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Budget crunch calls for tough choices, Votruba tells SGA

Tuition hike likely

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Faced with budget shortfalls at the state level and at Northern Kentucky University, President James Votruba said students should expect to see a tuition increase, effective for the 2004-2005 school year.

Votruba told the Student Government Association at its Nov. 10 meeting that he expects the Board of Regents in January to pass an increase of \$300-\$400 per year

each student.

SGA is expected to vote on its recommendations at its Nov. 17 meeting.

The president said he realized NKU is already an expensive undergraduate experience, compared to other state universities, but he added that the university is "under-funded, given our growth, by \$4.4 million per year."

Votruba said NKU receives only \$3,791 per student, the lowest amount of state appropriation per full-time enrollment student for any Kentucky university.

He said budget cuts are likely, even with a tuition increase, but the administration is "not prepared to make across-the-board budget reductions," he said.

To offset future budget cuts, Votruba said the university has held in reserve 2.5 percent — about \$1 million — of its state general fund appropriation.

Eric Fegan, SGA executive vice president and chair of the tuition committee, said the increase was not unexpected to him.

In fact, Fegan, said he had expected the administration to

announce a more immediate hike.

"I was pretty excited to find out that we weren't going to have (a mid-term tuition increase)," Fegan said.

The SGA tuition committee will discuss the anticipated increase Wednesday, Nov. 12, at noon in 208 University Center. All students are invited to attend, and Fegan said the meeting could be moved to accommodate larger crowds.

Fegan said Votruba consults with SGA on budget issues, and student representatives can make recommendations.

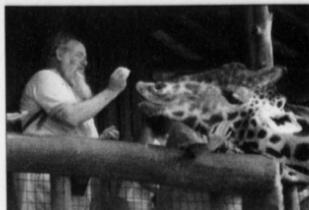


Photo contributed by the OIP
Dr. Vern Hicks, NKU chemistry professor, gets close to the wildlife during the winter 2001-2002 CCSA trip to Kenya

Fair promotes overseas study

Offers students information on financial assistance, benefits of study abroad

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For many Northern Kentucky University students, the idea of traveling across the world to study may seem beyond their reach.

The Office of International Programs hopes to make students aware of the opportunities available in other countries during the Study Abroad Fair Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

Students from all majors, undergraduate and graduate, are eligible to study abroad as long as they are in good academic standing, said Amy Bode, OIP representative.

"Some students on NKU's campus do not know about the opportunity to study abroad, so that is why we are here, to promote the opportunity that anybody can do this," she said.

The university is a member of the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad, which coordinates programs in English-speaking countries and the Kentucky Institute for International Studies, which promotes the study of foreign languages around the world.

NKU has exchange agreements with foreign universities in countries such as Germany, Spain and Russia.

Study abroad programs include more than 20 countries and can be done for as little as two weeks or as long as an entire academic year.

NKU offers an Alternative Spring Break program in Mexico City. Students live

with a host family, and do volunteer service work projects. Students typically live in hotels or university housing while studying abroad and have the opportunity to travel and tour the country during the evenings and weekends.

"The CCSA programs offer excursions as part of their classes," Bode said. "For example, if you are taking a theatre course in London you might go to see several plays or musicals."

Many students assume they can't participate because they don't have the money, Bode said, but financial aid, scholarships, and grants are available for study abroad opportunities.

"We encourage them to look through different outlets to find the funding available," she said.

NKU has \$50,000 available per academic year for study abroad scholarships. Students can contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance to determine if they are eligible for any other financial aid.

Jenn Vaccaro, a senior psychology major, studied Arthurian Legend in London for four weeks last summer while earning three hours of academic credit.

"I learned a great deal from the differences and similarities that we shared with the people in other countries," Vaccaro said.

While studying in London, Vaccaro visited Scotland, Holland, and several cities in England.

"I gained a vantage point that I was unable to get from living in my home country," she said.

Students seek Segway sales

Marketing classes ride into the 'real-world' with mobile experiment

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A Segway Human Transporter might be able to balance and propel itself, but it can't sell itself.

Students in Northern Kentucky University entrepreneurial marketing and market research classes are obtaining first-hand job experience by compiling a marketing plan for the personal transporter.

"We have young, talented people who would like to take it (Segway) on as a client," said Dr. Aron Levin, marketing professor.

The project is a collaborative effort between two entrepreneurial marketing and advanced market research classes.

The entrepreneurial marketing class is composing a marketing plan for the Segway, and the advanced market research class is designing a research plan to determine on what area campuses the marketing plan would be most successful.

The project began when Bill Cunningham, adjunct professor of entrepreneurship, contacted Segway inventor (and old college friend) Dean Kamen about the possibility of composing a marketing plan targeting students.

"This embodies our innovative strategy to the school," Cunningham said.

Levin, director of the Market Research Program, Partner Program, which gives students opportunities in "real-world" market research, offered the services of his advanced market research

class for the project.

The entrepreneurial class is now examining relationships between tuition, demographics and income to determine how to market the Segway to the college community.

Cunningham said students are also looking at who can use the Segway on college campuses — including students, campus security and physical plant staff.

The class is divided into three different groups to examine Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana universities.

Senior marketing major Megan Gordon, who is in the entrepreneurial class, said she finds the project exciting.

"It's really, and it's a chance to connect the university with the business world," she said. "It's interesting that a company that has never had a market plan is letting us market it to a college campus."

"Our first goal is to figure out how to get the college market Segway-friendly," she added.

Gordon's group is assembling a resource guide for Ohio colleges, which includes a list of advantages and disadvantages of being a Segway-friendly campus.

The market research class has formed two groups to design a research plan.

Both groups are designing questionnaires and analyzing who is most interested in purchasing the Segway.

"We're not trying to sell it," said senior marketing major John Fout. "We're seeing who we can sell it

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Photo contributed by Ryan Smith
A marketing student test balances on a Segway.

Friendships, not politics, create SGA coalitions on key votes

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After this week's Student Government Association elections Nov. 12-13, with 15 seats up for grabs, there could be a shake-up in what some see as a partisan rift that has developed in the representative body this

semester.

Sensors say that the split doesn't necessarily run along national political party lines but, rather, coincides with friendships within SGA.

"There always has been some sort of level of factions but, with partisanship that's not along Democrat and Republican lines, it's more stu-

dent interest," said Lindsay Hunter, senator, who has served on SGA for three years.

"You're going to hang out with your friends and you're going to have the same interests as them."

Hunter said she saw three voting blocs develop on this session of SGA: students she described as "ultra-political,"

students who are involved in Greek organizations and students Hunter referred to as independents — senators who sometimes vote with either of the two larger groups, depending on the issue.

Noah Meeks, SGA senator and president of College Republicans, said he believes such developments are natural.

"In terms of these quasi-partisan groups," Meeks said, "after the elections, I expect that the people that have become friends and have tended to vote together will continue to support each other."

"You couldn't expect them to vote for somebody who voted against them in half the votes," Meeks added. "That'd be a lit-

tle bit odd."

Kent Kelso, dean of students, said in his time at Northern Kentucky University he has seen SGA become more partisan, which he attributed to an increase of SGA members who are political science majors, or are interested in running for office

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Up in smoke

College students are now the largest age group of smokers in the United States. This week's Life & Times examines why people start smoking in the first place and how to quit.

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 The driver was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for the same.

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

Law Day offers insight to legal profession

Salmon P. Chase College of Law will celebrate Law Day Nov. 17 by providing information on attending law school and the admissions process.

Local attorneys and representatives from several law schools will be on hand to answer questions.

The event will take place in the University Center Ballroom, 5 to 7 p.m. No reservation is needed.

For more information, contact Bruce McClure at 859-572-5830 or mcclureb@nku.edu.

NKU co-sponsors leadership conference

Northern Kentucky University and the National Center for African American Leaders held the third annual NCAA Leadership Conference, "Leveraging Our Legacies," on Nov. 10 and 11 at the METS Center for Corporate Learning.

The conference was centered on the theme that today's leaders benefit from the experiences of previous generations.

Attendees had the opportunity to speak with national and regional leaders from higher education, as well as private and public leaders.

Blood drive to benefit all

The Northern Kentucky University and Hoxworth Blood Center blood drive will be held Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the University Center Ballroom. Students, faculty and staff can donate blood from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers still needed

Northern Kentucky University, Delta Airlines, Ashland Oil and Habitat for Humanity still need volunteers to build a two-bedroom home for Nancy and Marina Daugherty.

Students, faculty and staff can volunteer Monday through

Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. by calling the Student Life Office.

Lecture addressed issues of multiculturalism

Dr. Maulana Karenga, creator of the African American and Pan-African holiday Kwanzaa, visited campus Nov. 10 and 11 to present a teaching workshop and lecture to address teaching and education in regard to multicultural issues.

The event was sponsored by the African-American Studies Program, Center for Faculty Development, Students Together Against Racism and the office of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs.

nationalbriefs

Judges halt partial-birth abortion ban
 Federal judges in three states have ruled to block enforcement of the ban on partial-birth abortion, signed recently by President Bush.

Judges in California, New York and Nebraska said the law may be unconstitutional due to the absence of an exception to protect the health of the mother.

