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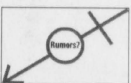
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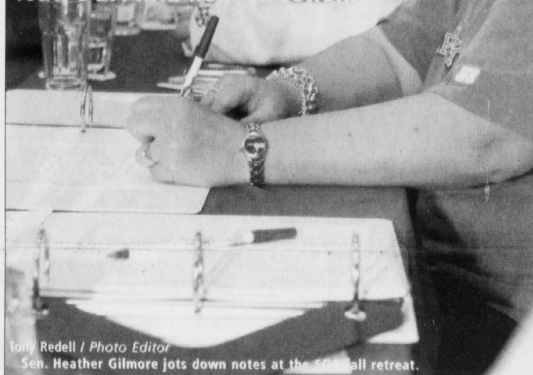
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Can SGA handle the pressure?

After a year blemished by plagiarism, impeachment hearings, election controversy and theft of public records, Hixson and his team hope to lead SGA in a new direction.



John Redell / Photo Editor

Sen. Heather Gilmore jots down notes at the SGA retreat.

By C.J. FRYER

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KINGS ISLAND, Ohio — Coming off a year of controversy, the Student Government Association made it clear this past weekend at its fall retreat that the organization wants to go in a new direction.

SGA President Andy Hixson and his administration said that the relationship between SGA and university officials was damaged last semester during the spring election. The Election Committee disputed the results with Dean of Students Kent Kelso and accused him of overstepping his boundaries when he overruled the Judicial Council's decision that Hixson was ineligible to run for president.

"There was a huge negative effect on the relationship between SGA and the administration last year," said SGA Vice President of Public Relations Jen Perry. "We want nothing more than to re-strengthen that in a positive way this year."

Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Shanley told senators Aug. 28 that he hopes SGA and the administration can get off to a "fresh start" this year.

Hixson presented SGA's top priorities to Northern

Kentucky University President James Votrubia and a handful of members from his cabinet.

SGA produced a list of six core goals for the 2004-2005 academic year, including:

- **Creating and passing a new constitution,** which Hixson hopes to have approved by the Board of Regents at its Jan. 19 meeting.

- **Establishing an Emergency Tuition Assistance program,** in which students will be able to apply for one-time "SGA Grants."

The program will offer 100 grants in the amount of \$500.

- **Obtaining 20 new wireless notebooks for Steely Library,** able to be checked out by students with their NKU All Card. Currently, the library has five wireless notebooks available.

- **Renovating the intramural fields —** mainly correcting the drainage problem and adding lighting structures.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Ken Ramey said the university has already budgeted the funds necessary to fix the field drainage, but said lighting could cost over \$100,000 — funds that have not been budgeted.

- **Increasing civic engagement across campus —** chiefly promoting NKU, working on the Get out the Vote

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Grand jury indicts Pace

Case to go before Campbell County Circuit Court for arraignment

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The Campbell County grand jury indicted former Student Government Association President Chris Pace on a felony charge of tampering with public records Aug. 26.

Northern Kentucky University Police Department Detective Rob Yelton filed a criminal complaint July 19, testifying that Pace took public records from the SGA office and discarded them in a campus dumpster June 29. Yelton based this to be true from his investigation and interviews with witnesses.

A warrant of arrest was then issued July 20, signed by Judge Karen Thomas. Pace turned himself in at the Campbell County Courthouse July 22, where he was released on his own recognizance with the condition that he is not to be around the SGA office.

The case will now go before the Campbell County Circuit Court for arraignment on Sept. 9 at 11:15 a.m. Director of Public Safety Harold Todd said that his department has been looking at two new suspects. One has been cleared after passing a polygraph, while the other is still

under investigation. Todd said that his office feels other people collaborated with Pace.

No suspects have been criminally charged in connection with the vandalism that also took place in the SGA office June 29. Many computers and keyboards in the office were missing the letters "L," "I," "A" and "R."

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Anthony Bracke declined to comment due to ethical implications.

Pace nor defense Attorney Marcus Gale were available for comment.

Officials revamp freshman program

Transitions to become required overnight event

By STUART MACKENZIE

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The Board of Regents has approved a budget for a "New Student Orientation" which will revamp student "Transitions," making four separate programs, some of which would be held overnight.

"It's being considered as a process, not just a program. It's part of the entire first year experience of a student ... that is critical," said Dean of Students Kent Kelso.

According to the New Student Orientation proposal released March 15, "No single plan for New Student Orientation will work for all groups of students. Therefore, we must develop a number of different plans ... These will include a two-day, overnight session for first time freshmen and their parents, and one-day arrangements for transfers and others."

The proposal continues, "Each program is designed to best meet the ends of the specific group that it is to accommodate." The four groups are: Spring (Merit) Scholars, New Student

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Garage to open soon

STAFF REPORT

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Northern Kentucky University's newest parking structure remains empty through the second week of classes, despite its original partial opening date of Aug. 23.

"Construction issues" have held up the opening of the garage, according to Vice President for Administration and Finance Ken Ramey.

One hundred spaces are tentatively planned to be available Sept. 7, and the additional 580 spaces will be ready in October.

To help with the overflow parking, the university will continue to offer a shuttle service. It runs from the old Thriftway parking lot next to the Hermann Center to campus every 15 minutes from the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sophomore David Schuchter has been taking advantage of the free shuttle service to avoid "hunting" for a parking space and said he has had no problems with it.

"It's very effective," Schuchter said.



Blue / Assistant Photo Editor

"Construction issues" have pushed back the opening of the new parking garage to Sept. 7.

SUMMER CONTROVERSY

dpsreports

AUG 29 2004
Sunday 10:30 p.m.
Classification: CRIMINAL
MISCHIEF - 2ND DEGREE
Location: PARKING LOT P
Disposition: Open
Summary: Subject reported that their vehicle had been damaged while parked at the listed location.

AUG 29 2004
Sunday 3:01 p.m.
Classification: CRIMINAL
MISCHIEF - 1ST DEGREE
Location: PARKING LOT R
Disposition: Under Investigation
Summary: Subject reported that their vehicle had been damaged while parked at the listed location.

