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Campus calendar

Job Expo 2002

The chance for students to make a business connection will come to campus on Tuesday, April 9 when over 80 companies will visit campus at this year's Job Expo. The fair will take place in Regents Hall at 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

International Coffee Hour

This is a time for food and fellowship with international students, sponsored by the Office of International Student Affairs. Free food and conversation will be offered in the UC 2nd floor lobby from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Women's Arts and Crafts Festival

Arts and crafts made by women will be available for sale in the University Center Lobby from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The event is sponsored by the women's center.

Military History Lecture Series

Dr. Graydon Tunstall, Jr. will present a lecture regarding a war few in America know, the Carpathian Winter War. The lecture entitled *Blood In The Snow: The Carpathian Winter War 1915*, will cover the war that destroyed the army of Austria-Hungary. It takes place on Tuesday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m. in Landrum room 506.

International Potluck Dinner

The International Potluck Dinner will be held on April 6 from 5-9 p.m. in Regents Hall. There will be an abundance of food, dances, a fashion show and music from different corners of the world. Members of the International Student Union will enlighten you with the richness of different customs and traditions among "The Citizens of the World," the theme of this year's dinner. Reserve your ticket today by contacting Adam at ext. 6517 or wdamask@nku.edu. There is no cost to attend, but each guest should bring a main dish to feed about 10 other people.

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Battered, bruised and broken



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Vandalism: Maria Kammerer's sculpture sits in gallery director David Knights office, reduced to shattered pieces.

Sculpture destroyed by vandals in main gallery

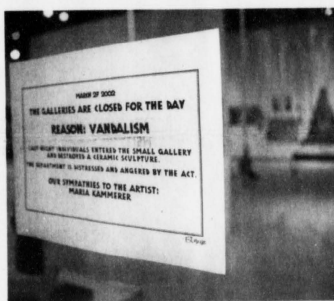
By Scott Wartman
Editor in Chief

Around 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, two students in the main art gallery in the Fine Arts Building reported hearing a loud crash and seeing three men run away. The crashing sound ended up being the destruction of a three foot ceramic sculpture, which was in pieces on the floor.

The students reported the incident to art department chair Don Keim who then notified public safety. The witnesses, however, didn't get a clear description of the men, said David Knight, director of exhibitions and collections.

This is the most serious act of vandalism in the art gallery since two paintings, collectively worth \$2,000, were stolen two years ago, said Knight. The perpetrators of that crime are still on the loose, Knight said.

The sculpture was appraised at \$300 last semester and Knight estimated an additional \$300 worth of damage was done to the floor as a result of the sculpture falling. Knight said sometimes a piece gets broken by accident, but this was no accident. "Minor things get broken, usually not as high of value. This is



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Access denied: After the sculpture was smashed, the gallery closed temporarily.

more malicious," Knight said. "No one came forward right away saying it was an accident."

The ceramic sculpture, entitled "Shedding," was created last semester by senior art major Maria Kammerer and depicted a woman shedding her skin. Kammerer said she slaved over the sculpture for

about a month, and it was tough to hear about it's demise. The sculpture, shattered to pieces, now resides in boxes in Knight's office.

"I was shocked. You don't expect that to happen," Kammerer said. "It is very painful; you spend so much

See Vandalism damage sculpture on page 8

How do NKU's sharp shooters measure up to others around the nation? See how the skeet and trap team did in a national competition.

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SGA slate voting proposal vetoed

By Scott Wartman
Editor in Chief

Student Government Association President Katie Herschdel vetoed on Monday a new piece of legislation that would give students an option to run for the executive board on a slate, rather than an individual ticket. In a slate ticket, students vote for one group of people to fill all five positions in the executive board: president, executive vice president, vice president for public relations, vice president for student and academic affairs and vice president for administrative affairs. Students under the bill, would be given the option of running as an individual or as a group. Prior to the veto, the measure had been approved by the senate by a 15-11 margin at the previous meeting.

Supporters say a slate ticket brings diversity to SGA by giving non-Greek students a better chance at winning a spot on the executive board. The slate ticket would break the monopoly Greek members have on the board, said Dave Caddell, executive affairs and member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Instead of putting a person against a Greek student, a ticket would allow Greeks to run alongside other students, Caddell said.

Greeks currently hold office in all five positions and Caddell said it has been that way for a while.

"Too many Greeks have run SGA for too long," Caddell said. "Don't put me wrong, Greek representation is important because they do a lot, but can anyone tell me that 5 Greeks represent the whole campus?" Herschdel defended her decision by saying that introducing a change in election procedures so close to the deadline for students to submit their candidacy is unconstitutional and unfair. With elections coming up on April 17 and 18, Herschdel said it is unfair to change the rules for those who are running.

"I made a deliberate decision to make sure it was fair and constitutional," Herschdel said.

Much of the opposition to the bill agreed the timing was inappropriate. "In the long run it might be good; it is just not the right time," said senator Abby Bentz. "It discourages people who are running."

Herschdel said only the Judicial Council or an amendment to the SGA constitution can change the election procedures. An amendment would require the approval of the Board of Regents.

Caddell disagreed, saying the decision only served to alleviate a potential burden for those running for executive board this month.

Caddell said if the slate voting proposal was approved, those running for office would have to adjust to compete against slates. For the next election, four out of the five positions on the executive board are running uncontested. If a slate were introduced, Caddell said there would be an increase in competition.

Herschdel said she expected people to disagree with her decision, but affirmed her reasons for her decision were genuine.

"I am placed in a unique situation of being president and running for re-election," Herschdel said. "It is my job to uphold the constitution. I spent a lot of sleepless nights on this decision of constitutionality and fairness."

Herschdel emphasized that she wasn't against the idea of slate voting, but questioned the fairness of introducing such a policy late in the game.

Some, however, feel the current system of voting is unfair. Without slate voting, non-greeks are too intimidated to run, Caddell said. Only two of the nine people running in for the executive board in the upcoming elections are not members of Greek organizations, he said.

One of those non-Greek candidates is senator Burhan Mohamedali. Mohamedali said he opted not to run for last year because he felt his chances of winning were slim.

"I probably wouldn't get enough votes," Mohamedali said. "I could run against a Greek and lose. I would have to campaign a lot harder to win. If I am in a fraternity, I can get my votes from those in fraternities."

Even though Mohamedali won't be able to run on a slate, he said he will persist in his bid for a position on the executive board.

"I'll try and prove my point if I run up against a Greek and then lose," Mohamedali said.