The law does contain a provision that allows the procedure if the mother's life is at risk due to the pregnancy.

Abortion rights advocates favor the rulings saying the law denies women the right to make decisions regarding private health matters.

Suicide bombing in Saudi Arabia kills civilians

An apparent suicide bombing in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, killed 17 people and wounding 122, including women and children Nov. 8, just a day after the United States and the United Kingdom warned diplomats in the area of a possible threat.

Several suspects have been taken into custody and questioned by Saudi officials, CNN reported. The U.S. State Department believes al Qaeda was behind the attacks, which occurred in a mostly Arab neighborhood.

Suspect arrested in murder of Reds player

David Griffith, 20, was arrested near Phoenix, Ariz. on Nov. 8 in connection with the murder of Cincinnati Reds outfielder Darnell Stenson.

Griffith was charged in connection with the theft of Stenson's SUV, although formal charges have not yet been filed. Stenson, who had been playing baseball in the Arizona Fall League, was found dead Nov. 5. He had been shot and dragged by his own SUV.

Fraternity thankful for giving opportunity

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One of the best things about Thanksgiving is that people cannot only be thankful for what they have, but for what they can give back to their community.

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is doing just that with their Annual Thanksgiving Drive, which started Nov. 3 and will last until Nov. 23.

This is the fourth year for the charity drive, a national Phi Beta Sigma program, which provides food for families who are unable to afford a Thanksgiving dinner.

"I feel very good about the Thanksgiving Drive because we are making a change," said Jermer Mack, a Phi Beta Sigma member.

"We are giving back to the

community."

"We are actually delivering these baskets," Mack said, "so that we have a one-on-one experience with these families. Letting them know that we do care and just to have that connection."

Phi Beta selects three-to-five families from the Covington area — specifically, the school systems — who need help getting food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The fraternity collects can goods and holds fundraisers with the help of NKU students.

A booth is set up in the University Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to make it easier for students sign up to help a family by collecting can goods.

Brian Carpenter, a Phi Beta Sigma member, said he supports and enjoys the benefits the charity drive affords the families.

"I believe that this is a great program," Carpenter said.



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Phi Beta Sigma fraternity will provide canned goods for needy families in the Covington community.

"A lot of kids, when they are in school they talk about their Thanksgiving, and other families that don't have (Thanksgiving) cannot relate to that experience," he said.

The program has been successful in the past and Mack said he hopes this year will be just as successful.

"It's very good to know that we are helping someone else."



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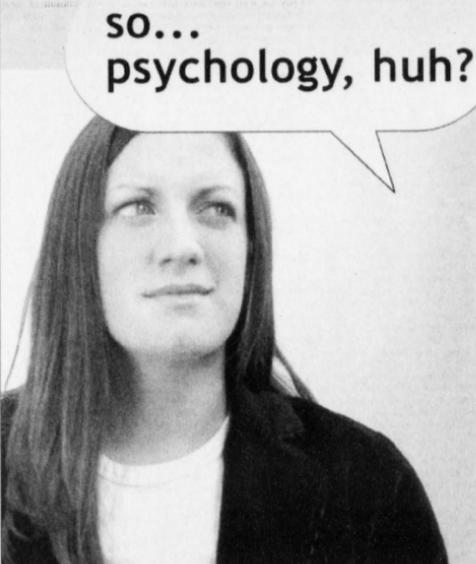
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Retreat sparks teamwork, friendship

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Nearly 75 NKU students spent last weekend in Gatlinburg, Tenn., listening to an array of speakers enjoying teambuilding activities and learning what it takes to be an effective leader.

The students were participating in the Norse Leadership Society's eleventh annual fall retreat Nov. 8 and 9.

Sophomore Stefany Koo, who attended the retreat for a second time and helped plan the event, was excited about the weekend because she had a great time the year before last. "It's a lot of fun," she said, "and it's a good experience for personal growth."

This year was the largest NLS retreat to date. Including presenters, there were 86 participants in 18 classes, compared to the previous year's size of 50 participants.

"The size this year was a definite challenge, but it added so many new dynamics to the retreat," said Maye. "I think the students had such a great time meeting so many new friends, learning networking skills, networking with other student leaders and presenters."

"The size of the retreat really added to the experience," said Dustin Lewis, Northern

Kentucky Leadership Institute director. "Being able to take so many students was an amazing thing."

Lewis and Katie Herschede were co-chairs of the retreat's planning committee.

"This was my fourth year attending the Norse Leadership Society Fall Retreat, and I think that each year it gets better and better," Herschede said.

"This year was certainly no exception."

"The weekend was incredible," she said. "(The retreat) taught us many dynamics of leadership, including how to not only be a good leader, but also a good follower."

Although the retreat usually happens on a somewhat exact year, Whisner said NLS works hard to get new speakers.

"All of the participants, both students and presenters, were outstanding," Herschede said. "This year we added several community presenters, including John Farnell, Todd Duesing, and Tom Webster."

she said. "They brought a new dimension to the retreat and helped students see beyond their role at NKU."

NKU President Dr. James Votruba gave a presentation during last year's retreat.

"It touched a lot of students," Whisner said. "It was really nice to see somebody that high up in administration support us."

This year, Whisner's favorite presentation was on the topic of motivation and was given by Gemine Brewer and Tiffany Belfant.

"It really did get us motivated," she said. "All of the participants left really excited from that talk."

Dr. Mark Shanley, vice president of student affairs, joined the students during part of the weekend.

Leadership Development Coordinator Tiffany Maye was impressed that Shanley took time out of his busy schedule to help out with the retreat.

"This really shows his commitment to students," she said. "Every year NLS develops a theme to make the weekend more fun."

"We added a 'Road Rules' theme to the retreat and incorporated various missions for the participants," Herschede said.

One of the weekend's most memorable missions was the karaoke contest. Whisner's group won the contest with a rendition of "Lady Marmalade."

R. P. Proctor and Valerie Shanks were two of the freshmen able to attend the retreat. While they were mostly excited about enjoying the Gatlinburg atmosphere and missing classes, they learned that the weekend meant much more than that.

"It was definitely a teambuilding experience," Proctor said. "I know so many people now."

"All the presenters were very energetic," Shanks said. "All NLS members were required to attend the retreat, but the rest of the group was a must be a part of Freshman Service Leadership Committee to go. All students wanting to participate must fill out an application."

"I recommend it for anyone," Koo said. "At a cost of \$60, she can't see this anyone would pass it up. This fee doesn't cover all



Photo contributed by NLS
SGA Senator Eric Fegan (left) interacts with other participants at the Norse Leadership Society retreat in Gatlinburg.

the expenses of the retreat, however.

Koo said the NLS Silent Auction is one of the biggest fundraisers for the event.

Herschede was very happy with how the weekend turned out as well.

"This retreat is special to me

because it is a time to meet other students leaders and strengthen bonds with old friends," she said.

"Each year, I come away from the retreat completely refreshed and rejuvenated and ready to make NKU an even stronger institution."

Jobs offer more than just a paycheck

Students can earn academic credit if work experience contributes to their education

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Students who are currently employed now have the opportunity to earn academic credit for their jobs.

Through the Career Development Center's Cooperative Education program, students who demonstrate that their job contributes to their education can earn up to twelve 300-level credit hours toward a degree, according to program coordinator Kelly Harper.

"The goal is for students to gain work experience in conjunction with their education,"

Harper said. Cooperative education allows students who must work to pay for their education and allows them to simultaneously earn income and credit hours.

All of full-time students, 74 percent of full-time students work while attending school, and 46 percent of full-time working students work 25 or more hours a week, according to a study in an article by Mary Beth Marklein of USA TODAY.

"It's almost as if they're trying to work two full-time jobs at the same time — going to col-

lege and paying for it," said Jonathan Orszag, managing director of Sebago Associates, an economic consulting firm that conducted a study on working college students.

Senior Heather Michelson, psychology major, is taking 18 credit hours and works 16 to 20 hours per week at a preschool. She said she believes her job contributes to her education.

"I work with children and after I graduate I would like to counsel children," she said. Michelson said that she would have been interested to see if her job would qualify for

the program, but she is already set to graduate in December.

To determine which jobs qualify for academic credit, CDC staff members consider the student's major and career goals to see if the student can gain leverage with the company. The main focus is helping students choose and prepare for a career path after graduation, Harper said.

The National Commission for Cooperative Education maintains that Cooperative Education "can enhance the quality and level of employment results for graduates."

Nearly 40 percent of all Cooperative Education students get full-time employment offers upon graduation, according to the CDC.

Students can earn up to six credit hours per semester toward a degree, but the number of credit hours depends upon the student's job duties and whether or not they will be exposed to new experiences at the job, Harper said.

"A person could have been with a company for 10 to 15 years, but we look to see if the student can take on new responsibilities," she added.

Even if a student is not currently employed, the CDC can help students find a job that qualifies for academic credit.

"We work with students so that when you graduate you have a connection to the working world," Harper said.

Students who would like to find out if their job qualifies for academic credit or would like help finding a job that qualifies should contact the Career Development Center in University Center 230 at 572-5680 or by email at cdc@nku.edu.

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in the future.