AUG 29 2004
Sunday 3:51 a.m.
Classification: ALCOHOL
INTOXICATION - 1ST/2ND
OFFENSE/ARREST
Location: DORMS/NORSE
HALL
Disposition: Closed
Summary: While on routine patrol, Officer observed a male subject urinating from a balcony at this location.
During questioning, subject was determined to be intoxicated and in possession of alcohol. The subject was arrested and issued a Kentucky State Citation for Alcohol Intoxication, Possession of Alcohol By Minor and Disorderly Conduct. Subject was transported and lodged in the Campbell County Jail.

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

Sororities to host Color Me Greek Party
Northern Kentucky's Panhellenic Council will preview the five National Panhellenic Council sororities in its Color Me Greek Party on Sept. 1.
The party is a sample of NKC's recruitment and takes place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.
Actual recruitment will take place Sept. 10-15 for all the women participants.
Students can register at <http://studenthome.uku.edu/~p/mhellenc>.

Freshfusion Committee in need of volunteers
The Freshfusion Committee is actively looking for student volunteers to help on the day of the event.
Freshfusion will occur on Thursday, Sept. 9 on the University Center Plaza. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt for assisting throughout the day.
The committee is especially interested in students volunteering to help the University 101 teams in the Norse-athlon from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Gamer's Guild forming on campus
NKU's Gamer's Guild is currently seeking experienced and novice members. The Guild is a student group dedicated to role-playing games and strategy/minimates games. They meet in the University Center and battle Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Currently they have games of Dungeons and Dragons, Ravenloft, Star Gate SG-1 and Deadlands.
For more information on joining the group, contact Derek at dweimer@fuse.net or 513-478-1997.
The Guild also maintains a

website, which is located at: <http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/gamersguild/>

Deadline approaching for new organizations
Students must register new organizations by Sept. 17.
A registration form must be submitted to the Office of Student Life.
Additionally, one member and one faculty/staff adviser must attend a Student Organization Orientation session.
Five sessions will be offered.

nationalbriefs

Suicide bomber kills nine in Moscow

A female suicide bomber killed nine people and injured 51 others outside of a subway station in Moscow Tuesday, CNN reported.

This was the third bombing this week, after two Russian airliners were attacked by what Russian authorities suspect were female suicide bombers also.

The woman detonated the bomb at the entrance of the station after seeing that Russian police were searching bags. The explosion was so powerful it ignited a car parked outside. Russian authorities recovered the bomber's head on the station's roof. Forty-nine of the people wounded were hospitalized.

Another hurricane heading toward Fla.

Hurricane Frances, a Category 4 storm, is set on a course which will take it over the Bahamas and Northeast Fla., CNN reported.

Hurricane experts predict that the storm will reach the Georgia-Florida border this weekend. The southeastern Bahamas were issued a hurricane watch at 11 a.m. Tuesday morning.

A level one evacuation will take place 7 a.m. Wednesday in Fla. especially for low-level residences and mobile home.

Frances's winds sped as fast as 135 mph Tuesday as it raced 175 miles west north-east of San Juan, Puerto Rico, at a rate of 15 mph.

Experts say the storm could possibly drift north of Charleston North Carolina where Tropical Storm Gaston has hit this weekend.

DPS names Todd new director

By MEGAN FRICKE
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The Northern Kentucky University Police Department is under new management.

Harold Todd was appointed to director of Public Safety May 28, after the retirement of former DPS Chief Jeff Butler.

Before coming to NKU he was the Assistant Director of the South Eastern Louisiana University Police Department. Prior to that, he retired from the Louisiana State Police.

Todd wants to bring the NKU Police Department closer to the student body. He wants to work more with student organizations and form more partnerships within the campus community.

"Safety and security are both shared and personal responsibilities," Todd said. "By putting this into practice, he plans to strengthen both the department and the

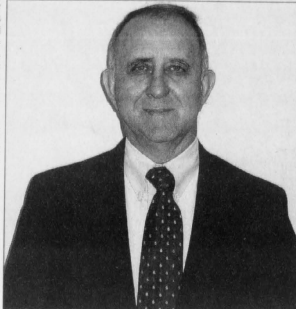
campus community.

Todd starts off a typical day by reading police reports from the previous day and looks into how they were followed through. This is his favorite part of the job, as he likes to see how his officers prevent crimes and what they do to solve crimes that they could not prevent.

"The kinds of crimes that myself and the rest of the department deal with are not unlike any other university - mostly theft and property damage," Todd said.

He also oversees what is happening across the campus and decides if there is a better way of doing things. Todd is making an effort to get out and meet people in the campus community.

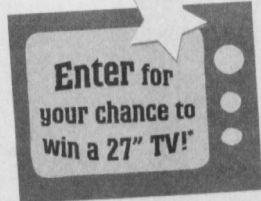
The (NKU) Police Department... should be a part of the students' lives rather than just someone you meet when you get into trouble," he said.



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Cheaper college books available online

Textbook publisher offers inexpensive Internet editions as alternative to costly hardcover versions

By Kathleen Lynn

The Record
 (Bergen County, N.J.)
 (KRT)

A little knowledge may or may not be a dangerous thing – but it can certainly be expensive, as college students find out when they buy their textbooks. According to the College Board, students spend an average of more than \$800 a year on books.

In response to students' complaints about these high prices, Pearson Education Inc., a large textbook publisher based in

Upper Saddle River, is offering cheaper alternatives to the \$100, 800-page hardcover textbook.

The choices include Internet editions of the book, abridged softcovers, and editions that allow a student to buy only the chapters the professor actually assigns.

The Internet choice, called SafariX WebBooks, allows students to read a textbook, print pages, take notes and add book-marks. It costs half the price of buying the book.

More than 300 titles are available on SafariX, including "Biology: A Guide to the

"Natural World" by David Krogh (\$45 for 150 days' access) and "The Psychology of Gender" by Vicki S. Helgeson (\$35.34 for 150 days' access).

The "alternate print editions" are priced 25 percent to 33 percent less than hardcover textbooks. They include paperback and abridged editions, as well as editions with black-and-white instead of color illustrations. In addition, the company will offer professors the chance to customize texts, including only the information actually used in the class.