Slate voting would also require a candidate to acquire 300 signatures, 60 per person, instead of the 75 an individual will have to acquire to run for office. None of the signatures can be duplicates. Senator Debbie Davis said this also gives an advantage to non-greek students.

"That forces you to go out beyond your friends," Davis said. "It makes someone go out and get international students."

The future of slate voting remains uncertain. Herschdel agreed slate voting has merits and could possibly be enacted for the elections in Spring 2003. SGA will decide in next Monday's meeting whether to put the issue of slate voting on the April ballot for students to decide.

Social work students collect old cell phones to help senior citizens

By Susan Bartels
Business Manager

Senior citizens of Campbell County will have better access to emergency services thanks to a group of social work students from Northern Kentucky University.

The group, working in partnership with local law enforcement and senior agencies, is asking students and area residents to donate old cell phones and chargers that will then be redistributed to seniors who meet a few basic criteria.

The cell phones will only be able to dial 911 and there is no fee for the service.

Partnering with the students is a community group called Triad, which consists of area

chiefs of police, the sheriff's office and Senior Services of Northern Kentucky, a local senior organization.

Triad was formed several years ago to help seniors and law enforcement prevent senior criminal victimization. Sally Schaefer, social work major and group leader, said many seniors can't afford cell phones and often have difficulty summoning help when they are away from a regular phone. "They can carry them with them in their car or if they go out to work in the yard, anything like that," said Schaefer.

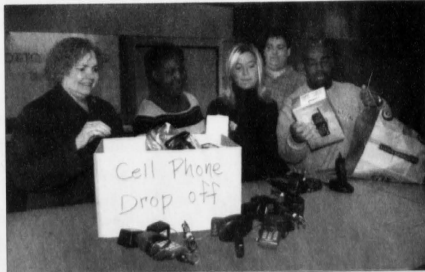
The phones can be used free of charge because all cell phones, as long as they are charged, can call 911. It is not necessary to buy minutes, pay

for a plan or even reconfigure the phone. Once the phone is turned on, you just push in 911; there won't be a dial tone.

Pat Schneider, Triad's community education coordinator, said she sees it as a great way to help seniors. "I really believe that it's a good way for seniors to have access to emergency services; to help or assist in a crisis, especially for individuals who can't afford this on their own."

Once the students have the program up and running, senior volunteers will take over the collecting and distributing process.

Criteria for eligibility are you must be over 62 years old and have an income of less than \$800.00 per month



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Ring Ring: So far, the social work students have collected approximately 100 cell phones. From left to right: Sally Schaefer, Denise Saunders, Colleen Bohman, Mark Redden and Chris Jefferson.

minus medical expenses.

Collection has already begun through several churches and police departments. So far, there have been approximately 100 phones donated.

The first distribution date will be April 5 at the Campbell County Senior

building in Highland Heights. Donation centers in the area include: First Baptist Church of Cold Spring, Campbell County Sheriff's Office, Campbell County Police Station, Newport Police Station, Highland Heights Baptist Church, and NKU.

To donate at NKU, bring the phone to the University Center information desk. Be sure to bring the home based charger and any car chargers you no longer use. "Donate cell phones," Schaefer urged. "We need them."

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MAR 28 2002-Thursday-07:49pm

Location: 415 JOHNS HILL ROAD - EMOTIONALLY UPSET SUBJECT
During a traffic stop, Officer noticed that a Female subject was in a very upset state. Officer felt that the subject was a danger to herself or others. Subject was transported to the DPS Office for her safety. The on-duty NKU counselor was contacted and responded. Case remains open.

MAR 27 2002-Wednesday-09:38am

Location: FINE ARTS BUILDING - MAIN GALLERY - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF-3rd Degree
NKU employee reported that

unknown subject(s) damaged a piece of artwork and the floor at the listed location. Under investigation...

MAR 28 2002-Thursday-11:34am

Location: DORMS/WOODCREST/WILLOW - THIRD FLOOR - FIGHT
Two female subjects involved in a verbal altercation at the listed location. Subjects were advised to and did disperse. There were no injuries in this incident. Case closed...

MAR 27 2002-Wednesday-08:27pm

Location: NUNN DRIVE-AT PARKING LOT J - TRAFFIC

Vehicle Stop

Vehicle was stopped at listed location for disregarding a traffic control device. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Stop Sign and No Proof of Insurance. Case closed...

MAR 26 2002-Friday-11:34am

Location: ARTS/GRAVES HALL - MEDICAL RESPONSE-No Squad
Male juvenile with a hand injury sustained when a car door was closed on it. Victims mother on the scene. Injury was treated with ice on the scene by responding officer. Victims mother refused a squad. Case closed...

MAR 23 2002-Saturday-

10:37am

Location: LANDRUM BUILDING - SECOND FLOOR - ELEVATOR STUCK

Female subject stuck in an elevator at the listed location. NKU Maintenance responded and freed the subject. Subject was not injured. Elevator was taken out of service until repairs are made. Case closed...

MAR 22 2002-Friday-04:32pm

Location: NKU WEST CAMPUS - MEDICAL RESPONSE-After the Fact
N.K.U. West Campus Guard reported that during class, last night, a folding classroom partition fell over and struck a Female student. Subject was not injured. Report was

not filed until 3/22/02. Case closed...

MAR 22 2002-Friday-03:31pm

Location: STEELY LIBRARY - ALARM DROPS
Smoke and Supervisory Alarms received via the EUSA Computer from the listed location. Officer and the NKU Environmental Safety Officer checked the area, finding no evidence of Smoke or Fire. The NKU ESO stated that it was not necessary to notify the Fire Department. The alarm was believed to have been caused by dust created by contractors working in the building. The alarm was reset, building cleared for re-occupancy, and scene cleared at 03:41pm. Case closed...

Study shows change in attitudes about sex at NKU

By Scott Wartman
Editor in Chief

Current Northern Kentucky University students are having more sex than students 20 years ago, say surveys conducted by two psychology professors.

Dr. Paul Bishop and Dr. Angela Lipsitz completed their sixth survey in 20 years last week, questioning the sexual practices and perceptions of students on campus. The previous surveys show a rise in sexual activity and acceptance of premarital sex and contraception among students and parents alike since 1982, when the survey began. The survey polls 400 students between the ages of 18 to 24 in the introduction to psychology courses. Between 1982 to the last survey conducted in 1997, the results of the study show the number of women who reported to have had sex rose from 57 percent to 84 percent. The number of men having sex escalated from 63 percent to 75 percent, the study found.