"There are always a few SGA members who go on to run for elected office but I think the interest in that I have seen over the last three years has really grown significantly," Kelso said.

Many members of the current session are members of political organizations outside the university, said Joe Myers, chair of the SGA ethics and funding committee.

"It makes sense that you're going to have politically-minded individuals running for elections," said Myers, who has been active with College Democrats in the past.

"These are the people who, 10 years down the road, are going to be running for state legislature," he added.

Daniel Moore, SGA senator, said that committee members sometimes discuss outside political issues during

time intended for SGA matters.

Moore said he believes these discussions have a bipartisan and have led to divisiveness.

"There's just an unspoken, implied, understood difference of opinion," Moore said. "Some people are a little fundamental in their beliefs," Moore added. "That extends into kind of an unspoken, 'at each other's throats' type of thing."

Meeks, however, said he doesn't believe that outside political party affiliation has affected SGA votes.

"On key votes that we've taken this year, there've been Democrats that have voted with me and Republicans that have voted against me," Meeks said.

"I voted against (Andy Hixson) our College Republican vice president for public relations on important

votes."

No senators identified any instance of a resolution being held up by partisan wrangling, but Hunter said that some senators, by following procedures seen in state and national politics, had a more indirect effect on the SGA process.

"I've seen a lot of resolutions moved to committee, where they get discussed forever or just die," Hunter said, adding she had never seen a resolution sent to committee in prior years.

"People think they're professional politicians," Moore said. "We're there to discuss NKU."

Moore said he believes the differences on SGA reflect a tone set in professional politics.

"Nobody's really hearing, just talking," he said.

"We all have the same goal — to make things better for students."

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to."

One group is taking their "Would you scout yourself around a campus on a Segway?" survey to NKU, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Kentucky, Miami University and Xavier University to get as much information as they can about the product.

They would like to gain more insight from more traditional campuses.

"We're going to UC and UK because the Segway is a better fit there," said senior marketing major Hannah Barnett.

The survey asks questions, such as how likely a person would be to purchase the Segway, how much they would spend on one, if they would feel safe riding a Segway on campus and if they were even familiar with the Segway taking through the sur-

vey.

The research findings will then be presented to Cunningham.

Cunningham hopes the students will get real-life experience by contributing to this project, but he also wants them to have fun.

"It's a great magnitude for innovation," he said. "It gets people excited, and it's fun for the class," Cunningham added.

Voting gives students voice, representation

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The Kentucky gubernatorial has passed and newly elected Republican Ernie Fletcher is preparing to take over the seat, after more than 30 years of Democrats in the governor's mansion. Now the election for new leadership is closer to home for Northern Kentucky University students.

For the next two days, Nov. 12-13, students have the opportunity to elect new senators to the Student Government Association, the students who will represent the student body and the needs of the university both on campus and in Frankfort.

"SGA makes decisions that will effect us on campus everyday," R.J. Simpkins, president for the NKU College Democrats said. Simpkins pointed out that tuition at NKU is increasing as is enroll-

ment, yet only approximately 10 percent of the student population voted in the last SGA election.

Simpkins said people depend on elected officials both on and off campus, to make decisions that affect their lives. "It does affect you right now. It won't wait until you graduate," he said.

While Simpkins would have preferred to have Democratic candidate Ben Chandler in the governor's mansion, he said Fletcher did a better job of engaging his voter base and getting them to the polls, which makes all the difference.

Sheree Davis, current SGA senator, agreed that people getting out to vote is essential to the democratic process. She said politicians, in general, have a vested interest in catering to the needs of those groups who vote for them. "With politics, it's 'show me,'" she said. "Show me you care and I'll show you I care. We need to

show unity within the school so we can show this unity in Frankfort," she said.

Davis said the best way to do this is by supporting SGA and voting for the senators you believe in. "NKU is seen as a commuter school rather than a real, solid university. One reason is because students aren't backing SGA," she said. "If you take the attitude 'why vote, it doesn't matter,' they take the same attitude, 'why care about NKU, it doesn't matter.'"

"People have a responsibility you have as a citizen, a choice you have as a person," Davis said. "People have no right to complain about the way our government is if they don't enact their right to vote."

Students can vote in the SGA election in University Center and Norse Commons and online via links at <http://www.nku.edu> or <http://studenthome.nku.edu>—sga.

The SGA elections will be held Nov. 12-13.

Students can cast their vote from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at:

University Center Information Desk
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For links to voting, visit: www.nku.edu or
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Soldiers getting on the shaft

Support American troops with actions, not lapel pins

By TRAVIS GETTYS
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I'll admit it. I don't own an American flag lapel pin, and the only flag I've flown from my house is the Gadsden flag — the yellow one with the rattlesnake and the "Don't Tread On Me" slogan. I ordered it the day the PATRIOT Act passed.

But that doesn't mean I don't support the troops. I'm an incredibly grateful to each American soldier who has served his or her country with honor. I genuinely appreciate and respect the difficult work you do, even when I disagree vehemently with your mission.

You have helped to give me an incredible gift — the freedom to speak my mind. If you're like me, when you give someone a gift, you hope that they'll use it. So, to mark Veterans' Day 2003, I would like to exercise my right to free speech to publicize what is happening to some of these brave men and women after they return from fighting half a world away in the hot dust of Iraq and Afghanistan.

In a story dated Oct. 17, United Press International

reported that: "One month after President Bush greeted soldiers at Fort Stewart (Ga.), as heroes on their return from Iraq, approximately 600 sick or injured members of the Army Reserves and National Guard are warehoused in rows of spare, steamy and dark concrete barracks in a sandy field, waiting for doctors to treat their wounds or illnesses."

Are you kidding me? As we debate the finer points of what is the meaning of "imminent threat" as relates to his justification for war, President Bush sits idly by while those he sent so dutifully into harm's way languish in prisoner-of-war conditions?

Surely that can't be true. Maybe the President just doesn't know about it. Right? After all, just a week before that UPI story was printed, Bush spoke to a group of Reserve and National Guard troops, lauding them as "Citizen-soldiers (who) are serving in every front on the war on terror... (who are) making your state and your country proud."

Meanwhile, UPI reported that their colleagues, wounded in war, waited up to six hours a day for a doctor's

appointment and, some, for "weeks or months without getting a diagnosis or proper treatment."

First Sgt. Gerry Mosley, a 48-year-old Army Reservist, has experienced a variety of symptoms since returning from Iraq, including lung problems, vertigo and migraines.

After 30 years in the Reserves, Mosley thought the Army would take care of his injuries, which he believes stem from the anthrax vaccine he was given.

When he left for the Middle East, Mosley said he could run two miles in 17 minutes and had never experienced depression. Now, ill and disillusioned, Mosley has found himself gazing at shotguns, thinking about suicide.

He told UPI that he received a notice from his base that shows no doctor's appointments would be available from Oct. 14 to Nov. 11.

Happy Veterans' Day, Sgt. Mosley.

The Army Times reported Nov. 3 that the Department of Defense plans to cut the number of commissaries and schools it operates for soldiers' families when they live on military bases. That's no good.

"The last thing soldiers, sailors and airmen want," one post commander said, "is to be concerned about the education of their children while they are fighting."

That's not all Pentagon budget-cutters have in mind.

"The two initiatives," the Army Times continued, "are the latest in a string of actions by the Bush administration to cut or hold down growth in pay and benefits, including basic pay, combat pay, health-care benefits and the death gratuity paid to survivors of troop who die on active duty."

So that's where the savings come from to pay for Bush's dividend tax cut.

For Bush, the slogan "support the troops" is properly what you can use it to shout down liberals or slip improperly postmarked absentee ballots into Florida or make a stuffed-pants photo-op on the deck of an aircraft carrier. But when it comes down to, you know, actually doing anything meaningful for the men and women who're doing the heavy lifting in Operation Re-election 2004, he's busy doing what he's always doing — cutting costs and giving the money to his buddies.

So, for those of you who supported the war and have

gotten no closer to the action than watching the embedded reporters on Fox News from your living room and sacrificed nothing more than television coverage of the first round of the NCAA Tournament as bombs fell on Baghdad, it's time to put up or shut up.

To commemorate this Veterans' Day, do something to help our troops.

This isn't controversial. I don't care if you wear a flag or a peace symbol on your lapel; this type of treatment of our fellow Americans is unacceptable, and we need to make our elected officials aware of this problem, and urge them to fix it.

You can find your Congressman's e-mail address here, http://www.house.gov/write_rep/, or your Senators' here, http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm.

I'm asking you, as Americans, to contact your lawmakers to ensure our servicemen and servicewomen and their families receive what they are owed. They deserve it.

Just don't say that I'm not patriotic.

Odd way to save species

EDITORIAL
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

A shift in U.S. policy on endangered species may evoke for many that infamous quote from the Vietnam War about the need to destroy the village in order to save it.

In this case, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing changes that would allow trophy hunters, for example, to kill animals on the verge of extinction in other countries as a way of raising money to save animals on the verge of extinction.

If that sounds counterintuitive and illogical, that's because it is. It's also bad public policy. Proponents of the change point out that poor countries have little money to protect endangered species within their borders, and they're right about that.