Marina Bagh, 20, of Haledon,

a junior at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, Hackensack, N.J., said Wednesday that she would welcome a chance to save money on textbooks.

A business major, she spends hundreds of dollars each year on textbooks – a cost that is doubled for her family because her twin sister also attends FDU. She especially liked the idea of reading her texts on a computer.

"I'm already always on it. I take my laptop wherever I go," she said. "Rather than lugging the book around wherever you

go, you could just log on and start reading it."

One potential problem, however, is that "some students can't afford a laptop," Bagh said.

The high cost of textbooks has been an issue for several years. A House subcommittee even held hearings on the issue last month.

Many students have responded to the high costs by buying their books online, especially at Overseas Web sites, where the prices are sometimes lower. Others buy used books, either at a campus bookstore or online.

The Public Interest Research Group this year issued a report criticizing the high cost of textbooks. Among other things, the report suggested making texts available online, as Pearson is doing.

PIRG also said publishers put out new editions more often than is necessary, making it harder for students to save money by buying used books.

But representatives of the publishing industry said that new editions are often necessary, especially in fast-changing fields such as science and technology.

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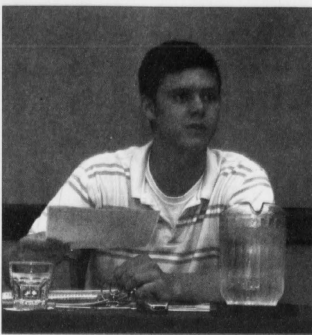
campaign and furthering the effort in Frankfurt.

• **Improving campus safety** by properly lighting poorly lit areas. This will be discussed during a future campus safety walk – an initiative where SGA senators and university officials locate unsafe areas across campus. This walk has been practiced in the past but did not take place last year.

Hixson told the Senate Aug. 27 that he believes all these goals can be completed by the end of the semester. He added that he has spent "countless hours" with administrators and "knows what's possible and what's not."

"I think they're realistic goals," said Steve Meier, associate to the dean. "I don't know if they can all be accomplished, but I definitely think some of them can."

Meier said he believes this will be a positive year for SGA. "They got off to a good start at the retreat," he said. "Now I hope they can build upon it."



Tony Redell / Photo Editor

SGA President Andy Hixson discusses his top priorities with the Senate at the SGA fall retreat, which took place Aug. 27-28.

Orientation *Continued from page one*

Orientation, Transfer Student Orientation, and Nontraditional Student Orientation.

The new program has a specific mission statement, "to initiate an enduring connection between the students, their families and the NKU community." Overall the program is designed so that students will be more knowledgeable about NKU and all the "academic programs and comprehensive services offered ..."

The idea of New Student Orientation began with Jerry W. Warner, special assistant to the provost, who organized a "Transitions Summit" on Oct. 24, 2003. The summit included vice presidents, deans, associate deans, chairs, as well as personnel from the ARRC, enrollment management and other interested people on campus.

According to the memorandum issued by Warner, they met because "over the years faculty and staff have become more and more displeased with [transitions]."

While at the summit they discussed the event and came to the realization that transitions should be thought of as more of a "process rather than an event."

Kelso also said that NKU is hiring a new assistant orientation dean, who will report directly to the dean of students by the middle of October.

This dean's job will be to organize the program and make sure it runs smoothly in its first year in existence.

Three committees will help the new assistant dean with the new program: the Orientation Steering Committee, the Orientation Program Committee and the Orientation Operations Committee.

Besides the new assistant dean, the program will also create as many as 20 student jobs as orientation leaders during the summer. "(T)he jobs will come with a significant stipend and free housing," said Kelso. "Their responsibility will primarily be during the summer, especially with those overnight programs, being paid what we consider to be a significant student wage, as well being provided with free housing."

The new program will be a mandatory event and will be similar to programs already at Lamar University and Southern Indiana University.

Kelso said the reason for the new program was to help with better retention of incoming students. "I believe strongly that a quality, comprehensive orientation program is a significant retention factor for students and their success," he said. "It is a critical factor in achieving that first step to retaining students over time."

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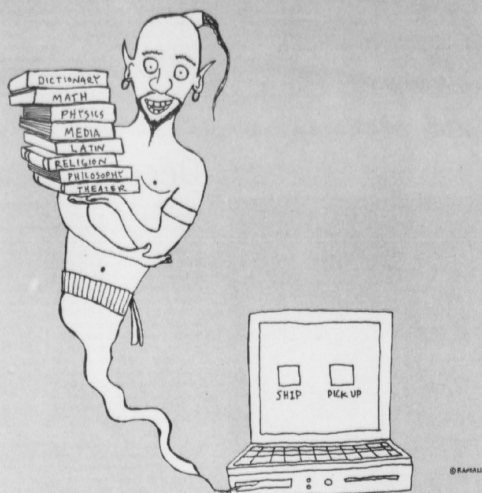
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viewpoints

Letters to the editor

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What do you think about the transitions program becoming an overnight event?



Charles Kirtley, Junior, marketing

"I personally think that it could be a good thing because it speeds the process up."



Chris Evans, Freshman, undeclared

"I think it will be valuable for those who will live on campus, and for those who don't live on campus it could be that they see what campus life is like."



Crystal Summers, Senior, OST

"I think that's a great idea especially if they get to stay overnight and experience the campus."



Justin Gommer, Freshman, undeclared

"I don't see any benefit unless it would help (freshmen) get used to campus."



Kendall Yancey, Sophomore, criminal justice

"I think it would be a good idea. It would give the incoming freshmen a heads up to what college life is all about."



Stefanie Carpenter, Senior, elementary education

"I think it's a good idea. It lets the student learn more about the campus."

How to write The Northerner

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about a half hour away from campus. When just about no one else cared to help me out, Chris Pace got out of bed and came to meet me. It seems that now is a time when Chris needs his friends to help him. So here are a few more things a lot of people probably don't know: Chris Pace has never been charged with any crime before vocally opposing tuition increases at NKU. Chris is just about the most hum-drum, squeaky clean person I know. He doesn't even drink. Furthermore, I've never known Chris to say a dishonest word.