Results from the most recent survey won't be tabulated until fall,

Bishop said. Bishop attributes the rise in sex to a more liberal attitude of society, in particular parents. The study showed over 20 percent less students felt their parents wanted them to be married or planning marriage before having sex. Society has become more liberal, Bishop said, and this culture change plays a big role in their behavior and beliefs.

"When you see the media coverage of spring break in Cancun, it is easy to see things are different," Bishop said.

Most students actually feel their parents would support them and encourage them to practice safe sex, said Dr. Barbara Sween, director of Health and Counseling Services at NKU.

"They are seeing their parents as more for support," Sween said.

There are very few students who are concerned with how their parents will react to their sex lives said Shirley Fledderjohn, R.N., a nurse for Health and Counseling Services, said. "I have only had one or two students coming in saying 'I hope

Sexual Standards

Percentage of students wanting to be married or planning marriage in order to have sex:

This graph shows the results of the survey regarding how important marriage is to students in having sex and how important the student believes it is to their parents for them to be married before they start having sex.

	Percentage of personal importance	Perceived importance to mother	Perceived importance to father
1982	69.7 %	90.8%	93.6%
1990	51.8%	79.3%	90.4%
1997	33.2%	72.7%	86.2%

Source: Dr. Paul Bishop and Dr. Angela Lipsitz

my parents don't find out," Fledderjohn said.

Also on the rise, according to the study, is the number of sexual partners people say they have had. Those who have had six or more partners went from 7 percent in 1982 to 20 percent in 1997 for the women, while the men went from 16 percent to 20 percent. Conversely, those having only one partner went down for the women, from 45 percent to 30 percent, and up for the

men, from 24 percent to 32 percent.

Fledderjohn said most students she comes in contact with aren't promiscuous, however, and many have had relatively few partners.

"I see more monogamy," Fledderjohn said. "Before I started here, I assumed college students weren't monogamous, but I think they are at a much higher percentage."

While sex is on the rise, the study finds the use of birth control to be

inconsistent. In the last study in 1997, 78 percent of the women and 64 percent of the men said they used condoms when they first had sex. For the last time they had sex, only 38 percent of the women and 55 percent of the men had used a condom.

People tend to become more careless with birth control in longer relationships, Lipsitz said.

"They make the assumption the condom isn't necessary," she said.

Sween agreed that many students don't consistently use birth control, and she credits a lack of understanding in how the body works as a cause. "Some don't know how to use a condom, she said."

"We quite frequently see students in our office who don't have all the facts concerning how their body functions reproductively," Sween said. "We can't expect a role they are putting those bodies together in a clear fashion, and that leads to problems that bring them into this office."

The recent survey added questions to see the effect of sex education on a person's behavior. Lipsitz said she is interested in the influence of abstinence-only philosophies in schools encourage students to sign. Lipsitz said she believes that educating students about foregoing sex may have an initial effect, but doesn't change a person's behavior in the long run. There may be even some

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Students prepare for the 'Rites of Spring'

By Jason Ellis
Distribution Manager

Spring has sprung on the campus of Northern Kentucky University. Along with spring comes the annual Rites of Spring event on campus.

The Rites of Spring will begin on Monday, April 15 and continue until Saturday, April 20, ending with the third-annual watermelon bust and the crowning of the Watermelon Bust King and Queen.

This year, however, the king and queen will be the individuals that accumulate the most points throughout the week, rather than the winners of the Watermelon Bust, which has been the crowning method of previous years. Points are awarded

in each individual event during the week. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams with the most spirit and the most accumulated points in the competition.

"This year it's set up as an on-going competition culminating at the Watermelon Bust," said Dustin Lewis, of the Activities Programming Board.

This year's event is also geared more toward the entire student body, not just student organizations.

The event will also raise money for Student Scholarship Awards. "Every organization participating in it is trying to raise money for the Student Scholarship Awards," said Amanda Bunner, APB membership recruitment chair.

The APB is expecting more than a dozen organizations to participate. "We would like 20 or more to participate," said Lewis.

The events are as follows:

Monday, April 15: APB Day on the University Center Plaza. The APB will pass out information about upcoming events. KISS 107FM is also scheduled to be there.

Tuesday, April 16: Student Organization Rally to promote involvement in organizations on campus.

Wednesday, April 17: Starving Student Expo, where students can get free food and sodas, the Wheelchair Basketball Game and day two of the Student Organization Rally.

Thursday, April 18: APB will be sponsoring an Academia Bowl in the University Center Ball Room.

Friday April 19: The Gladiator Games, featuring inflatable games such as, bungee ball, two-lane bungee run, gladiator jousting, an obstacle course and inflatable sumo wrestling.

Saturday, April 20: Third-Annual Watermelon Bust. This event features contests such as: watermelon eating, seed spitting, watermelon toss, greasy car, nose relay, carving, tug-o-war and a watermelon desert contest. The Watermelon Bust King and Queen will also be crowned and other trophies presented.

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Students rock for charity

By Karen Scott
Northerner Contributor

Rocking chairs are ready at the University Center Plaza, gearing up for the 23rd Annual Rock-A-Thon starting Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. and rocking all night until noon on Thursday, April 11. Sponsored by Phi Sigma Sigma, this rocking good time also includes a Euchre Tournament, Pie a Guy and a Rock Hard Abs Contest.

"This year, Channel 12 is coming to profile the rock-a-thon in their morning show," said Katie Herschede, SGA president said. "It's turning into being a much bigger deal than in the past."

Channel 12 will be broadcasting from the University Center lounge

on Thursday morning at 6 a.m. This is Herschede's third rock-a-thon, which draws 50 to 100 students annually. There's no cost to rock, but the group is accepting donations. "We try to get people to rock for so long to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation," said new sorority member Cheri Taylor. "We do a lot of activities to raise money for a lot of things. We try to do a lot of events."

Besides supporting the National Kidney Foundation, the rock-a-thon also raises money for educational grants and scholarships. Phi Sigma Sigma will rock hard for 26 hours to reach a goal of \$1000.

"During dialysis, kidney patients rock in rocking chairs to help the blood flow," said Herschede.

That's why they do a rock-a-thon, using chairs brought to campus by the 50 sorority members. Rocking chairs will be rocking on campuses all over the country at the same time, supporting Phi Sigma Sigma's national philanthropy, the National Kidney Foundation.