But proponents then go on to argue — presumably with a straight face — that the way for those countries to raise money for conservation programs is to have hunters, circuses and pet companies pay a fee to kill, capture and export endangered species.

In other words, federal officials are saying that the best way to save a species is to sanction the

kill or capture of individual animals, thus ensuring that numbers would keep dwindling. They would keep dwindling because U.S. officials have no way of guaranteeing that the money raised would go to conservation programs.

Reopening the African ivory trade, for example, could bring in a hefty chunk of change that the country's leaders might decide would be better spent on AIDS prevention programs, improved housing, better weapons for its military or a Swiss bank account than on saving other elephants. And while the money is spent on other worthy or unworthy programs, elephants would keep dying.

In Vietnam, destroying the village did not save it. It just destroyed the village.

In the same way, killing some endangered animals won't save the rest. It will just ensure that the species becomes even more endangered.

If the administration wants to help protect endangered animals in poor countries, it should help those countries — through grants or other aid — to make sure that no one, legally or illegally, kills animals on the verge of extinction.

Knight Ridder/Tribune Information Services.



Terry Harris, KRT
An endangered Capuchin monkey, one of five that were packed with bananas on a three day trip to be sold, sits in a cage in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Letters to the editor

Racism is not just a white issue

To the editor,

Once again we see racism with it's ever changing tentacles, this time wrapping itself around our Northern Kentucky University.

I read with great interest, incredulity, anger, disgust and sarcastic snickering, "Arrests prompt racial concerns," in the Nov. 5 Northerner.

This article centers on a freshman female, whose name is not necessary for this opinion letter.

Apparently, this young, "African American" freshman, lifted a cup from the student cafeteria at Norse Commons. (Please note article on page 2 of the same publication: "Theft Plagues Campus").

Granted, Ms. African American freshman likely felt that stealing a simple plastic cup was an insignificant act, but as the paper states, thefts add up.

But the misdemeanor was not focus of this article nor will it be the focus of my letter today.

According to The Northerner, the small time criminal "felt threatened by being approached by officers of a different race."

With this statement, she generalizes not only a stereotype against Northern Kentucky police, but whites as well.

Such an overwhelming generalization is on the face, racist.

It's stated that in the black community, there is a perception of bias by white police against the black population.

It sounds though, that there is a bias among the black community as to those who hold the position of protecting our school and society in general.

Black's today have more racist views than whites and are more likely to pronounce their bigotry as well as more likely to get away with their racist comments and diatribes.

Before we, as Americans of all races, can start a true and meaningful dialogue, we must first admit that there are lies culpability in all sides.

And that (insert your God here), that Brandon Hill, vice president of Students Together Against Racism is tackling the problem.

Anti-Racism training for all. I'm sure all includes all whites, as is known, we are the only perpetrators of racism in the United States.

It is not up to the police, Northern Kentucky University nor the white community to ally the mostly imagined perception of blacks toward whites.

Facts are facts. It's time someone stands up and states that racism is not exclusive to whites in America nor the western countries.

In fact, some of the few states that still practice slavery are states in Africa.

The west was the first region in the world to abolish slavery. They realized the error of their ways and for most in our society today, we are all considered equal in law.

Yes, racism still exists and in fact, always will.

All "African Americans" bring their prejudices to the table and quit blaming "the man" for "keeping them down", there will never be the progress we all hope for, more racist resentment from many on all sides.

Joe Waininger
Post-baccalaureate,
Political science

Being gay is not a choice

To the editor,

I would like to respond to the article in the Youth Northerner about the GLBTQ last Summit.

First, I am an extremely affronted by the ignorance expressed within it. First of all, there is zero scientific evidence that being gay is any sort of choice.

It's something one simply discovers about oneself over time, just like heterosexuality.

My personal experience as a gay male certainly resonates with these findings.

No at no point in my life did I wake up and say "Gee! It would be really really fun to be discriminated against and put down in editorials by people who don't even know me, to be put at risk for violence and possibly even murder. Yes indeed!" That would be a wonderful move.

All I could do was come to terms with the fact, accept it, and learn to live my life with homosexuality as a part of it.

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- Letters must be 400 words or less.
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Furthermore, I fail to understand the term "lifestyle." What is the gay lifestyle?

I know many gay people and we all live different lifestyles.

I myself probably have more in common with your average straight computer geek than the circuit party gay male.

All people are different and live differently.

I honestly want the same thing a lot of people want: a good, peaceful world to raise a child in, a spirituality, someone to grow old with... even the dog in the yard.

Some want to grow old with another man.

Also, the author's contention that no safe space is needed for GLBT youth is simply wrong.

Studies show that many gay youth, especially in high school, are subjected to treatment no one should receive.

They have no space to come to terms with who they are, no place they necessarily feel safe.

Thus, the need for the Youth Summit.

It is a day when people can feel safe in their own skin, no masks and no fear.

I agree with Mr. Grooms that such a space should not, in an ideal world, be needed. But this is not an ideal world, and it is needed desperately.

Lastly, I am unaware that Mr. Grooms was forced to attend the Summit, to spend the day full of homosexuals he seems to feel "are getting what they deserve" in every day.

No course, with my knowledge, required attendance. If he doesn't like the Summit, he can "choose" not to go.

Otherwise, I suggest he actually do some research into what being gay is really like.

Doug Meredith
Senior, pre-management

Writer told to 'end the illusion'

To the editor,

The letter written by student Joshua Grooms in last week's Northerner, argues that by hosting the third annual Greater Cincinnati GLBTQ Youth Summit, NKU is essentially "putting homosexuality on a pedestal."

It is essential to end this illusion. Grooms and many others assert that by protecting GLBTQ persons' basic civil rights, our society is promoting a "privileged lifestyle."

The heterosexual fear that non-"straight" persons are gaining power and acceptance in society is reflected in Grooms' letter, is rampant throughout our society.

The U.S. Government's Defense of Marriage Act, restricting lesbians and gays from marrying, accompanies the homophobic ideas that are perpetuated in many of our homes, churches, and schools today.

A progressive step in society is the recent ordination of an openly gay bishop in the Episcopal church. This will hopefully set a precedent in many other religious communities.

Yet the struggle must continue to fight against close-mindedness and discrimination in our communities.

An obvious example in our immediate community is Article XII, of the Cincinnati City Charter.

This is a law that prohibits the city from protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

Article XII makes Cincinnati the only city which openly bans protection of its own citizens against discrimination, based on their sexual preference.

This must be repealed. I would like to say that bigoted ideas like Grooms', and discrimination against GLBTQ persons demonstrate the necessity of having such resources as the youth summit at NKU, which empowers those who are denied respect and justice in our communities.

The fight for rights for persons in GLBTQ communities, like the struggle for people of color, and the poor, is

a fight for equal rights, not special rights.

Julie Hilvers
Senior, sociology

Please keep the ducks on campus

To the editor,

As a group of concerned students, we have some questions on why the ducks are being affected in the renovation of the lake.

First, why do they want to get rid of the ducks?

Second, how do they intend to keep the ducks away?

Third, at what point was the student body as a whole, not just SGA, consulted on this matter, if ever?

The ducks are at the lake naturally; no one put them there.

Our concern is that the ducks will be harmed in the way of moving them to another home.

For as long as we can remember the ducks have always been a part of NKU and life on campus.

I know they leave little treasures that annoy some people, but it washes off with water and who does it really harm?

Has any of the people in the vote against the ducks seen the other treasures that they leave?

The eggs in the spring, and the babies that come soon after. That is true beauty, so why should they be forced to leave?

This is a matter that is very important to us and would like it to be addressed as soon as possible.

We hope you take this as serious as we do, and would answer our questions as soon as possible.

Eric Sholar
Nicole Ramey
Heather Woodruff
Jennifer King-Ramsay

Meeks' timing questioned

To the editor,

By the time this article is printed, our votes will be cast, and our State Representatives will have already been chosen.

That is why I would like to applaud Mr. Noah D. Meeks for the brilliant strategic timing of his article titled, "Time to Vote Dems out," in which he argued that "we need to restore honor and dignity and hope to Frankfort" by voting the Republican ticket.

Since the article was published in the last edition of The Northerner before election day on Tuesday, Nov. 4, no opposition was afforded the opportunity to respond before it would make a difference in who would be elected.

Though this was not an ethical or responsible way to rally college voters toward a specific party, it is none-the-less quite strategic.

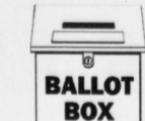
I wish I could also applaud Mr. Meeks for the content of the article, but it represents a trend in mainstream media and politics that I find particularly disturbing and destructive to our democracy.

This trend is to give biased and incomplete information to an audience so that their opinion will be swayed in such a way as to induce an action or attitude that promotes its own interests.

As president of a political organization on campus, a leader such as Mr. Meeks should exercise his constitutional right of freedom of speech in a much more responsible manner.

For example, he could take the approach of SGA President, Chris Pace, who traveled to Frankfort, asked both gubernatorial candidates four questions that directly concern Kentucky students, and published their responses verbatim so that voters could decide for themselves who would best address our specific needs out of many issues.

The editors of The Northerner could have also followed this example by publishing quality information about both the candidates.