T'd like to think I'm a pretty good judge of character, and I'm confident Chris has done nothing wrong, unless standing up for student rights is a crime, that is.

*Paul A. Myers
 Sophomore, Radio/Television*

Tuition not clearly linked to enrollment

Dear Editor,
 The claim in the August 25 *Northerner* article "Rising tuition not keeping students away from NKU" unfortunately cannot be substantiated. First of all, not a careful study, which to my knowledge has not been conducted, could link tuition with enrollment levels. We simply have no way of knowing how rising tuition has affected individual students' ability to afford and attend NKU.

Second, the article is based on dated, inaccurate data. Prior to the beginning of classes, enrollment seemed looked like it would increase, despite the higher tuition. However, that projection was incorrect. As of August 2003, undergraduate enrollment was in fact slightly lower than last year's. (Only seniors enrolled in greater numbers, probably because they wish to graduate as soon as possible to escape the burden of next year's likely enrollment tuition increase.) During the summer, the Kentucky Post also reported that 2004 enrollment, despite

the increase in tuition, was projected to increase. There is now a false notion in the Northern Kentucky community that probably will be believed by most, despite its falseness. That should make it easier for the Board of Regents to approve next year's exorbitant tuition increase.

I use the word "exorbitant" with care. Since the tuition increase at many colleges and universities (including NKU) now surpasses the inflationary rate of health insurance, I think the term "exorbitant" an appropriate one. It's all about institutional reputation, purchased with students' dollars.

*Paul Ellis
 Director, Learning Assistance Program*

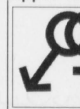
Students should show support to Pace

Dear Editor,
 I have known Chris Pace since he was a freshman here at NKU. What a lot of people never get to see about Chris is how much he cares about people. A couple months ago, I got a flat tire at two in the morning

Sex rumors can alter lives

Can myths about sex be detrimental to one's health?

Tappin' It



→ by Amy Ehrnreiter

Why is it that once someone reaches college they're supposed to know everything? Not only in class, but also with some of the most common topics among college students: sex, dating and relationships.

The three-month transition from high school to college is always enough time for students to experience all of these things.

There are many misconceptions about the opposite sex when it comes to dating. Men want to know what women think and vice versa. College is

a time when students can begin mature relationships. But are often unsure of the differences between high school and college dating. It is also a time where they begin to experiment. When it comes to sex, the line between myth and fact can often become blurred. Not being able to get pregnant during menstruation and weight loss causing penis growth are two examples of rumors among college students. There are also myths about things like statutory and date rape laws.

Questions like these are accepted and encouraged. There are often many people who are thinking the same question. With the aid of this column students can become properly educated on topics that are important to them.

Not having the proper knowledge on topics such as these can be life altering. It is important to know the truth behind these rumors.

Sex and relationship ques-

tions need to be discussed. Sometimes it is hard for people of any age to ask these questions, and younger people especially find it hard to turn to someone for help.

This column relies on one important thing: you. All questions are student submitted and will remain anonymous if requested. This information is for you, and now you have a way to tap it.

Mike Brennan | Illustrator

This column is devoted to you, the student. It is going to be your tap for real information. Each week a question will be selected, researched and in some cases surveyed. I will tap my knowledge and the knowledge of experts in the fields of sex and dating to answer the questions on students' minds.

E-mail questions to Amy at nkumvscrs@hotmail.com

U.S. should honor Olympic spirit

By Leoncio Angsico
The Seattle Times/NEXT (KRT)

What will you remember from the 2004 Olympics?

It may be what a few athletes didn't do that will make these Olympics memorable.

Sports Illustrated listed swimming as the second-favorite sport to participate in: the first was golf. But while golf was the seventh-most-watched sport on TV, swimming didn't make the list at all.

When Ian Thorpe was disqualified in the 400-meter freestyle at the Australian Olympic trials, however, it was headline news.

Americans have interesting criteria for the sports they watch. Typically, the higher the athletes are paid, the more trash they talk, and the flashier their acts, the more headlines they grab and the more Americans tune in.

In fact, we recently missed a great opportunity to change that.

Thorpe's heroic status is so revered that a swimmer gave up his spot in the event so Thorpe

could swim it — an incredible feat no trash-talking way for Thorpe's gold medal in that event, the first of five medals he earned.

Thorpe's American counterpart is Michael Phelps. His attempt at breaking Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals in one Olympics brought momentary American fame to his sport.

Phelps didn't break Spitz's mark. And many thought the pre-Olympic hype surrounding the U.S. poster boy wasn't worth it.

Before the Games, the media framed the 200-meter freestyle as a featured event. The race included Thorpe and defending gold medalist Pieter van den Hoogenband. To a true sports fan, the race was a certified spectacle. Van den Hoogenband had the lead until Thorpe scored past him on the final lap holding off a charging Phelps.

Even with an amazing finish, some say the event didn't live up to its billing. When Phelps didn't win, the event became disappointing for the U.S. media. In less than two minutes, the chase for Spitz' record was gone.

There was no world record and no trash-talking afterward. And Phelps, a bronze medalist (and new American record holder), was happy just to be in that race.

But sadly, American fans want the glitz and glory that often undermine the spirit of Olympic competition.

We maintain an attitude that we're the best and that when we lose, it is because someone cheated or we weren't on our "A-game." Americans can't concede that we may not be the best at everything.

The Greeks have exemplified the sacred spirit of the Olympics well. Greek weightlifter Pyrrhos Dimas' motto is "Impossible is Nothing" (sound familiar?). Dimas tried to do something that no weightlifter had done before — win gold medals in four straight Olympics.

Dimas didn't win. But, instead of seeing Dimas as a failure, the Greeks gave him a bronze medal over the credit he deserved for a four-time transatlantic ovation. With his medal, Dimas joined only two other lifters to win four Olympic medals.

American fans can learn from the Greeks. A bronze medal isn't a disappointment. American fans can learn from the Aussies: Respect the sport instead of craving the antics of disqual and field sprinters Justin Gatlin and Shawn Crawford in the 100-meter sprint final.