Faculty, students, sororities and fraternities will take turns in the rocking chairs, competing for awards given to individuals and organizations that rock the most. Besides the rock-a-thon, lots of activities and games will spur on the rockers, including lunch for a dollar. "Rock" music and entertainment by a disc jockey will set the tone for a great day of rockin' on the plaza.

Noche Latina



Susan Bartels/The Northerner

Latin moods: Local salsa band Son Del Caribe provided snappy, Latin dance music for the Latino Student Union's festival Noche Latina on March 23.

Course guides students on career options after college

By Cheryl Ritchie
Northerner Contributor

A career development course offered at Northern Kentucky University helps guide students on their career path.

"This is a class that was developed to help students learn the career development process and to go through the career development process," Betsy Jennings, director of the Career Development Center, said. The process includes: career planning, job market information and job search. The career development class is the ideal class for undeclared students or declared students who want to learn more about career options. The class begins with getting to know yourself and participating in self-assessments. The self-assessments help to tell a person

about their interests, skills, values and personality.

"This class makes you think very hard about your strengths and values and then works on tying in a job to fit those," Kristy Eversole, sophomore, industrial labor relations major, said. "This is something that is usually overlooked when searching for a major/career, and is probably a big reason why people are so dissatisfied in their jobs."

The class was developed about 20 years ago and is offered every semester. It is a two credit course and lasts for only 10 weeks.

"This is not a typical class you would take at Northern," Eversole said. "Instead of focusing on facts about history, math or science, you are focusing on yourself."

The class teaches how to search for a job, how to develop a resume

Inside this issue: Check out Career Connections, The Northerner's guide to the Job Expo, April 9 in Regents Hall.

and how to be successful in an interview. Students are required to purchase a book called "Coming Alive from Nine to Five," written by Betty Neville Michelozzi.

Undeclared freshman Erin Aviles has narrowed her career choice down to two with the help of the career development course.

"I am still thinking about going into education, but then I like to work with computers," she said. "So I'm in the middle of deciding that and they are really helping me think it over."

The career development course can be useful to all students, even those who think they know exactly what career path they want to follow. "The objective is not to find the perfect job when you finish this course," Jennings said. "Every semester there have been some students who have been able to really figure it out."

Karen Scott
Northerner Contributor

Back in March, a fraternity took the plunge into Lake Inferior. Now in April, a sorority is making a splash in the Albright Health Center pool. Delta Gamma's seventh-annual Anchor Splash will be held April 11, at 7 p.m. It promises many team water sports, competitions, events, contests, prizes and plenty of food and drinks.

Senior Megan Ryan competed in the event last year with her sorority, Alpha Sigma Chi.

"The duck on the forehead game was fun," said Ryan. She explained saying there was a regular swimming race, and another race where one person used just their arms and

one just their legs as a team to swim the pool. "At the end, each team could serenade the judges to win a prize, but my group didn't do it," said Ryan.

About 15-20 groups of five or six members each compete in water games for prizes. Fraternities and sororities participate, as well as the Baptist Student Union and a couple cross-country teams. Individuals can also team up to play the games, or just stop by to watch the action and cheer on their favorite team.

"It's a great time raising money for a good cause," said Jessica Causey, sophomore, social work major.

"When you do it for a good cause, and have fun doing it, it's always a good time."

All "Anchor Splash" proceeds go to the Cincinnati Association for the Blind. "Just working with them is great," said Causey.

Delta Gamma girls volunteer a couple times per semester at parties during Christmas and Halloween, and help blind children hunt Easter eggs.

The eggs have beepers on them so blind children can find them, she said. Besides funding these parties, some of the money raised at Anchor Splash goes to buy seeing-eye dogs.

For more information about getting a team together for Anchor Splash contact Tricia at recordp@nku.edu or Casey at casey_salzer@hotmail.com.

The 2002 Spring Share Project is a program that allows students to win a program award from the Dean of Students by giving 50 cents or a can of food at the University Center or other locations. Win a chance on a DVD player, CDs, T-shirts, and other great stuff!

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FEATURES

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Egg hunt honors late NKU graduate

By Elizabeth Cochran
Northerner Contributor

The Edgewood, Ky. home of NKU student Cameron Cochran and his family was filled with 150 children and adults last Sunday for the 2nd Annual Egg Hunt on Janie's Rabbit Hill. Over 100 guests arrived for the second hunt, and were able to enjoy the warmer afternoon weather while hunting for eggs, sipping lemonade, munching cookies and admiring decorative posters made by Caywood Elementary School students.

The Egg Hunt on Janie's Rabbit Hill, now an annual event, is held by members of the advisory council for the Jane Martin Cochran Memorial Educational Fund, commonly known as "The Janie Fund." The fund was established in 2001 to honor the memory of Jane Martin Cochran, an NKU alumna and member of the NKU Writing Project. The fund benefits Kenton County public school students.

Janie is the mother of Cameron, grew up in Edgewood and died of breast cancer in January 2001. She was a teacher in the Kenton County Public School District, a devoted mother and a friend to many. As a teacher, Janie worked hard to break down barriers that kept her students from learning. Whether a child needed dental work, a warm coat, a notebook or a hug, she found a way to fulfill each need. In her memory, the Janie Fund distributes grant money to each of the Kenton County

public elementary schools to be used at the discretion of the school faculty for the purpose of directly helping the students. Scholarships are also awarded to high school students who have overcome challenges and difficulties and plan to attend college or technical school.

Cameron Cochran said the event was more for the children than to money for the Janie Cochran fund. The event netted only a small amount of money, he said.

"It was to help the kids have fun," he said.

Organizers deemed the two sessions of this year's Egg Hunt on Janie's Rabbit Hill a great success. As the festivities began, Chris Cochran, husband of Jane Cochran, led the children in a repeat-after-me chant called, "Let's go on an egg hunt!" Cochran then gave participants directions for the hunt, which was held in the field adjoining his yard. While waiting for the signal to begin hunting, one child proclaimed, "I see hundreds of eggs!" His buddy replied, "I see millions!"

While the children searched for eggs filled with candy, they also had to dodge volunteers from Dixie Heights High School armed with silly string. Dixie students were also "Egg inspectors," keeping order out on the hunting grounds.