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Nov. 11 and 12
10 a.m.-7p.m.

at the University Center Information Desk or Norse Commons (near the cafeteria) or online at:

www.nku.edu and <http://studenthome.nku.edu/~sga>

While I do not mean to discourage Mr. Meeks from sharing his political opinions in the future, I challenge him to do so in a more balanced manner. His political leadership and progress, as much as needed on our campus; for this reason, I felt it was necessary to appeal to him, as a leader, to uphold the highest principles possible.

Sharon Schuchter
Senior, English

Summit goal was open discussion

To the editor:

In response to Joshua Groom's letter, I would like to clear up several misconceptions.

As an alumni and former co-president and member of Common Ground, I support their decision to hold the Youth Summit at NKU and I support the university for allowing the event to take place.

Homosexuality is not a lifestyle. It is a life. It is becoming a cultural norm whether society likes it or not. For years, GLBTQ people have existed, quietly living their lives. Now they want to stand up and acknowledge their presence. The Summit is a chance for all people, not just gays, to come together and learn about the GLBTQ community as well as ways to support them.

Mr. Groom asked, "Why is it important to create a safe space for homosexuals, bisexuals, and transgender youth to educate themselves?"

GLBTQ youth, in struggling against society, need a chance to get together and talk, share their experiences.

Homosexuality is not being put on a pedestal. It is being brought into the educational mainstream. By including high school students, the GLBTQ community is hoping to bring awareness of homophobic attitudes to the surface earlier.

Our society, currently, does not allow gay youth to feel secure in their lives. The Summit is a chance for them to have that security.

Homosexuality is a different way of life. By opening the doors for GLBTQ people, we are acknowledging their right to life. I know some people don't want to acknowledge that right. However, we are not ignoring the rights of non-gay people. We are simply asking that gays be allowed to be.

If readers of The Northerner are interested, I encourage them to ask questions at Common Ground meetings. Common Ground also sponsors panels designed to clear up other common stereotypes and misconceptions surrounding the gay community. A university is a setting for learning, and it is the perfect setting for the Summit.

Sarah Crabtree
Alumni 2003
Former Co-President,
CommonGround



north poll responses

Compiled by DJ Carter

How you feel about public smoking?



Grace McCann
Junior, RTV

"Indoors I don't like it because I don't smoke. Outdoors isn't that big of a deal unless they're herding around doors."



Adam Rogers
Sophomore, undeclared

"I think it should be contained in a separate area."



Jenny Hendricks
Junior, RTV

"I think it's fine. Designate certain areas. It should be restricted."



Josh Blair
Junior, communications

"I don't like it. The second-hand smoke bothers me."



James Taylor
Senior, computer science

"It doesn't bother me. I would like it to be kept away from doors."



Mandy Papania
Freshman, theatre

"I personally don't do it but if that's what people like to do I don't have a problem with it."

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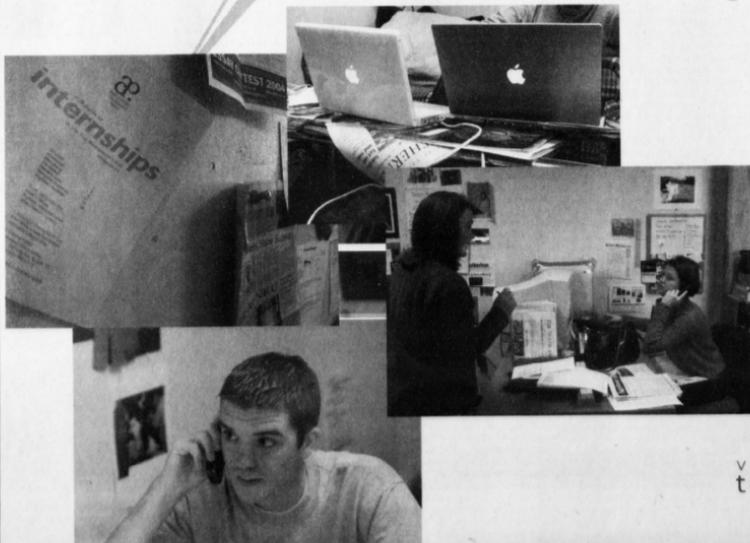
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Up in smoke

College students turn to cigarettes as they adapt to a new lifestyle

By Chris Frodge

Recent statistics show that smoking among college students has increased and they are now the largest group of smokers in the United States.

A survey conducted by Monitoring the Future Survey concludes that smoking by young adults, ages 18-24, was lower than that of adults 24 and older from 1965-1995. Since then, the young adult population has become the most populated group of smokers.

In recent years, the government has come down hard on tobacco companies forcing them to change their marketing strategies. Claims were made tobacco companies were targeting teenagers through flashy advertisements, such as Joe Camel, in order to make smoking attractive and trendy.

Researchers believe that college students have become more susceptible to smoking because tobacco companies are now targeting people 18 years old and older. One third of young adults enroll in higher education. Concerns are raised because colleges and universities are not warning students of the health risks of smoking. One suggestion is to implement a program to prevent non-smokers from becoming addicted and to help smokers to quit.

Shelley Heavrin, a psychology major, feels that colleges and universities "need to show students the short-term effects of smoking, such as coughing and shortness of breath during exercise." Heavrin also feels that by telling students that they may get Emphysema later in life is not going to prevent many students from smoking, and that there should be designated smoking areas to make it more difficult for smokers to light up.

"Our age group thrives on instant gratification and wants to know what will happen today or maybe even tomorrow, not several decades from now," said Heavrin.

When traditional students reach college age, they are exposed to many things. One of them being freedom. Many students do not have mom and dad telling them what to do and where to be anymore. Peer pressure and alcohol are becoming more prevalent and stress is also a factor as well. One alternative to dealing with this new lifestyle is smoking.

Kim Wilson, a psychology major, said, "I feel that people who only smoke when they drink do so because they are more likely to become peer pressured when they have alcohol in their system."

Scott Gunning, a criminal justice major, said, "Although I don't smoke, I do feel that if is an addictive habit and am glad that I was not pressured into picking it up. I feel that colleges need to be more active in showing students all the negative effects of smoking and provide those who do smoke with solutions on how to quit." Gunning also feels that products on the market today to help aid smokers in quitting are too expensive and that maybe colleges could offer these products and a reduced rate or even free.

Chris Jackson, a finance major, said, "I think that since college students are adults, they reserve the right to smoke if they want. I am not condoning smoking, but one of the privileges of being over the age of 18 is smoking. I am pretty sure that smokers know the potential dangers involved by now."

If you are a smoker one of the biggest challenges you face is quitting. So, how do you go about doing it?

- Prepare yourself mentally and physically. You first have to decide you want to quit. One thing to keep in mind is that you don't want to weigh yourself down with negative thoughts about how hard it will be quitting.
- Try to drink more fluids, start a work out program, and get plenty of sleep.
- Know what to expect. Quitting won't be easy, but keep in mind that the withdrawal symptoms are temporary and last only about one to two weeks. Studies show that the first week is where most relapses occur during the first week when your body is still dependent on nicotine. Another positive thing is that about 3 million Americans quit each year. If you relapse don't give up. Most people have to try several times before they quit for good.

Ways to quit.

Switch to a brand you find distasteful, or one that is low in nicotine. Cut down the number of cigarettes you smoke, or the way you smoke them. For instance, smoke only half a cigarette, or only during the even hours of the day. Stop carrying cigarettes with you, the harder they are for you to get, the easier it will be to quit. Place all your cigarette butts in a glass and carry it around with you, that way you'll be aware of how many cigarettes you smoke as well as how disgusting it is.

The day you quit.

Throw away all your lighters and your ashtrays. Then go buy yourself something, not a pack of cigarettes, as a treat.

After quitting.

Drink plenty of fluids. Be sure to exercise and eat healthy. If you find you miss holding a cigarette in your hand, substitute the lack of cigarettes for something else, like a pen. If you miss your typical post-meal cigarette, brush your teeth or take a walk. Keep in mind that quitting doesn't necessarily mean you'll gain weight. Just watch what you eat, count your calories and weigh yourself daily.

Source: National Cancer Institute



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Smoking is bad but I still enjoy the buzz

Tea Time



with Susan

"I started smoking to rebel"

Hi, my name is Susan Nelner, and I am a smoker.

Feels like I'm at a special meeting for an addiction or something like that. Oh, that's right, smoking is addicting. Don't get me wrong I know smoking cigarettes is bad. I've seen the commercials, experienced denial, and now acceptance. I know I should quit, but honestly at this point in my life I don't want to.

Let's take a journey back in time so that I can better explain why I started. I had always been an advocate against smoking. The majority of my family smokers. My sister quit last January and started smoking again once she began teaching this semester. My mom does it when she doesn't think my step dad is looking. My brother smoked, but quit once he entered medical

school, and my father has quit numerous times only to light up again. I didn't want to be them. I never wanted to smoke. I didn't want to be like my parents. I wanted to be my own person.

Another factor in my decision not to smoke during my early years was the fact that my Papa, my grandfather, died from lung cancer. He had smoked three packs a day for over 30 years, and by the time we found out he had lung cancer it was too late. I was in the room when he died, and I vowed never to smoke.