Like the Greeks, Americans should embrace their hero. Phelps did tie the record for the most medals won by one athlete in a single Olympics. But Phelps' most impressive feat was giving up the butterfly spot on the 4x100 medley relay final.

Phelps put his eighth medal in the hands of his teammates. In a true gesture of sportsmanship, Phelps gave butterfly world record holder Ian Crocker a chance at redemption after a dismal performance in the 4x100 freestyle relay.

Will it be world records and gold medals that are remembered, or true heroics such as sportsmanship and gracious losers? It is the hope of many that the celebrated spirit of these games can transcend the next two years.

What will you remember from the 2004 Olympics?

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horoscopes

For the week of Aug. 30 - Sept. 5

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

Aries
(March 21-April 20)

Before midweek, a longtime friend may discover unusual family or romantic information concerning private finances, fast home decisions and complex social triangles. Provide encouragement, because over the next few weeks you continue loyalty will offer comfort and support. Wednesday through Saturday also accent new love affairs and exotic romantic proposals. Someone close may wish to explore greater intimacy or serious commitments, so stay focused.

Taurus
(April 21-May 20)

Potential friends, and lovers will now be drawn to your emotional style or social ideals. Some Tauruses may also this week encounter rare flirtations from an older friend or business associate. If so, expect romance and new attractions to be passionate but unreliable. At present, social triangles may prove bothersome. Later this week, work place routines may change without warning. Officials and managers will protect their reputations; avoid confrontation, if possible.

Gemini
(May 21-June 21)

During the next seven days, younger relatives may provide misinformation or poorly defined home schedules. Family relations are now temporarily strained, if possible. Quiet reflection will provide insight into difficult relationships. Thursday through Saturday, quick financial decisions are necessary. Long-term debt, legal permissions or corporate funding will require delicate timing; remain diplomatic.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)

Costly errors and rare contractual disagreements may soon be a brief theme. Before midweek, thoroughly re-check the validity of key documents or new financial sources. At present, the instructions and promises of authority figures may be unreliable. After Wednesday, romantic tensions are unavoidable. A recent phase of social isolation or family misunderstandings between loved ones now needs to end—carefully explain your social motives and all will be well.

Leo
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Gentle romantic overtures will provide a unique distraction during the next seven days. Minor comments or quick social blunders may all be key signs of affection or new attraction. Go slowly, however, and carefully consider the private feelings or needs of loved ones. After midweek, friendly encounters with new colleagues may become strained. Power struggles and unexpected group tensions are now unavoidable; refuse to be drawn into negative workplace dynamics.

Virgo
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Ongoing financial or business disputes will be quickly resolved this week. After Tuesday, expect teachers, mentors or older officials to ensure honest negotiations and equal divisions of resources. Wednesday through Saturday, messages from past friends or lovers may be unifying. If possible, avoid lengthy social discussions. Complicated romantic expectations or rare disagreements between longtime friends will soon create tension. Don't be confrontational.

Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Late Monday, an unexpected social invitation may be misleading. Expect close friends or relatives to propose unique group events, rare reunions or large family gatherings. Private agendas will also be involved. Remain cheerful but avoid short-term promises or verbal agreements. After Thursday, loved ones will reveal a powerful need to expand their social lives or daily activities. Take all comments seriously. Deep feelings of isolation may now need to be addressed.

Scorpio
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Career aspirations and complex employment negotiations may be the source of intense family discussion during the next seven days. Long-term goals will need to be adjusted. Expect loved ones to provide valuable advice or a rare perspective on new financial proposals. After midweek a stalled relationship may become unusually passionate. Don't over- or rebounded attractions are accented. Respond honestly and remain cautious; social complications will soon emerge.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Last minute social gatherings may this week bring a unique attraction into your life. Romantic giddiness, lighthearted banter and common life goals are all highlighted. Many Sagittarians will dramatically change their private lives during the next five months. If so, expect marital status, family celebrations and sudden romantic proposals to be an ongoing theme. After midweek, closely study financial contracts or new property proposals. Detailed definitions may soon be needed.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Home-operated businesses or private work agreements may soon bring a secondary income source into your life. Creative career expansion should now be a top priority. During the next seven days, discuss new plans with loved ones and ask for ongoing emotional support. Later this week, romantic and social invitations will dramatically increase. Group events, home entertaining and unique hobbies are accented. Find time to experience new activities; you won't be disappointed.

Aquarius
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Physical vitality may be temporarily low over the next few days. Before Thursday minor aches, pains or irritations concerning the upper limbs, throat or sinuses may require attention. Don't delay; pumping the body will this week help dispel private anxieties and ongoing social fears. Friday through Sunday, share new plans and fresh ideas with loved ones. Group events will soon bring added excitement. Expect close friends or relatives to leave painful memories in the past.

Pisces
(Feb. 20-March 20)

Sudden intuitions and first impressions will be accurate over the next few days. Romantic triangles, complex power struggles or ongoing group disputes may now be revealed to be privately motivated. After Wednesday someone close may provide unique social information. Trust your instincts and carefully consider the past actions of a friend or work mate. After midweek, enjoy quiet moments with loved ones. Your continued affection and loyalty is needed.

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crossword

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

Gus made the Honors House a home

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His species has been called man's best friend, but according to many in the honors program, Gus the Honors Dog was more than just a mere pup. He was a listener, a scholar, a gourmand, a door greeter and a friendly fixture for the program.

"Gus was such an incredibly friendly dog and he sort of became a symbol or mascot for the honors program," said Robert Detmering, a 2003 graduate with a minor in honors from Northern Kentucky University. "Whether trotting along next to Dr. Zaniello or mingling with faculty and students at social events, Gus was always an integral member of the honors community."

Gus, a standard poodle belonging to Dr. Tom Zaniello, the honors program director, died Aug. 3 after a three-month battle with throat cancer.

"I don't think Gus was more intelligent than any other dog, but he trained himself to give attention to people when they were speaking," Zaniello said.

Zaniello added, if a person was talking in a group setting, Gus would have his head turned toward the person as if he was following the conversation.

On days when he went for a walk, if he came across another owner and his or her dog, Gus would greet the person first and then the dog. "(He) was more interested in people than other dogs," Zaniello said.

