nerf Herder and The Dwarves.

**What is Deceiving Ralph currently working on?**  
Right now we are taking some time off from doing shows to work

on some new music and gear up for the New Year. We just finished a video, which can be seen soon on local public access, and are thinking about releasing an ep soon with some unreleased stuff, as well as some live acoustic performances. Once the New Year begins we will start plowing out our rigorous show schedule again

**Speaking of Public access tell me a little about your show Ground Zero.**

Ground Zero was something me and Scott the Ralph decided to do one night. I had majored in TV and radio in college, and after losing our old bass player I moved in with Scott and found out about the local public access center giving free classes. After seeing some of the programs that aired, we decided it was time to give people a dose of reality and change the face of public access in Northern Kentucky. We developed Ground Zero, and started off with whoever would help us out. Doing skits, silly things and showing videos by bands we liked instead of the crap you saw all the time. Two and half years later we are still going strong and cranking out entertainment. Imitators have

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**BARBARA BROWN**  
Northern Contributor

Jacardo Ralston, a senior, and theatre major at Northern Kentucky University, is not famous, nor has he done anything extraordinary. He is a happy go lucky guy who dreams of becoming a playwright.

Ralston can be seen hanging out in the student lounge of the theatre department. He is quick to crack a joke or laugh at something someone has said. He sees the humor in whatever life throws his way.

Ralston was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. At 15, his parents moved to Ft. Mitchell, Ky, where he

graduated from Beechwood High School. He now resides in Florence, Ky.

Ralston was the first in his family to finish high school and the first to go to college. He has a sister who also attends NKU. Ralston has not let anyone deter him from his dream. He has no regrets about growing up or what his life has become.

"I know this is going to sound vain, but I don't have any failures. I have done everything I was supposed to do and more," Ralston said. Ralston has always felt he was a writer and in seventh grade he wrote his first play, which he never completed.

"The second play I wrote included

all my friends. But I kept adding pages; it turned into a huge play, at sixty-five pages" but it was never finished, Ralston said. During his senior year in high school Ralston wrote a musical that also went unfinished. Even though his first attempts were not successful Ralston knew he wanted to be a playwright.

By the time Ralston entered college he accepted the fact he was gay. As a freshman in college he completed his first musical drama called "Leviticus."

"Leviticus" is a book in the bible that condemns homosexuality.

It is the story of a gay man who

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## Campus Calendar

<p><b>4 Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NKU Night at the Cyclones Game starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 (students) and \$7 (non-students) and can be purchased from Student Life, University Housing, or student organizations. Call 859.572.6514 for more info.</li> </ul>	<p><b>5 Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Secrets to Starting a Successful Small Business" from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in BEP 461.</li> <li>"Twelfth Night" plays at 8 p.m. Albright Health Center (AHC) Directed by Sandra Forman. For more info call NKU Theatre Box Office at 859.572.5464 or go to <a href="mailto:boxoffice@nku.edu">boxoffice@nku.edu</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>6 Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kwanzaa Program in BEP 200 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsored by African American Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, African Student Union and Black United Students.</li> <li>"Twelfth Night" plays at 8 p.m. AHC.</li> </ul>	<p><b>7 Saturday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Twelfth Night" plays at 8 p.m. AHC.</li> <li>Celebration of the Season at 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall. All tickets are \$5. For more info, 859.572.6399.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8 Sunday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Twelfth Night" plays at 3 p.m. AHC. Directed by Sandra Forman. For more info call NKU Theatre Box Office at 859.572.5464 or go to <a href="mailto:boxoffice@nku.edu">boxoffice@nku.edu</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>9 Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last week of the Fall 2002 semester.</li> <li>Have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year and you will see us again on Janur 15, 2003.</li> <li>Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Alpha Sigma Chi sorority host a Christmas party for under privileged youths at 3 p.m. in the UC ballroom.</li> </ul>	<p><b>10 Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference Group-Tri State Center for Financial Planning Continuing Education for Banking 6 to 9:30 p.m. in NS 339. Sponsored by Conference Management. Call 859.572.6502 for more info.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Are you planning an NKU social event?</b> Send your event listings to <a href="mailto:northerner@nku.edu">northerner@nku.edu</a></p>

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Dec. 20 Women's basketball: NKU vs Concordia, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 21 Men's basketball: NKU vs Ohio Northern, 1:00 p.m.  
 Dec. 23 Men's basketball: NKU vs Wayne State, 7:45 p.m.  
 Dec. 30 Women's basketball: NKU vs Wayne State, 7:00 p.m.