So why in the world did I start? I didn't start because I thought it was the cool thing to do, or because my friends put pressure on me. I started smoking to rebel. I was rebelling against a controlling ex-boyfriend who never let me smoke or drink when we were

together. When we broke up I thought to myself, "Screw it. I'm a new woman now, doing things that the little innocent Catholic girl would never do." I went for the shock factor, and I think I shocked almost everyone including myself.

With that mentality, I lit up. I didn't even really smoke for the first couple of weeks. I more or less puffed my way to my addiction. One of my friends noticed that I was not really smoking and he taught me the art of inhaling. Wow, Anyone who smokes knows what I'm talking about. Many of us smokers remember our first buzz like we remember losing our virginity.

At first I was just a social smoker, getting out my cigarettes when I was hanging out with friends. But as school became more stressful, and life turned into a fast paced race of

beating the clock, I began to smoke more because I never had time to eat and smoking was like my snack of the day.

It's sad to say, but smoking has made me closer to some of my classmates. When we go out on our smoke breaks it's fun just to sit and talk with one another. We have a common bond, our addiction. Many times we agree that if it were not for cigarettes we probably wouldn't have started talking. We would just go to class, sit there, and then leave. But now we always give each other the look, when things get especially bad in class, that says, "It's time for a cigarette, let's go."

Even though I've experienced some good things from cigarettes, I know there are bad things as well. And it's not just from the commercials I see and hear everyday that makes me aware of the problems; it's my

cough that I haven't been able to shake since the beginning of school, it's the shakes I sometimes get when I haven't had a cigarette and my body begins to realize that it's hungry, it's many things, but most of the time I accept them at face value because you have to sacrifice some things for an addiction like smoking.

I can't stop, and honestly I don't want to. But I just want to clarify that I'm not sitting here saying, "Hey, look at me, I'm a smoker and proud of it." I'm just saying I understand why people do it, because I'm one of them.

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wednesday

• **The Student Government Association (SGA)** will be having its Fall 2003 Elections today and tomorrow.

• An academic advising council meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Lucas Administrative Center 722. Meetings are held monthly.

• **A Norse Visitation Day** will be from 12:45-1 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. This is a recruitment event for high school students. For reservations contact 572-1400.

• **The NKU Board of Regents Meeting** will be from 1-2:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

thursday

• **Walt Disney World College Program** recruiters will be at NKU at 5 p.m. in the Student Union room 111. This is a semester long, paid internship where students can receive college credit. You must attend in order to sign up for an interview. For more information visit wdschools.com or e-mail Rebecca at hensleyreb@nku.edu.

• **The Corporate Leadership Conference** will be today and tomorrow in the Bodig Theater, contact Student Life.

• **Theta Phi Alpha** will have a bake sale from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in Landrum's Plaza Level.

• **White House** winner Nadine and "The Pickup" will be from 5-6 p.m. in the Mark R. Herman Center.

friday

• **Theta Phi Alpha** will have a **Man Pageant** at 7 p.m. in the Bodig Theater.

• **Phi Sigma Sigma & Phi Kappa Tau** will have a Mixer at 7 p.m.

• **Keyboard Kaleidoscope** 8 p.m.

• **The 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** on Steely Library's 3rd floor from 10-11 a.m.

saturday

• **Black and Gold Day**, an open house sponsored by the office of admissions for high school seniors and guests. Reservations are required, call 572-1400.

monday

• **The NKU Orchestra concert** will be at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

• Students and faculty are invited to learn more about the **Study Abroad program** at NKU by attending the fair from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

tuesday

• **The Jazz Ensemble concert** is at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

• **The NKU Blood Drive** will be in the UC Ballroom from 10:00 a.m.-4 p.m.



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A panel of student leaders and facilitator Dr. Michael Washington address racism on campus at a previous S.T.A.R. Dialogue on Race.

Students shed light on racism

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The seventh annual S.T.A.R. (Students Together Against Racism) Dialogue on Race will be held Thursday, Nov. 13, from 7-9 p.m. in Landrum 110. The dialogue is based on Bill Clinton's dialogues on race, said Brandon Hill, the vice president of the S.T.A.R. organization. "It is a platform for this campus to discuss issues concerning

race," said Hill. The discussions will be between various university organizations to educate each other and see what is affecting each one individually.

These different organizations will have a turn to stand up and speak with a session of questions and answers at the end of all of the presentations.

"The point is not to throw fire, but to shed light on the issues," Hill said. Hill also said that the dialogue's main focus is to build healthy relationships between organizations, faculty, staff and students of the university.

The dialogue is to bring the race issues to the surface and to see what they are and how to talk and work on them.

They want to show students are emotionally connected and, "have a feel of urgency to make changes," Hill said. Some organizations that will take part in the event is the NAACP, the Black Men's, Perkins said.

This event is free and open to anyone, including community members. It is a chance for students to voice their feelings, thoughts and opinions on the subject. Hill said.

Plays track evolution of lynching

Anthology's editors say the practice has not vanished completely, just changed over time

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"Southern trees bear strange fruit, blood on leaves and blood at root." So go the lyrics to "Strange Fruit," which describes the brutality that racism yielded in the South after the Civil War, and was definitively sung by Billie Holiday.

"When she rendered this song it became symbolic of lynching," said Kathy A. Perkins, co-editor of "Strange Fruit: Plays on Lynching by American Women," an anthology of plays written by women on the brutal practice of hanging black men that once occurred in parts of America. Perkins and co-editor Judith Stephens spoke Nov. 7 at Northern Kentucky University to more than 100 students about the compilation of stories gathered to form "Strange Fruit."

The stories deal with the racial motivations behind lynching and how black and white women viewed the mobs that acted as judge, jury and executioner of black men often innocent of the crimes that took their

lives. As Stephens described, a lynching was seen as a social event, often advertised in the local newspapers, and photos were shown from "Without Sanctuary," a book by James Allen that visually describes lynching through photography.

In many of the pictures white children were smiling at the camera while a dead body hangs from the tree above them. "They had no shame in what they had done," Stephens said. "What do children watching this spectacle think?"

The bodies were sometimes set on fire by the mob, and spectators would take body-part souvenirs, like fingers and the penis, Stephens said. "When we consider our history truthfully we must consider this part as well," Stephens said.

Ida B. Wells and Mary Talbert were two prominent activists against lynching who are featured in the book. They worked to raise the conscience of the nation and Wells worked by attacking its claims of being a socially just nation.

Many activists would express their

grievances to foreign states hoping they could pressure the U.S. from the outside to stop lynching.

"Lynching is an intersection of race and gender," Stephens said. "Black men were rapists, black women were whores, and white women were victims." The history of the U.S. is filled with examples of fear being used to control the actions of groups of people, Perkins said. Lynching was a rare tactic used to control black men and women after slavery ended and reinforced the community's belief that black men and women were dangerous especially to white women, she added.

The black men accused of raping white women were often innocent, Perkins said, and the true crime was actually based on the jealousy of

white men. Perkins described a case where a black man opened a grocery store across from a white-owned grocery store.

The white owner accused the black owner of raping his wife and it resulted in the lynching of the black owner. Jesse Daniel Ames, a white southerner whose voice is heard in the novel, spoke out against lynching

"Media had a large impact on the decreasing amount of lynching."

— Judith Stephens

because, Perkins said, it was done to defend the honor of white women though their honor wasn't tainted. She organized church women to revolt against this male chivalry that was based on lies. "Media had a large impact on the decreasing amount of lynching," Perkins said.

Public lynching began disappearing in the 1950s as Civil Rights demonstrations were broadcast nationwide, but the practice did not end.

James Byrd, Perkins said, was lynched in Jasper, Tex. in the 1990s by two white men that dragged his body behind a truck. The white men were convicted and sentenced to death, something Perkins said never would have happened after the Civil War. "Certainly we do see a change," Perkins said, but both Perkins and Stephens feel that lynching has just changed form and is more institutionalized.

Stephens said that the overwhelming number of black males in prison and on death row is a state-sponsored form of lynching. Black men who were sent to fight in Vietnam for democracy, Perkins said, while back home were being discriminated against often felt that the U.S. was hypocritical.

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BOOK REVIEW

Writer tackles right-wing distortions

By Travis Gettys

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While Al Franken's "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them" may have gotten all the attention, and a now-dismissed lawsuit from Fox News, journalist Joe Conason covers much the same ground in his latest book, but in a more serious and scholarly fashion.

"Big Lies: The Right-Wing Propaganda Machine and How It Distorts the Truth" is, in some ways, a reaction to books written by conservative pundits Ann Coulter and Sean Hannity. Conason, a columnist for Salon.com and the New York Observer, sets out to dispel what he sees as inaccuracies regarding perceptions about American liberalism.

He begins by attempting to dispel the notion that the media

displays a liberal bias, a deliberate reaction to books like Coulter's wildly inaccurate "Slander" or the sour grapes in Bernard Goldman's "Bias." He makes his case with choice quotes from such figures as Rush Limbaugh, who devotes a significant portion of his radio program to bashing the "liberal media." However, Limbaugh admits: "There's been a massive change in media over the last fifteen years. Now it's 2002 and the traditional liberal media monopoly doesn't exist anymore."