Gus' love for people carried over into an appreciation for human entertainment. "Gus was a big fan of musicals," said Jodi Ferner, a freshman specialist for the first year honors programs.

He particularly liked Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. He appreciated their grace and style...he was a dog of

grace and style. Gus had Astaire's easy going class, and knew a good tuxedo when he saw one."

However, Gus did not like all films, Ferner said. War movies particularly disagreed with his gentle nature. "He found the violence and shooting hard to take," she said.

Gus' peaceful nature reflected on the students who came in contact with him.

Katrina Lauer, a junior speech communications major, remembered the first day she ever saw Gus. "When I

was an incoming freshman, my first class was in the honors building," Lauer said. "I was extremely nervous and worried about college, but when I walked in the house and saw a big white dog waiting to greet me, I felt like it was home."

Gus had that warming affect on many students. "I don't think Gus ever met a student he didn't like," Ferner said. "In fact many students chose to come to my office hours only when Gus was available as well."

She added Gus' ability to cheer up any student was always a gift, in more ways than one. "Many of my students brought dog treats at the beginning of each semester, and Gus thoroughly enjoyed that."

When he wasn't eating, watching a movie, listening to a conversation or sleeping, Gus could be seen engaged in other activities.

"Gus was very energetic," said Liz Comer, a senior history major who worked in the honors program last year. "Sometimes I would take him for a run and he would jump up at me and was very playful."

Zaniello added that Gus' playfulness was evident during one of his favorite games.

"Gus loved to chase squirrels, but of course, he never came close to catching one," Zaniello said. "One day, at the park, he was chasing a squirrel when it climbed up a pole, ran along a wire, but then fell off the wire just above Gus, and hit him in the back and rolled off."

"When I walked in the house and saw a big white dog waiting to greet me, I felt like it was home."



How to cope when a loved one dies

Webster's Dictionary defines grief as "deep and poignant distress caused by or as if by bereavement."

Yet, even though the definition of it puts grief into a black and white perspective, dealing with the death of a loved one, whether it's a family member, a friend, a pet, is never easy.

People experience many emotions during a time of loss. These include:

- Denial
- Disbelief
- Confusion
- Shock
- Sadness
- Yearning for the loved one
- Anger
- Humiliation
- Despair
- Guilt

The Healthy Place Web site informs that these emotions are typical, and the process for mourning may take longer than expected. However, should you grieve for the loss of a loved one, the web site offers advice on coping.

- Find people who care
These people can be family members or friends, or people in a support group.
- Talk about your feelings
Talking about your emotions can only make the loss easier.
- Stay healthy
Be sure to watch your health regularly, eat right, and exercise, and your consumption of alcohol.
- Live your life
Your loved one is gone. Don't forget that you are alive and need to live.
- Seek professional help
If the pain of your loss is too great, talk to a professional for assistance. Seeking help outside doesn't mean that you are going crazy, it just signifies you need another shoulder to lean on.
- Grief can affect others not associated with the person who died.
Friends can see the effects of a death on those around them. Should you be faced with a grieving friend, there are things you can do to ease their burden.
- Be an open ear
Let your friend come to you and talk, even if it is for hours, your open ears help them stay focused on the emotions they are feeling instead of ignoring them.
- Don't smother them with false words of comfort
Being overly sympathetic, might push your friend away.
- Be patient
Grief doesn't have a specific time range. Everyone is different and the way they experience that pain is unique to them. Be receptive of their feelings and don't pressure them to feel another way.



Photo contributed by Tom Zaniello.

Gus, pictured with Kate Zagac, always found a way to make students smile.



Photo contributed by Tom Zaniello

Gus never minded if you slipped him a treat; he found man reasons to enjoy it.

Illustration by Mike Brennan

campuscalendar

wednesday

Blood drive in the UC Ballroom from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

There will be a Bank Fair in the UC lobby from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Color Me Greek informational party in the UC Ballroom from 6 to 8 p.m.

Norse Visitation Day 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations are required.

thursday

Free accounting and financial management seminar in BEP 461 from 6 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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Theta Phi Alpha will have food, music and games in the UC plaza from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

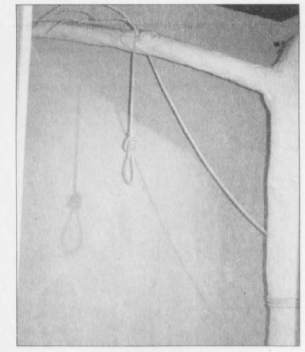
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Volleyball: NKU vs. Northwest (at Findlay, OH)

Women's Soccer: Tusculum at NKU 8 p.m.

Men's Soccer: John Toebehn Classic Ashland at NKU 8 p.m.

To place an event contact Angie Casebolt at 859-572-5859



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The Underground Railroad exhibit shows slaves' fight to be free.

Art depicts struggles

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The costs of slavery and the price of freedom are being remembered at Northern Kentucky University.

To coincide with the recent opening of Cincinnati's National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, NKU is celebrating with its own Underground Railroad exhibit.

The exhibit, titled Visual Journey: Enslavement, Underground Railroad, Freedom, opened Aug. 2nd and will run through Sept. 24th.

The Fine Arts Center galleries, located on the main and third floors, are filled with paintings, videos and other types of art with a theme of freedom.

Michael Ray Charles, an internationally known artist, aided in the selection of the pieces. He's also featured in

the gallery with his work focusing on racial stereotypes. Over 160 artists from across the country contributed to the event. Only 29 artists are featured for the exhibit, including David Chal.

Chal, an NKU art major, achieved first place honors with his mixed media piece, "Inexpensive, Expensive." He unrolled a ball of twine from the south river bank in Northern Kentucky to the Cincinnati side of the river.

The length of the twine represents the distance from slavery to freedom.

Admission is free and the exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., or by appointment.

For more information contact David Knight at (859) 572-5148, or by e-mail at Knight@nku.edu.

northernlife

WEBB fireworks draws larger crowd each year

Nearing half a million, fireworks crowd can be tough to handle without proper preparation

BY JOSH BLAIR
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Labor Day signifies the end of summer and WEBB likes to end it with a bang.