The grand prize of the Egg Hunt was the "golden egg," which was hidden inside one of the common plastic eggs. Kelsey Voskuhl, a fifth-grader at Caywood Elementary,



Photo contributed
Eggs galore: Kids charge the hill in search of eggs and the treasure within.

found the golden egg at the first hunt. When asked how she did it, she replied, "I just took my time, I guess." Mabry Seiter, a second-grade student at Caywood, found the golden egg at the 3:30 hunt. Her winning approach was similar to Voskuhl's. "Someone hid (sic) the egg, and I found it." Both Voskuhl and Seiter were awarded medals engraved with a rabbit and the inscription, "Janie Fund Egg Hunt 2002."

Gathering the children after the egg hunt, Cochran awarded the medals and announced the winner of the Jelly Bean Guess. The first session saw Shahana Reese, a fifth-grade student at Caywood, receive the prize for her guess of 1020 jelly

beans. Brent Noble, 6also a student at Caywood, won the second contest. Reese and Noble also received engraved medals.

Plans for a Certified 5K road race fund-raiser are in the works for this fall. The Janie Fund is a member of the Northern Kentucky Family of Funds of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. Those interested in making a tax-deductible donation can send a check written to: The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, 200 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Please note "The Janie Fund" on the memo line. Further inquiries can be made to Karen Zerhusen at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, (513)241-2880.

Taste the world at potluck dinner

By Barbara Brow
Northerner Contributor

Every year around spring the International Student Union hosts a potluck dinner. This year's dinner has a theme of "Citizens of the world."

"After 9-11 we wanted to show people we are all citizens of the world," said Adam Widanski, program coordinator for International Student Affairs.

The dinner has been a big event for the International Student Union for over a decade. Maria Yanez, vice president and chair of the ISU explained how the potluck used to be at the University Center Ballroom, but now because of increased membership is held in Regents Hall.

The organizers feel it is a way for international students to celebrate their culture and ethnicity with fellow American students. When asked what the ISU hopes to gain from the potluck Widanski said, "We hope to bring community awareness and cultural awareness to the NKU campus."

The ISU will provide entertainment of various forms including dances from Africa, Indonesia, India and Pakistan as well as Latin America and the Caribbean. Live music from Argentina, Africa and America will also be presented.

A kaftan, a sari and sarong will be exhibited in the fashion show the students will conduct at the end of

the night. For the curious mind that would like to know what other people are wearing in other countries, this is the place to be.

Anyone who wishes to attend should bring a main dish to feed 10 people. A diverse array of food will be the highlight of the night, so start digging out those recipes and get ready to show off your talent as a world class chef.

The pot luck dinner will be on Saturday April 6. The event is open to all NKU students, staff and faculty who wish to attend. In the past this event has attracted as many as two hundred people in support of this organization.

This year they are expecting over 300 people to attend to reserve your tickets in advance.

This is a free event, but seating is limited so call the ISU and reserve your ticket (s).

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Come out and support the International Student Union.

"If you have reserved tickets you must come to International Student Affairs in UC room 366. The absolute last day for tickets is Thursday April 4. If the tickets are not picked up by Thursday we will assume you are not coming," said Widanski.

Blade II a weak, cliché vampire movie

By Joe Glaser
Northerner Contributor

Sequels rarely receive higher acclaim than their predecessor. In fact, many flop. Unfortunately "Blade II," starring Wesley Snipes, couldn't beat the stereotype.

I went into the movie with a positive attitude.

The first "Blade" had been an action-packed, original take on the vampire scene, portraying the new generation of vampires as a club going underground, just out to have a good time and take over the world. Blade served a worthy adversary. He stopped their immediate attempt, but in the process lost his partner who was bitten by a vampire. He killed himself to avoid becoming one himself. In "Blade II," Blade's grumpy old partner is back, but does his loyalty to the same cause return with his character? "Blade II" does feature another original vampire plot involving a mutated, new breed of vampire that thirsts for both human and vampire blood. The special



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Flickeffs: Blade doesn't take no for an answer as he shows this vampire. effects are excellent and the gore level is high. There are some decent plot twists that most moviegoers couldn't pinpoint. Unfortunately, it seems that since the release of "The Matrix" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," fight scenes in high-budget, weaker plot movies will be forever changed. I was disappointed to see the overused, sped-up fight sequence used in every fight scene in the movie. And since when

do most vampires know martial arts anyway? Overall, the film was just overdone, a film meant to impress the eyes, but falling short of impacting the mind.

"Blade II" was fairly entertaining to watch, but it soon became tiring. I would suggest seeing it at the cheap seats in a couple weeks. I'm pretty sure it will be there soon.

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THE OPINIONS

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Letters to the Editor

Students should not be charged for course shopping

By Jordan Kellogg
Northern Contributor

The Board of Regents' decision to charge students \$67 per credit hour over 16 hours is a poor one. It fails to recognize the protection "course shopping" provides students and penalizes students who take over 18 credit hours a semester.

It also reveals a foolish faith in the advising process at Northern. The Board of Regents needs to remember that each student has a distinct and unique learning style. Most people know how they best absorb information. Teachers have their own styles of instructing as well, but what if a student doesn't respond to their instructor's techniques? Should students be forced to sit through a semester trying to grasp information they know they could otherwise master if presented in another form? Not if they have other options.

"Course shopping" also serves as a protection against professors' quirks and whims. President Votruba says "course shopping" wastes campus resources. If so, then the estimated \$250,000 in additional revenue per unit pricing is supposed to generate should be used to compensate students whose resources (time and gas) are wasted every time a

professor decides to cancel class without notice. Students should also be allowed to dip into that money to pay for books listed by professors on their syllabuses, but never used in their classes. Advising is not an exact science. It is unrealistic to expect advisors to know the quality of every class and every professor on campus. The majority of the time advisors do a great job and their help is invaluable, but it is up to students themselves to decide if particular classes, professors or teaching styles are right for them. If not, then they have the option of dropping classes without losing full-time status. Per unit pricing just attaches a price to this service, while imposing a tuition hike on those students who take more than 16 credit hours a semester. For most students, taking exactly 16 credit hours is impossible. The option is between 15 and 18 credit hours. To earn a degree requiring 128 credit hours and not be charged the additional per unit pricing fee, students will have to set their max at 15 credit hours. Before the policy change, students could graduate in three and a half years, taking 18 credit hours. Per unit pricing strips students of some protection and penalizes other students who are trying to graduate in a timely fashion.

Last week's paper was great

I wish to praise the Wednesday, March 27, 2002 issue of *The Northerner*. It is one of the best I've not the best issue I have read in my twenty years at Northern Kentucky University.