SPORTS EDITOR ELIAS HAJJARE EXT. 5859

## Norse stay undefeated after 79-68 win over Quincy

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - Brenden Stowers scored 15 points and added four steals Saturday as Northern Kentucky University defeated Quincy University, 79-68, in Regents Hall.

Mike Kelsey added 12 points for NKU, which improved to 4-0 overall, 1-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Norse shot 61.5 percent from the field in the first half to build a 45-32 lead at intermission, and NKU coasted past the Hawks (1-1 overall, 0-1 GLVC) in the second half.

Chris Seabrooks finished with 10 points and five rebounds for NKU, which made 27 of 33 free throw attempts. The Norse forced the Hawks into 22 turnovers and won despite Quincy's 37-24 rebounding advantage.

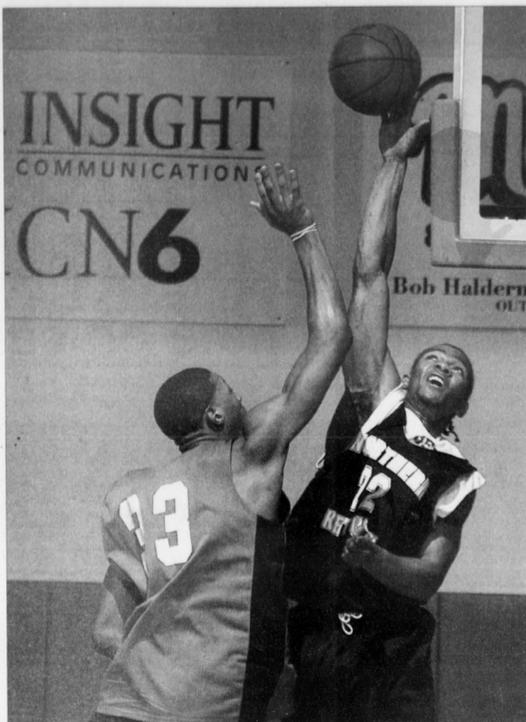
Adam Howell added nine points for NKU, while teammate Quentin Smith finished with seven points and seven rebounds.

Bobby St-Preux and Jordan Stowers added nine points each for the Norse, and Jesse Rupe finished with eight points. Brian McNeil led Quincy with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

NKU holds a 14-1 lead in the all-time series with Quincy, and the Norse are unbeaten (7-0) in Regents Hall against the Hawks.

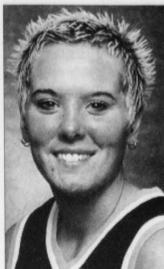
NKU will play host to the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 7:45 p.m. Monday in Regents Hall.

Article by Sports Information



Tim Downer/Athletic Dept. Photographer  
 NKU senior forward Bobby St-Preux scored nine points Saturday night, as the undefeated Norse beat Quincy University, 79-68 in Regents Hall.

## Mobley leads lady Norse past Quincy



Tim Downer  
 Amy Mobley

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - Amy Mobley scored 16 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and finished with three blocked shots Saturday afternoon as the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team defeated Quincy University, 51-46, in Regents Hall in the Great Lakes Valley Conference opener for both squads.

Mobley, a senior forward and a graduate of Harrison (Ohio) High School, also added three assists as the Norse improved to 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the GLVC. Bridget Flanagan scored 15 points for NKU, which

was the preseason favorite in the GLVC coaches poll.

NKU built a 30-18 halftime lead by limiting Quincy to just 18.2 percent shooting from the field. The Lady Hawks rallied, however, and tied the game at 36-36 on Courtney Vonderhaar's rebound bucket with 8:28 remaining.

NKU responded with a 9-0 run that was keyed by Mobley, who scored seven points during the spurt. Her layup with 4:25 remaining capped the run and gave the Norse a 45-36 lead.

Quincy - which was picked No. 2 in the GLVC preseason coaches poll - fought back and cut the deficit to 49-46 with four seconds left on a basket by Lisa Farrell, but Kristin Polosky made a pair of free throws with 2.8 seconds left to seal the victory for NKU.