In the chapter, Limousine Liberals and Corporate-Jet Conservatives, Conason also makes an outstanding case that multi-millionaires — like Limbaugh can't possibly represent the voice of "the people." He backs up his claim by quoting a hilarious interview of a snobby Limbaugh in Cigar Aficionado.

Conason laments the tarring of liberals as "unpatriotic," noting that many Democratic lawmakers served their country in the military, while many outspoken conservatives, like Limbaugh and Tom DeLay, avoided service. "The point here is not that anyone who failed to serve should be excluded from decisions about war and peace," Conason writes. "(But) conservatives should stop pretending they have a monopoly on patriotic virtue and military valor, because the record clearly disproves that myth."

George W. Bush and his business and political careers undergo rigorous scrutiny, as would be expected. Of particular note are the unsavory connections Bush has with economic and religious extremists, and how their views inform the president's policies.

For example, Conason describes how Bush adopted the

catch phrase "compassionate conservative," which was coined by Marvin Olasky, whom Conason describes as "a former Communist reborn as a radical fundamentalist, who may have been the only young American who actually signed up with the Communist Party in 1972."

Conason hits his stride late in the book when he begins to describe what he calls a "worldwide network of political and financial connections...where insiders almost always win and investors often lose." Chapter 8 alone is worth the price of admission for the details on Bush's uncanny knack for getting bailed out by his father's friends or someone close to the public's tax dollars, and how those same folks always end up in government positions or get exactly the legislation they wanted to further enrich themselves.

He also makes fair and reasonable criticism of the Bush national security team without resorting to cheap shots or wild accusations.

A lot of the information covered in the book was not new to me, but finding it took me countless hours of research. Conason presents mountains of facts from disparate sources in a clear, concise and damning fashion. If you might be so interested, you can look up more about anything that jumps out at you; there's a lot more where this came from. All you need is access to a Google search engine.

"Big Lies" is definitely worth reading if you're interested in learning more about politics, particularly if you want to read about current events from a perspective that is genuinely different from many you're likely to hear.

While Conason is obviously

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Cover art of Joe Conason's novel

patrianism, he often takes a conciliatory tone to those readers who might disagree with him. He doesn't demand that you agree with him, but he urges you to hear him out.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Radio' lacks good tunes

By Bryan Ashcraft

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A movie like "Radio" raises a lot of questions.

From the very beginning, as the opening words come on the screen "inspired by a true story" one wonders how much of it is actually true and how much is artistic license?

How did the makers of the film get such high powered stars such as Ed Harris to star in the movie? And lastly how did a movie like this ever get made?

Not that it is a particularly bad movie it's just that movies like this are increasingly being done, and being done better, on television.

By movies like this I mean Feel Good Movies intended to tug at the heart strings, and warm the cockles, and to have you leaving the theater feeling all is right and well with the world.

That said "Radio" is a perfectly agreeable family film, sweet natured and inoffensive, and one that makes you feel as warm and fuzzy as your grandma's slippers.

The performances in the movie are adequate. Veteran actors Ed Harris (Apollo 13), Debra Winger (Terms of Endearment) and Alfie Woodard (K-Pax) give slightly better than capable performances that they really could do in their sleep.

The only problem spot in this category is Cuba Gooding Jr. who tries a little too hard to



Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ed Harris star in "Radio" a movie based on a true story

be the sympathetic young man that is, according to his Mama, "just a little slower than most."

Not that trying to hard is a bad thing, some very good movies have been made by people trying too hard (see anything by Terry Gilliam), the problem comes in when the movie-goer continually notices how hard the person is trying.

But Gooding is not the only one guilty in this film of over-reaching, the director, Michael Tollin (Summer Catch) also seems to expend a lot of useless energy.

In the film about a young learning disabled man in South Carolina that is befriended by the local high school football coach and winds up teaching the whole town about friendship acceptance and loyalty, Tollin not only pulls at the heart strings but uses them like bungee cords, yanking down

on them with full force; but again, not a major disagreeable, just an occasional slight annoyance.

There is one part of the movie however that is a major annoyance, the soundtrack.

Intending, I suppose, to give more of a feel of the 70s the film makers pulled the play list of some classic rock, station and plugged the songs in wherever they would fit.

The result is a mixture of songs by bands like the Doobie Brothers, Fleetwood Mac, BTO, etc. that have absolutely no connection to the movie.

If you can keep yourself from noticing Cuba Gooding Jr. trying his best to play a young learning disabled man, and from wincing as "We're an American Band" blares during the high school football game, you'll come out of this movie feeling just fine.

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Sports Scene

Coach builds winners

In 1997 Bob Sheehan took over a fledgling women's soccer program at NKU. That first season the Norse finished 7-11 and were ineligible to qualify for the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship.

Until Sunday Sheehan has led his teams routinely to the conference championships, collecting crowns every year since 1998. He has done this while compiling a career record of 108-22-7.

Sunday was the first time Sheehan's team hasn't come out of the GLVC tournament with a first-place showing. They finished the game tied 1-1, but were beaten in a shootout 3-2 by Wisconsin-Parkside.

According to Sheehan, the first recruiting class was key to the program's success.

"The first year was really important," said Sheehan. "We had a great first year. As a coach I learned to understand the level of competition in the GLVC."

Apparently Sheehan learned a lot. He would go on to guide that group of "special players," to four consecutive GLVC championships, three final four appearances and a birth in the NCAA Division II national championships.

This set of players, including Betsy Moore, Tricia Ruark, Jeanna Martin and Lauren Piening, among others has set a precedent for NKU soccer which has continued with the help of Sheehan. He continues to mold his players into better people, leaving his mark on the university and on their lives.

This precedence has continued into yet another postseason. Although the women's team was unable to capture this season's GLVC tournament title. "This particular team has really been delightful to coach," said Sheehan. "With 14 freshman and 10 sophomores on the roster, the team has really come together and made this a fun team to coach."

Sheehan and the Norse are expected to enter their sixth year of tournament in as many tries. They just keep churning out success.

"We are just trying to get through the day right now," said Sheehan. "We have just tried to recruit players who can be successful with academics and athletics."

Prior to becoming head coach at NKU, Sheehan spent 13 years at St. Ursula Academy in Cincinnati where he controlled a career record of 195-48-28. If you take that record and add it to the success he has had coaching the Norse, he stands at 319-72-36, a winning percentage of roughly .747. Sounds pretty good to me.

"You just have to make sure you are recruiting the right type of kids," said Sheehan. "We just always want to be able to get this level of success."

The precedence set by the first group of players at NKU continues to carry on. It would be almost impossible without Sheehan. The current group of players, led by Senior captains, Kendra Zinser and Becky Schneiders are just more players helping to set the standard of success at NKU.

Sheehan will continue to recruit and coach, all while continuing that standard of success. "We are just trying to get into the NCAA tournament this year, and advance as far as we can," said Sheehan. "We are just going to continue to try and build a solid program."

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Shootout goes to Parkside



Wisconsin-Parkside's Lindsey Griffiths fights for possession of the ball with Amy Martini in Sunday's game. Contributed by Joe Ruh

Team unable to get victory in GLVC final

By JOHN RASP
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In a season in which the Norse women's soccer team always seemed to pull out the win, they fell one shootout goal short of winning their sixth consecutive Great Lakes Valley Conference title. Though the score officially ends in a 1-1 tie, Wisconsin-Parkside won their first GLVC title on a 3-2 shootout victory. NKU opened up the scoring with a goal in the eighth minute. The score was set up by a direct kick by Robyn Withers. Withers crossed the ball in the box and All-GLVC performer Katie Hanck's attempt was blocked by Wisconsin-Parkside's goalie Abbigale Wild. Amy Martini, who also added a goal and two assists in the Norse's semifinal victory, put the rebound in the back of the net.

With the quick goal and a 1-0 lead, it seemed that the Norse could put it in cruise control. "Our players thought (Gorski) slipped on her own, but the official saw it differently and they tied it with the penalty kick," said Sheehan. Megan Jurvis converted the penalty kick that tied the score at 1-1.

The game went into two ten-minute sudden death overtime periods, but neither team could find the back of the net. The Norse had their best opportunity with 1:20 left in the final overtime. During a Norse corner kick, NKU's Amy Law was tackled in the box by Abbigale Wild. NKU was awarded a penalty kick, but senior Becky Schneiders hit the post and the shot went wide.

In the shootout, NKU gained a 2-1 lead when Bobbi Meister and All-GLVC performer Kendra Zinser each converted kicks. Gorski, however, tied the shootout at 2-2 by making her penalty shot.

Amy Martini's attempt was blocked by Wild to keep the shootout tied at 2-2, and Sara Beebe gave the Rangers a 3-2



Samantha Riley tries to clear the ball against Parkside in the loss. Contributed by Joe Ruh

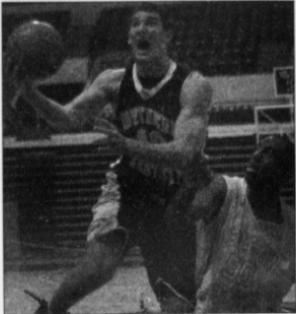
advantage by converting her attempt. Robyn Withers had a final chance to tie the shootout, but her kick was blocked by Wild and Wisconsin-Parkside celebrated its first-ever GLVC championship in women's soccer.