All the articles (and even the letters to the editor) were pertinent to the NKU community, on important and/or interesting subjects, and well-written.

I appreciated the informative yet critical piece titled "Recycling program lacks effort." Important information was also contained in the front-page article about how NKU ranks in the nation in terms of percentage of black faculty. Valuable information was in the front-page article about the change in campus citation policy, the second-page story about exciting educational opportunities with the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad, the third-page piece about the NKU All-Card,

and the fourth-page story on College Night. Also on page four were two additional articles of interest, one on the poor diets and exercise habits of NKU students and the other a fine, positive profile of an NKU non-traditional student, a very busy "stay-at-home mom."

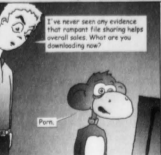
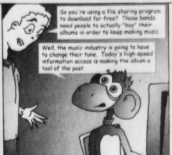
The pieces were written in an engaging and well-organized manner as well. I especially liked the lead or opening to the front-page story about the fraternity plunge into Lake Inferior to raise money for a charity. "Lake Inferior took on a superior cause..." Also, the first and last paragraphs in the "Stay-at-home mom" profile nicely and cleverly framed the story.

Thank you all at *The Northerner* for excellent reporting!

Paul Ellis

Director, Learning Assistance Program

Concrete Jungle



Solutions to 'course shopping'

The March 20th edition of *The Northerner* addressed the issues of course shopping and minimal full-time and part-time students subsidizing the students taking 13 or more hours per semester.

A policy of an additional \$67 charge (some might say penalty) per hour over 16 as a solution to course shopping was discussed. I believe a valid point was raised, "What about course shoppers below this level?" I would like to add that course shopping is not necessarily limited to the full-time level but at the part-time level as well. Students registering for nine or more hours are still able to drop to six hours to meet minimal financial aid requirements.

The way in which President Votruba's quote, "We have students saying they can't get into courses, and we see empty seats at the end of the semester," was incorporated into one of the articles, leaving the impression that course shopping is the cause of this problem. It may well be the primary cause of the situation, but much of course shopping may stem from student's lack of knowledge about what they are signing up for.

Course shopping, however, is not the only cause of the empty seats. There are also students who discover in the first couple weeks of class that they have bitten off more than they can chew. And considering the percentage of non-traditional students, no doubt there are instances that requires dropping one or more

classes. Also, I think somewhere, someone has missed a point in regards to the number of people the extra charges will affect. The attitude of only 8% is simply a way to manipulate numbers to give the appearance that it will affect a relatively small number of people. When in actuality, as one of the articles points out, in excess of 1000 students would be involved if the policy were implemented now. A group of 1000 people is not insignificant and equates to approximately 1 in every 12 students. Even if only a modest percentage of these people with other supporters were to rally together, they could mount a sizable campaign against the policy.

Dave Emery's belief, that asking your advisor about specific courses being as effective or more effective than course shopping, is a bit unrealistic. For one, it implies that advisors know the details, expectations, etc. about all the courses and how each professor conducts it. Personally, I doubt that this is the case in their own department let alone other departments. And two, advisors may not be able to communicate another professor's personality and style of conducting class. Not everything I have to say is a criticism. I actually have quite a list of suggestions to deal with some of the issues that have been raised.

Info about classes:

Blackboard is WAY underutilized. I realize that Blackboard is

new to NKU, but I found previously that Sophia was also. Even if professors do not care to use it for their classes, at a minimum if a syllabus was posted, potential students can get some kind of picture of a class regarding expectations, typical book requirements, assignment loads, etc.

I have in the past talked to or e-mailed a professor of a class I am considering to ask about the class. For the most part professors have tried to be helpful. But if too many students engage in this practice, professors may be overwhelmed with requests for information.

Closed classes:

Advisors could educate advisors about handling closed classes. Ex.: Frequent checks of Norse Express for reopened seats through the end of the 50% refund period.

Check with professor in reference to frequency students tend to drop in first week.

Configure Norse Express with waiting list system.

It would put student first in line into a reopened seat, then send automatic notice to student's campus email account with deadline to take action to confirm before seat is lost to next person in line.

If the list is lengthy, departments could consider adding another section, particularly if list is long by end of priority registration, or some other designated span of time.

The departments could use such a system to track trends over time to see if a course is consistently in high

demand. This would give a more solid picture of how in demand a course is rather than the more subjective information provided by a few students complaining they can't get into a class.

Class shoppers vs. legitimate high volume students:

Configure Norse Express registration to flag any student's registration with excess of 16 hours. (This one will likely draw plenty of fire from students and likely should only be implemented following the initiation of some type of system whereby students have access to reliable information of the nature they are seeking through course shopping.)

Require confirmation in system by someone by designated deadline or be dropped from excess classes.

Send out warning via email and/or stall mail about deadline.

12 hours and under students subsidizing 13+ hour students:

With full-time status remaining at 12 hours, increase cut off for maximum number hours paid to 13.

This would more evenly and fairly distribute the burden.

I realize some of these ideas may be quite involved to set up and/or maintain, but if the university is truly interested in addressing the issues presented in articles, it should take under consideration any suggestions that have merit and feasibility.

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Book offers insight to life's hardships

By Nicolette Marksherry
Northern Contributor

It has now been a year since Cincinnati broke out in riots over the shooting death of a young black male. Race relations have not improved. There is now a boycott of the boycott of Cincinnati. I don't want to preach to you what I think the leaders of Cincinnati need to do to improve this city, but here's what you can do.

Late last year the *Cincinnati Enquirer* asked its readers to vote for a book that would be the focus of a community-wide reading project. The project: On the Same Page; the

book: "A Lesson Before Dying," by Ernest J. Gaines.

The idea is to have as many people as possible to read the same book, then have several book discussions at various locations, and dates so the city can connect and learn from its neighbors. The plan is to then have the author of the book speak not only to a crowd at the Shoemaker Center but also on local television. Gaines will try to help us learn the lessons in the book.

In a *Cincinnati Enquirer* article from February 28, Gaines says he hopes that people learn the lesson of responsibility and commitment to the community and to oneself from

reading his book.

"A Lesson Before Dying" is set in Louisiana in 1948. The story involves two main characters, a black man sentenced to death for a murder he didn't commit and the story of the teacher who tries to teach the prisoner he is not a "hog" and that he can die with dignity.

I read "A Lesson Before Dying" in 1995 as one of my English summer reading books.