Sunday, Sept. 5 marks the 28th annual Toyota/WEBB fireworks. Each year the event becomes larger, which means more congestion for spectators. Last year's attendance was more than 400,000, and that was with poor weather.

While competing with nearly half a million people, finding a desirable seat can be difficult.

Without the correct preparation, the fireworks can turn out to be a disaster filled with long walks and two-hour traffic jams. Knowing where to park, what to bring and where to sit can make the spectacle enjoyable.

The best way to get a good seat is to arrive early. The fireworks don't start until 9:05 p.m., but there will be events taking place all day for Riverfest. It's a good idea to arrive early to get a desirable seat.

Some of the traffic can be avoided by taking a shuttle bus. TANK will have shuttles, running from Turfway Park in Florence, Buttermilk Pike park and ride in Crescent Springs and at NKU in Lot G.

The round-trip fare is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Pick up buses run every 20 to 30 minutes from 4 until 7:30 p.m., and return buses leave upon the completion of the fireworks.



Media credit: Kentucky Derby Festival

The banks of the Ohio River are popular places among spectators of fireworks displays.

The shuttle will not only save time, it will also save money because sitting in traffic wastes gas.

One of the most popular places to watch the fireworks from Northern Kentucky is Devoo Park. The hill-top offers a great view of the fireworks and the Cincinnati skyline. Other popular spots are the Newport riverfront, the Covington floodwall and the serpentine wall in Cincinnati.

It's always a good idea to bring something to sit on such as a blanket or folding chairs. If you plan on attending during

the day, don't forget to bring sunblock. Also, remember to wear comfortable shoes and plan on walking a considerable distance.

Alcohol, drinks, coolers, and pets are not permitted at the event. Plan on bringing extra cash because outside food and drinks are restricted.

Other events at Riverfest include live music at Sawyer Point, where 11 bands are scheduled to play on two stages from noon until 8:30 p.m.

There will be many street closings in Covington, Newport, Bellevue and

Cincinnati, so it's a good idea to decide where to sit in advance. A complete listing of street closings is posted on www.webb.com.

Make sure not to park in places where you wouldn't otherwise park such as the expressway, on/off ramps and road shoulders. Extra police officers will be in the area, so violators of parking laws are likely to be ticketed.

Arriving at the right time, finding the right place to sit and bringing the proper items will help ensure that the fireworks will be an enjoyable event.

Know what to watch out for when you're buying used cars

FORCED INDUCTION

BY JOSH BLAIR

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Anyone who's purchased a used car knows it can be a big hassle.

One of the worst things that can happen is finding something wrong with a car a few days after you purchased it. This week's article aims to help you become better at purchasing a used car.

The first thing you want to find out is the value of the car. There's two main value books, the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) guide, and the Kelley Blue Book, which is available online at www.kbb.com.

Knowing the value of the car is especially helpful if the owner has too high an asking price. Print out the blue book value, take it with you when you look at the car and they'll have a hard time arguing against it. This week's article aims to help you become better at purchasing a used car.

Although the car may look and sound like it's in good mechanical order, make sure you ask which parts have been replaced. If it has over 100,000 miles then the brakes, shocks, springs, air filter, spark plugs, ignition wires, fuel filter, transmission fluid and battery should've been replaced. If the car is nearing 150,000 miles ask if the timing belt, starter, water pump and alternator have been replaced. If not then these parts may need replacing soon.



Josh Blair / iPhotographer

With the right knowledge, the next used car you purchase won't turn out to be a piece of junk.

If the seller tries to tack on the price of new parts to the Kelley Blue Book value then they're wrong. A car in good condition according to the Kelley Blue Book has no major mechanical defects.

If a car will need new parts soon, then the cost of the parts should be deducted from the Blue Book value. The only way a car should get more than Blue Book value is if it's rare or has extra parts such as a set of winter wheels and tires.

One major thing to look out for is rust. Rust is a cancer that will only get worse. If you see rust on a car, plan on fixing it. Also, make sure to look under the car and in the wheel wells for rust.

It's always a good idea to run

a Carfax report to receive any title, odometer, registration and damage information.

A big part of buying a used car and trying to lower the price is deception. Never act like you're trying to own the car. Play it cool and say there are a few other cars you're looking at. If you seem desperate to own the car, then the seller can exploit this and will be able to get a higher price.

Ask the seller how long they've been trying to sell the car and if anyone's looked at it. If the car has been on the market for months and very few people have been interested in it, then there's a good chance you'll be able to talk them down. After trying to sell a car for a few months most people

C&A:

I was wondering if you had any information on car enthusiasts at NKU. I know there used to be an organization called Northern Kentucky Speed but I could never contact them or get more information on them.

- Mike Groun

I remember seeing some flyers on the campus for Northern Kentucky Speed a few years ago, but haven't seen anything recently. I think it would be a great idea to have a car club at NKU since there are so many parking lots where it could meet.

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With these tips hopefully you won't get screwed the next time you purchase a used car. The only problem left is dealing with the DMV, and I don't think anyone knows how to deal with that maze of confusion.

Next week's rebuttal: tips on selling a used car.

E-mail questions to Josh at lmgldlmmotagtr@yahoo.com

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Festiva offers trip back in time

Fifteenth annual Renaissance festival brings 16th century food, entertainment and festivities to Ohio

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The Ohio Renaissance Festival is more than just a place to drink beer.

There's a myriad of other reasons to visit the 15th annual festival held in Harveysburg, Ohio. According to the festival Web site, it features an "authentic permanent 30-acre English village" where the entertainment takes place along with "12 stages and a unique open-air Shopper's Marketplace" with over 130 merchants and demonstrating craftsmen.

You can meet Queen Elizabeth I, rescue a damsel from a tower, see the 65 foot pirate ship, watch a full armor joust or one of the other 100 daily shows.

Education major Ellen Steele said she took her family to the festival last year, and plans to make it a yearly tradition. "You feel like you're a part of the time period," she said, "there were people bowing to the queen, it's unbelievable."