"We practice penalty kicks a great deal and we feel like we were prepared for this because they take a lot of them during our practices," Sheehan said. "Hopefully, we will learn from this and earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament."

NKU is expected to receive its fifth straight berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament when the pairings are announced at 5 p.m. Monday. The Norse (16-2-3) are currently ranked No. 3 in the Great Lakes Region poll, and the top four teams will advance to the NCAA Division II Tournament.

The shootout was the first in NKU history. The Norse remain undefeated in GLVC tournament play (15-0-1). Also since this match is recorded as a 1-1 tie, NKU's conference unbeaten streak goes to 57 matches.

Florida trip yields win



Senior Jesse Rupe takes the ball to the basket. Contributed by Joe Ruh

Men's Basketball team knocks off Kennesaw St., falls to Philadelphia

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Mike Kelsey scored 19 points Friday night as Northern Kentucky University posted an 81-78 win over the Norse. After Mike Kelsey finished off a conventional three-point play with 58 seconds remaining to cut Philadelphia's lead to 77-76, Thomas was fouled and converted a pair of free throws to give the Rams a 79-76 advantage. NKU's Jesse Rupe made a short jumper with 16 seconds left to cut the deficit to 79-78, and the Norse immediately fouled Brent Welton with 14.5 seconds on the clock.

Welton hit one of two free throws to extend Philadelphia's lead to 80-78. NKU's Steve Purdon missed a jumper with two seconds left, and the Rams' Jim McMahon grabbed the rebound and was fouled. McMahon made one of two free throws to give Philadelphia an 81-78 lead with 1.4 seconds left. Kelsey's three-point attempt was partially blocked and Philadelphia (1-1) escaped with the victory.

"It was a nice way to open our season, and we have a great three-point shooting team," NKU head coach Ken Shields said. "We came out strong, and Steve Purdon's shooting really set the tone early in the game."

Purdon made a pair of three-pointers to open the game and give NKU a 6-2 lead. Kelsey added another three-pointer to extend the advantage to 9-2, and the Norse led the entire game.

Adam Howell came off the bench and added 10 points for NKU. Terrence Hill led Kennesaw State, which is ranked No. 22 in the Division II poll, with 19 points.

Kevin Reinhardt finished with nine points for NKU. Sean Rowland added six points and seven assists for the Norse.

In Saturday's game, Tayton Thomas scored 20 of his game-high 30 points in the second half.

Volleyball to host GLVC tournament

Team assured of number one ranking, will host GLVC tournament at Regents

By MATT STEFFEN
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The Norse Volleyball team finished out the regular season this past weekend with wins on both Friday and Saturday.

NKU beat Southern Indiana, Friday, in straight sets (30-10, 30-14, and 30-13). The game against Southern Indiana on Friday night was "Senior Night" honoring the three seniors on the team. Kristin Kowalewski and Nicole Salisbury were the three

the second half, making a pair of key free throws in the final minute as Philadelphia (Pa.) University posted an 81-78 win over the Norse.

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the Norse will play University of Missouri-St. Louis in the first round on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. **Sports Information contributed*

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Cross Country

Both the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams took seventh place in the NCAA Regional meet on Saturday.

The Men's team, led by Sophomore, Grahame Niemer's 78th place finish, had a total of 473 points finishing 17th overall. Niemer finished the 10 kilometer race with a time of 34:30.4. He was followed by Kevin Jerin Arnold (35:01.4) who finished in 94th place, and Freshman Jerry Biedenbender (35:02.4) finishing in 95th place.

Grand Valley State University took first place in the meet, finishing with an overall team score of 46 points. Nick Allen, of Wayne State University was the races individual winner, finishing with a time of 31:29.1.

On the women's side, due to injuries, the Norse only ran four girls so they were unable to place as a team. In the individual standings, Senior Anna Moore led NKU at 37th overall with a time of 23:11.5 over the six kilometer course.

Tracy Inman (23:25.7) placed 49th overall, with Lisa Sand (25:31.0) and Kristen Rose (25:46.2) finished in 104th and 111th places respectively, rounding out the field for NKU.

Natalie Ewing of Grand Valley State University took first place in the meet, with a time of 21:31.5.

Women's Soccer

Amy Martini scored a goal and added two assists Friday as the Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team defeated the University of Missouri-St. Louis, 3-1, in the semifinals of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, Friday.

Kendra Zinser and Sam Riley also scored goals as top-seeded NKU improved to 16-2-2 overall.

Zinser gave NKU a 1-0 lead just five minutes into the match by blasting in an 18-yard shot that was assisted by Martini. The Norse upped the advantage to 2-0 at the 24:34 mark when Martini took a pass from Amy Law and beat Missouri-St. Louis goalie Courtney Carnody with a 15-yard shot.

Katie Huesling cut the lead to 2-1 with a goal just before half-time, but the Riverwolves were limited to four shots the entire match. Sam Riley sealed the victory for NKU with four minutes remaining when she scored on a breakaway that was assisted by Martini.

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hotseat



with Elias Hajjar

This Week Elias, sits down with women's basketball player, Sharril Snardon

Elias Hajjar: What team are you looking forward to playing the most this season?
Sharril Snardon: Indianapolis, because one of their girls [Amy Wissler] knocked my teeth out.

EH: If you could be any athlete for one day who would it be and on what day?
SS: Shaquille O'Neal, because he dominates in the paint. He's big! Nobody can hold him in the paint. He's the best.

EH: If you played the University of Cincinnati or Xavier University's Women's basketball team, could NKU pull off an upset and win?
SS: Yes, NKU has a lot of heart and coach Winstel is a great coach. I just feel like we can beat them. We played them in the open gym this summer, and we got a few games out of them and I think we can,

definitely upset them.

EH: Could the women's team beat the men's team in a scrimmage?
SS: Yes, of course, just because we work hard.

EH: Out of all the newcomers on the team, who do you think has the most potential to have a breakout season?
SS: I think all of them are tough! All the girls that are newcomers this year are really tough and can easily have a breakout season.

EH: I think all of them are tough! All the girls that are newcomers this year are really tough and can easily have a breakout season. They seem to be clinging well with the team from last year and I think that all of our newcomers can have a good year.

EH: Fact or Fiction: The Lady Norse will make it back to the National Championship game?
SS: Fact, fact. I believe in our team and I think that if we work hard in practice and games I think we can upset a lot of teams like we did last year. Seriously underestimated us last year and we came and won, and did what we had to do to get to the national championship. I think we can get back there.

EH: Fact or Fiction: The Lady Norse will win the National Championship?
SS: Fact.

EH: Fact or Fiction: The Lady Norse will win the GLVC and the GLVC Tournament?
SS: Fact. With a lot of hard work we can get a lot accomplished.

EH: Fact or Fiction: The men's team will have a better record than the women's team at the end of the regular season?
SS: Fiction. I really don't know why. I wish the men well, and I think we'll have a good year and I think the men will have a good year.

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Volleyball

Thursday, Nov. 13 GLVC Tournament, vs. Missouri-St. Louis @ 7:30

Friday, Nov. 14 GLVC Tournament Third Round @ NKU (if necessary)

Saturday, Nov. 15 GLVC Tournament Second Round @ NKU (if necessary)

Women's Soccer

Friday, Nov. 13 at NCAA Tournament First Round, TBA

Sunday, Nov. 15 at NCAA Tournament Second Round, TBA (if necessary)

Women's Basketball

Thursday, Nov. 13 at Indiana State University (exhibition)

At Holiday Isle Classic (Tavernier, Florida)

Thursday, Nov. 20 vs. Nova Southeastern @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22 vs. TBA @ TBA

Men's Basketball

Friday, Nov. 21-22 John L. Griffitt/Lions Club Classic @ NKU

Giants look for win; expect hard times for Lions

Football Picks



with Dominick Wise

New York Giants at the Philadelphia Eagles

Can the Eagles sweep the season series between these two NFC East powerhouses? The loser of this game can kiss the NFC East division crown good bye.

The Giants dominated the Eagles a few weeks ago, but fell

short, because of their horrendous special teams. Donovan McNabb had one of his worst games as a pro. The Giants defensive line and secondary dominated the game. The Eagles have to get Duce Staley and Brian Westbrook involved in the running game. If they can't find any holes and the receivers can't get open, then

the Eagles will struggle again. Kerry Collins has been on a roll and needs to avoid the turnovers. The last three games he has had an outstanding job of avoiding the turnovers. This will be another low scoring affair between these two bitter division rivals. I pick the Giants to win a close one.

Prediction:

Knights 20 Eagles 17

Detroit Lions at the Seattle Seahawks

What has happened to Joey Harrington? Who would have thought he would struggle this bad in just his second year. Harrington, this season has more interceptions, than touchdowns. Matt Hasselbeck should have a big day picking apart a

very average suspect Lions secondary. Shaun Alexander should have a big day running the ball. This should be a tune-up for the Seahawks before they go to Baltimore next week. The Lions seem to need help at every position. I like the Seahawks big in this one.

Prediction:
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