After the first fifty pages or so, I forgot I had to read the book for school and started reading for fun. I was sad, angry, hopeful and shocked for the characters and community in the book. I even cried throughout.

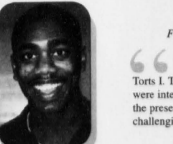
Over the last six years, I have suggested to this book to many friends who needed hope; who thought their life could get no worse. Gaines showed me that things can always be worse.

Why not skip the history reading for the weekend and read something that is enjoyable and insightful? Come to a book discussion and tell your neighbors how you think race relations in the book relate to Cincinnati.

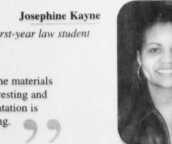
And what you think we as citizens can do to help destroy stereotypes, in both directions.

Become vocal in the community if you want change.

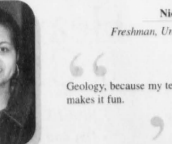
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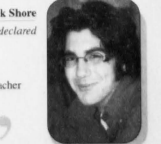
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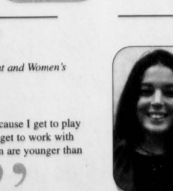
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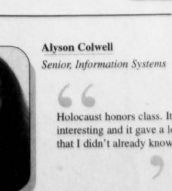
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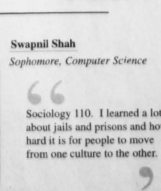
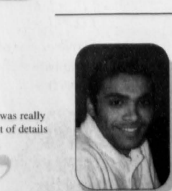
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SPORTS

Northern Kentucky University

Baseball team is back on track after three wins

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University baseball team struggled defensively against two non-conference opponents last week but got back on track with three wins over the University of Missouri-St. Louis at the Bill Aker Baseball Complex in Highland Heights.

"We want to win as many conference games as we can," NKU sophomore Shaun Eric said. "Our goal is to get to the conference tournament and win regionals."

However, before playing a Great Lakes Valley Conference team, the Norse first faced Ohio Dominican College Wednesday. Ohio Dominican broke open a 1-0 game by scoring four runs in the fourth inning en route to a 9-5 victory. Christian Pantoja led the attack with three hits, including a two-run homer.

The NKU leaders were freshman Chris Meyer, who went 2 for 3 at the plate with a homerun and three runs batted in. Also, Eric batted 2 for 4 with a double and freshman Keith Jackson pounded out two hits at the plate.

On Thursday, the Norse tangled with NCAA Division III team, Thomas More College. Again, defense and pitching factored in the outcome as Thomas More scored eight runs in the first three innings. That would be all the runs the team would need in winning the game by a score of 12-7. NKU, who made four errors as a team, got some help

to make it a somewhat close game. Senior Pat Eschan went 3 for 5 at the plate with one run batted in, and senior Steve Walton hit a double and contributed three RBIs.

For Thomas More, sophomore T.J. Graves was 4 for 6 with two doubles and two runs batted in and senior Adam Freeman pitched seven innings of six hit, three run baseball, striking out seven batters.

The Norse did not feel that these losses were setbacks at all, because they have played a tough non-conference schedule so far this year.

"We just got together as a team and decided to start all over," Eric said. "We have to get off to a better start."

Martin added, "We had a players only meeting before Friday's game and we cleared some things up."

That is exactly what NKU did when it hosted conference opponent UMSL in a doubleheader Friday. In the first game, the Norse used some great pitching and had just enough offense as they won 2-1. NKU senior Lenny Bays improved to 3-2 on the year as he pitched a complete game, allowing only three hits while striking out six batters.

Among the Norse hitting leaders were Eschan, who had two hits and drove home the game winner in the fifth inning and Walton, who also drove a run home with a sacrifice fly. Eric contributed two hits at the plate, too.

"Now that we've established what we need to do, we'll get back on the right track," Eric said. "If we keep winning as a team, we'll be alright."

NKU kept that motivation up in



Power swing: Jason Martin swings for the fences in the win over UM-St. Louis.

the second game of its doubleheader against the Rivermen. The Norse came alive with their bats and scored a couple of runs late and eventually won 3-2 in 10 innings. Senior pitcher Josh Whale picked up the win on the mound.

"Lenny and Josh both threw good games today. They both deserved to get wins," Eric said.

NKU finished off its three-game homestand against UMSL Saturday with a 10-6 victory. The Norse put together six runs in the eighth inning and went on to win the game.

Freshman Drew Walters picked up his first win of the year after pitching 8 1/3 innings of strong baseball for NKU. Also, junior Joe Nash got the last two outs to record the save. As for the offense, Walton led the 17-hit Norse attack with three hits and four RBIs. Senior Justin Rahschulte added two hits and drove in two runs and Jackson contributed three hits and scored a pair of runs for NKU.

Skeet team vies for championship

The Skeet and Trap Team competed at Nationals this year. During NKU's spring break, 5 of our fellow students attended the "ACU 34th Annual Intercollegiate Clay Targets Championship" in San Antonio, Texas. This event pushed the competitors to the extreme. Each competitor shot over 500 rounds and shot at 450 clay targets with the winner only missing 23 targets.

"Clay target shooting is 90 percent mental and 10 percent physical," said Lou Schultz of Purdue University's Trap and Skeet team.

"This was by far the hardest competition I have ever shot. During the International Skeet event, which is Olympic-style shooting, you must have your shotgun resting on your hip. When you call for the target it can either come out then or within the next 3 seconds. This really will mess with your head," said Chet Kiser, NKU's team president.

The team did well considering this was their first time to Nationals. They placed 7th. Purdue University took home its gold, with George Mason University taking silver and Texas A&M taking home bronze.

There are over 75 schools across the nation that have skeet and trap teams. Due to school schedules, however, only 21 schools attended the event. There were 145 competitors with Allen Treadwell from Crowder College taking home the gold, and George Mason University shooters Chris Metts and Josh Goodnight taking the silver and bronze, respectively.

As for the NKU, Chet Kiser placed 8th, Eric Nordman placed 20th, Jake Coulter placed 50th and

Brad Fitzpatrick came in 53rd for the men's division.

In the women's division, Mindy Ostendorf took 4th place. "I was very pleased with the team's performance and couldn't have wished for anything better. The schools who won had funding by their schools. We do not. It is hard to be the best in an event which requires a lot of money when you don't have a lot of money to spend," said Kiser.