Farrell scored 12 points to lead Quincy, which dropped to 2-2 overall, 0-1 in the GLVC. NKU leads the all-time series with Quincy, 14-1, and the Norse are now 7-0 against the Lady Hawks in Regents Hall.

Quincy shot just 25.8 percent from the field for the game, but the Lady Hawks won the rebounding battle by a 49-44 margin and forced 21 NKU turnovers.

NKU will play host to the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 5:30 p.m. Monday (Dec. 2) in Regents Hall.

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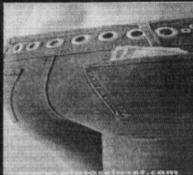
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# VIEWPOINTS

## Letters to the Editor

### 'Ladies' editoria off point

DAVID JONES

Senior/Environmental Science

While waiting for the elevator in Landrum Hall, I picked up the Nov. 20th edition of The Northerner. It was suggested to me by a fairly nice young lady that I should read the editorial on dating that she had written. So, never to let a girl down, I read the piece. After doing so I wondered to myself if the author had ever been on a real date before with a real guy. That fantasy world she appears to be dating in is affecting her in the real world. Now, if she had stopped her diatribe after the second paragraph I would have thought it was tolerable.

You make men out to be weak and insecure. I can assure that this is not the case 95% of the time. If a man is acting in such a way he is doing so for his own amusement and/or personal gain. Yes, when pursuing a woman a man will do just about anything, even dishonesty depending on the person. But please, you've got things a 'little confused'.

For example, I've never known any woman to not swallow down a compliment, no matter how numerous they may be. It helps with their self-esteem and belief that they are important. But believe what you will. Most guys are not

going to "small talk" anything or anyone. If a man and woman can't talk like he normal people, like two friends, what is the point to them talking in the first place? What would the point to a relationship be?

Small talk and idle chitchat are wastes of time anyway. Don't mistake them for romance, or whatever you want to call it. Guys like to get straight to the point. To the heart of the matter. The only thing nerve-racking for a guy is listening to some confused girl ramble on.

So girls, if you're waiting for a guy to use Ms. Contois tips on dating, get used to being alone as well. Or start enjoying the company of women more. It will be the only thing you get, so to speak.

Seriously though, let's face it. Any normal guy will put forth a decent effort to talk to a girl. It doesn't matter if it's in a bar or class or wherever. (It happens naturally.) If the girl does not show any interest after thirty seconds, it's on to her friend or the next girl, or whoever. It doesn't matter. A young woman has to realize that she isn't the center of the universe, like all women believe.

Reality check.  
 'Pretty girls are a dime a dozen. What's that rattling? Oh, it's my pocket full of change.

### Brittany Contois responds to David Jones' letter

David Jones,

Are you serious? You have to be kidding me. There is no possible way that your dating tactic is effective.

You are a Senior in college and the way you hit on a girl is by responding to her opinion piece in the school newspaper.

If you think pretty girls are a dime a dozen then you must prefer quantity over quality.

As for your idea on my dating and personal life it is none of your business.

If you have a motive behind your piece just go ahead and get it out.

There is no use for hiding behind your bitter view of women and my realistic view of guys.

Another thing, I am assuming you do have some sort of impact on your life. So, thank you for your response it is good to know that a complete stranger thinks he knows you I am.

Sincerely,

Brittany Contois

## The College Experience



## Fighting hate on campus

Knight Rider/Tribune News Service (TRT)

Something ugly has been happening on some college campuses. Several have reported anti-Semitic incidents and some Jewish students are complaining of a hostile, almost threatening atmosphere. Much of the unrest can be traced to clashing ideas about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. That's what a campus is for: a clash of ideas. But the rhetoric has sometimes translated into hate and violence.

At the University of Colorado's Boulder campus a holiday booth set up by Jewish students was defaced with swastikas, and anti-Semitic graffiti was scribbled on a Jewish fraternity house.

Students at San Francisco State University yelled "Death to Jews" and "Hitler should have finished the job!" at a pro-Israel demonstration

last May. At the University of California at Berkeley, someone tossed a Jewish block through the glass door of the campus Hill Center for Cinder block students and spray-painted anti-Semitic slogans on the wall last spring.

At Montreal's Concordia University, pro-Palestinian demonstrators broke windows and stormed a lecture hall where former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was to speak in September.

Those incidents and others prompted more than 300 university and college presidents to sign a newspaper ad decrying "threats, taunts or intimidation" against Jewish students and vowing to "sustain an intimidation-free campus."