"I don't care if we didn't win first place, it was just a great experience. The team said when we were leaving, let's place in the top 10, and we did, so I am happy and I believe everyone on the team is happy as well. It was just a great time and something that none of us have ever done before," said Coulter.



Straight shooters: The skeet and trap team pose with their equipment at the national championships.

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4:30am-6:00am	7:00pm-8:30pm	Iron Monkey R	2:30pm-3:00pm	Heads Or Tails
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Adventures from the Elite Eight

Part II: Game Day
By Tim Downer
Northerner Contributor

This is the second part of Tim Downer's road journal highlighting the madcap antics of the cheerleading squad and pep band while on the road to the Elite Eight basketball tournament. Last week, the team stormed McDonald's and arrived in Minnesota for the first game of the Elite Eight tournament.

Wednesday 8:15am March 20.

I felt that there was an air of anticipation with all of the travelers, as we headed down the highway, even though the game was still 10 hours away. At 11:15 a.m., we entered the state of Wisconsin and soon after, we could see some funny white substance on the ground. SNOW! This was a subtle reminder to us that winter is still very much alive in this state, even though it has almost vanished in Kentucky. In the back of the bus, they were listening to various CDs of a humorous nature. They were laughing so loud that they woke up some of the female cheerleaders. Amy had told me that all

they did was eat, however, from my vantage point it looked like a lot of sleeping was done also.

Noontime. We ate lunch at Denny's. A few people had a snowball fight. At 12:56 p.m. we were back on the bus watching a video of *The Goonies*. Somewhere along the way we crossed the state line into Minnesota. Along the highway near the town of Tomah, Minnesota, there were quite a few interesting looking natural rock formations near the highway. Too bad we couldn't stop and check these sites out.

Kahler Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota. We pulled in at 3:15 p.m. and went to our rooms with the instructions that we needed to meet in the lobby at 5 p.m. We would then walk over to the Civic Center via a skywalk. That was nice considering that the temperature was 17 degrees with a wind chill of 2 degrees. The Civic Center was not as fancy as it was made out to be on the internet. From my point of view the lighting at one end of the court was not very good for photographing the game. The NCAA was not allowing any type of additional lighting. No Flash Photography.



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Big Band: Band director Carol Dunavent leads the pep band during the game.

The Pep Band was located near our team's bench, underneath the basket. NKU brought the maximum number of band members allowed by the NCAA, fifteen, plus the director. South Dakota State didn't bring a band and the cheerleaders they brought were nowhere near the

talent level of NKU's cheerleaders. Of course then our Pep Band and our cheerleaders are a tough act to follow for any school.

Gametime 9 p.m.

It was great from the beginning, both teams showed their ability with a fast paced tempo and a stingy

defense. NKU was trailing at half-time by one point. Looking up in the stands during halftime, I would estimate that we had 100-200 people cheering on the Norse. I want to mention the fact that Joe Ruh, the Northern Kentucky University Photographer, was also at the game taking photos for the Athletic Department, as well as the University. His photo tips for me during the game were invaluable as always. Near the end of the game, I was yelling at one of the officials for a bad call and Joe pointed out to me that as a photographer standing underneath the basket, that sort of enthusiasm was not proper. I agreed.

A Stunned, Hollow, Feeling.

We all felt this when at the end of the game, we came up short by one point. There were no LOSERS in or at this game. The women of the NKU basketball team left their heart and soul on the court. A DEFINITE SHOWING OF THEIR CHARACTER.

At 8:30 p.m. we all headed back to the hotel. Carol Dunavent, Pep Band Director, observed the fans from South Dakota State University being cordial and friendly as the

band passed through the lobby of the Civic Center. This may not seem like a big deal, but remember that not all fans are as graceful in victory or defeat as the Norse and SDSU's Jackrabbits.

Post Game Gathering 9:30 p.m.

There was a celebration in the lobby of the meeting rooms at the Kahler Hotel. We were not celebrating that the NKU Women's Basketball season was over, we were there to give tribute to the class organization of NKU Athletics and the supporting cast. Jane Meier, Athletic Director, and Nancy Winstel, Head Coach, both gave eloquent diatribes on the character of our fans, cheerleaders, the band and the families of our athletes. Never once did I hear any complaints from the basketball team, coaches and staff or anyone else in the room. Everyone accepted the fact that the season was over with dignity and class. I am proud to be a part of this NKU family.

See next week's shocking conclusion of "Adventures from the Elite Eight" entitled *A long, cold journey*.

Vandals damage sculpture

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time working on it."

Kammerer said she planned on exhibiting the sculpture in an upcoming competition.

As a result of the incident, Knight said he would like to hire a guard to watch over the gallery, but doubts whether they would get the budget to do that. After two paintings were stolen two years ago, Knight said

they installed three security cameras in the gallery. Unfortunately, Knight said the perpetrators of the vandalism on Tuesday night were not discernible on the video.

Senior art major Amy Douglas said the act of vandalism concerns her and hopes that not only will the art department increase security, but that students will respect the artwork

more.

"I believe that there is a lack of respect here at NKU," Douglas said. "I am very disappointed in the Art department and the current gallery security."

"Security cameras do not prevent individuals from acting irresponsibly. I do not feel like my work is safe in the gallery."

Douglas said she chose not to display some of her work in the gallery for fear of vandals. DPS chief Jeff Butler said there is little to go on in the investigation.

"Witnesses saw three people flee the scene," Butler said.

"Short of that, we got nothing."

Butler declined to comment on how many witnesses there were and any other details pertaining to the case. Knight urged anyone with information to come forward.

NKU sexual attitudes

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negative effects to abstinence-only education, she said. "People who only get abstinence-only messages and chastity pledges may not use condoms," she said.

Twenty years ago, Bishop said he faced a similar question over whether the AIDS epidemic was convincing people to abstain from sex. He ultimately found sex to be on the rise.

"With AIDS, everyone said it

must swing toward being more conservative, and people would be having less sex," Bishop said. "We questioned whether that was true or not. It wasn't."

While the rise in sex is interesting, Bishop said he also finds it noteworthy that 20 percent of NKU students aren't having sex.

"Even though we still have huge numbers, not everyone is having sex," Bishop said.

...you invite these clowns over.

A lucky shot. A stupid, one-in-a-million, lucky shot. And these guys are acting like they're the ones who made it.

Hey, these things happen. But why does it always have to be your team that ends up getting the short end of the stick? And why do your so-called buddies have to rub your nose in it? It's embarrassing. It's humiliating. And you wouldn't trade it for anything in the world.

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