Following student complaints, the University of Chicago brought in counselors from the Anti-Defamation League this fall to give

dormitory advisers training to help students work out differences in a respectful manner.

There is a natural ebb and flow of debate on campus. Ideas come into fashion and then fade. But what underpins everything is the freedom to question, to think critically about issues and express an opinion without fear. If that is being squelched, then universities should take action.

Across Europe, where anti-Semitic incidents are on the rise, a similar sentiment has prompted the blacklisting of firing of Israeli academics.

Israel can be criticized for much in its treatment of the Palestinian people. That is and should be part of a broad human rights debate that includes the repressive regime of Saudi Arabia, the Syrian occupation of Lebanon, even the corrupt and stifling government in Egypt.

Behind the Middle East are

repressive dictatorships with "human rights records that might make Saddam Hussein flinch," as Northwestern University law professor Steven Lubet recently wrote. North Korea lists uncounted multitudes of its citizens starve. In Nigeria, a woman was sentenced to be stoned to death last July.

Those human rights abuses, however, provoke virtually no protest on campus.

Colleges are supposed to be institutions of enlightenment and critical thinking, teaching tolerance and an appreciation for diversity. Instead, some college presidents now fear, the prevailing campus atmosphere is fostering a new generation of anti-Semites. Students need to be taught to think critically—as in skeptically, demanding, but also fairly. The truth emerges through healthy debate and disagreement—not with hate and violence.

## Tests only measure test-taking ability

Focus should be on developing students for success after college

DUREK BRINK  
 The Daily Cardinal (U. Wisconsin)

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis.— Given the staggering amount of tuition most college students will pay in their four or five years of undergraduate study, I am surprised with the relatively low amount of discussion of the student body towards the standard practice of simply attending lectures and then taking tests that supposedly measure our grasp of the information. I find myself over halfway through my first four years of college and I can't help but call into question the true value my education will have once I leave this university.

The main gripe I have against the standard routine of going to lectures, reading the text and cramming one night before an exam is that it generally does not accomplish the goals of any class. I sincerely hope our educators do not think that memorizing textbook diagrams and passages or important sections of class notes will help us achieve our goals in life, which is the main reason most people spend an immense amount of money going to college.

I endured the first two years of basic tests without much complaining because I always thought that once I moved on to more specialized classes I would notice a much more dynamic learning environment, but this has not been the case. It is possible for some people to miss almost every lecture in a given class and still do well enough on the exam to put them above the average score. This type of situation should never exist, since it essentially makes the professor's role in many classes optional.

In my opinion, college has become simply a ranking process to

put people in order according to their supposed abilities. The problem with this system is that one's ability to score well on a given test does not correlate with how well one can actually use the information learned. Even though I have received many high grades on tests, it is probable that if I were to re-take some past exams that I did well on, my results would be pretty insulting.

Our test-taking culture has created workshops and classes on how to take tests, something that I find utterly ridiculous. The sheer purpose of such a workshop is to help you achieve higher test scores regardless of the information you need to comprehend. This is a very strange paradox. We have developed a system that rewards people for their test-taking achievements, and we have also created a way to help beat our own system with these informational workshops.

Despite the questionable value of testing in terms of long-term information retention, the issue that really turns my stomach is that these tests are supposed to be used as a yardstick for our initial employers upon graduation. When a potential employer looks at your resume, one of the very few quantitative scales that are available is your grade point average. Given the test-based nature of most college classes, however, you are being ranked according to your ability to take tests, not your true understanding of the necessary information.

I think it is imperative that our educational focus should be on developing people to achieve success after their college careers. Unfortunately, our current strategy of recognizing those with the highest test scores and grade point averages is creating a competition whose winner may have only mastered the ability to take tests effectively, which is of no use after graduation.

## Do you think training sessions that focus on developing character would be useful?



BRANDON HILL  
 Sophomore  
 Anthropology

"Training sessions could be beneficial if they are implemented in an organized, logical manner."



MEGAN EISENMENGER  
 Freshman  
 Marketing

"Yes, I think character training would only be necessary for disciplinary purposes."



JOHN HINTON  
 Freshman  
 Undeclared

"No, because everyone has their own character to develop."



SARAH GARCIA  
 Sophomore  
 Accounting

"Yes, I would really like to have some influence or classes to motivate me to have a better attitude."

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