Steele liked the family atmosphere and the quality of the festival. "There wasn't one chintzy thing there," she said.

Aside from the entertainment aspects of the festival, there are shopping opportunities galore. Items for sale include full suits of armor, artwork, handmade glass, leather notebooks and

more.

One thing Amy Zimmer, the Renaissance festival's office manager, looks for when she hires someone to perform or sell items at the festival is quality. The merchants must display hand made goods that are made out of materials that were available in 16th century England.

"This keeps the theme of the festival consistent with the time period and contributes to the authenticity of this festival," she said. "The quality has to meet a certain standard."

The festival's food also stays true to the time period. Some crowd favorites include bread bowl stews, steak on a stake and Squire Tom's Leg, a one-pound baked turkey leg.

Steele and her family loved the turkey legs. She said, "They're huge, and you feel barbaric walking around and eating this thing."

Adult tickets are \$15, children's tickets are \$8, and children under five-years-old get in free. Parking is also free. Tickets and discount coupons are available at Kroger. Discounted tickets can also be purchased online at www.ren-festival.com.

The fair is held every Saturday and Sunday, and Labor Day, through Oct. 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine.



Media credit: New York Renaissance Fair

Jousting is one of the main events at Renaissance festivals.

Comedy news show can also be serious

Jon Stewart combines truth and comedic relief to keep important political topics entertaining

By Rich Copley
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry was mere minutes into his appearance on "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" last week when he started to turn the discussion away from attack ads by Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and to some 21st-century concerns.

"George Bush doesn't want to talk about the real issues," Kerry said. "I mean, what's he going to do, come out and say we lost 1.8 million jobs, 4 million Americans lost their health care, we're going backwards on the environment, we've angered everybody in the world ..."

Stewart leaned in, jabbed a

finger at Kerry and demanded, "Sir, I'm sorry. Were you or were you not in Cambodia on Christmas Eve?"

The audience gave the moment a big laugh, something "The Daily Show" gets more than its fair share of.

But a serious point was made too, something "The Daily Show" does better than most other news chatter programs. Kerry's decision to make Stewart's fax news show on Comedy Central his first TV appearance after the Swift Boaters began their campaign left some scratching their heads.

But for news junkies who've made the show part of their daily TV diets, it made perfect sense. While other news outlets get caught up in junk news, let talking points' air unquestioned and generally fail to ful-

fill their watchdog role, Stewart has mastered the comedic art of skewering the absurdities of both sides of the aisle and is, in effect, asking, can we be serious?

Some traditional news people complain that "The Daily Show's" popularity overshadows "serious" news. But Stewart's audience is a politically savvy lot. They know that if Kerry has gone on a "serious" news show, he would have been hammered from most of the interview with penny ante questions about the Swifters' blasts from the past, while Stewart actually turned to some real topics such as oil dependence and jokes such as Kerry's ketchup conviction.

For evidence that the traditional news media didn't get it, he had to look no further than an Associated Press story about

the show headlined, "Stewart Probes Kerry on Military Service," penned by a writer who seemed to miss the satire in Stewart's Cambodia question.

That all goes a long way toward explaining why "The Daily Show" drew higher ratings than the cable news channels during the Democratic National Convention, according to Entertainment Weekly magazine. It could repeat that feat during the Republican Convention this week. (Stewart followed his Kerry interview with a Republican Party Chairman Ed Gillespie on Wednesday, needing him mercilessly about getting President Bush on the show during the convention.)

But Kerry's appearance was the ultimate get for the show, this far.

Kerry's visit not only highlighted Stewart's ability to cut to the chase, but it reaffirmed his ability to take people with all the charisma of plywood and cajole them into easy exchanges. Even when Stewart is plucking the right or left wings off a guest, Stewart comes across as witty and amiable.

Stewart has shown with "The Daily Show" that a mix of truth and humor is much more pointed. And while the show could accurately be described as left-leaning, Stewart lampoons both parties. In a piece last week about the Kerry campaign attempting to find a multicultural street for one of his "front porch" appearances, Stewart said, "The stop took place on a street with a Hispanic family living next to a single mother next to a black couple next to a

military veteran next to a laid-off worker. That porch, of course, is located on Demographic Street in Faketown. I believe I knew a street like that. I believe it was called Sesame Street."

It was a joke that registered with kids raised on the landmark PBS children's show, and that is another part of Stewart's appeal. The 41-year-old registers with a crowd that sees no peer in the gallery of established news commentators on networks and cable news channels. It's also a generation that grew up on things such as "Saturday Night Live's" "Weekend Update" and HBO's "Not Necessarily the News." "The show took place on a street with a Hispanic family living next to a single mother next to a black couple next to a

To that audience, "The Daily Show" is seriously funny.

New rockers kick out some jams in jammies

Pop-rock musicians in robes make feel-good music, but the 25 members say they are not a cult

By Tom Moon
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

The first question Tim DeLaughter, leader of the Polyphonic Spree, is asked when people see his 25-member group wearing flowing choir robes in pastel colors, and singing unabashedly positive Up With People-ish songs: Is this some kind of a cult?

The second question: Is there room for one more?

"Every show, somebody comes up to us with this look in their eyes, and you just know they want to be in it," DeLaughter said on the day the Dallas-based band's long-awaited new album, "Together We're Heavy" (Hollywood),

arrived in stores.

"I mean, they're really serious. They're prepared to relocate. I've got enough people to start three more Polyphonic Sprees right now."

There's a novelty aspect at work, but the appeal of this mammoth chamber-pop group goes deeper. The 10 singers interpret DeLaughter's earnest songs of faith and devotion like sacred texts, singing in powerful youth-choir unison or simple two-part harmony.

The instrumental accompaniment tends toward the florid, with flutes and trombones and multiple keyboards offsetting electric guitars and a traditional rock rhythm section. And the songs are big, epic creations — sometimes exhibiting a touch of Brian Wilson, or the grandeur of Electric Light

Orchestra.

DeLaughter's original idea was simple: "I wanted to create a sound that was appealing to me."

The 38-year-old former rocker and father of three, whose band Tripping Daisy put out several acclaimed records in the early '90s, said he grew bored with the highly formatted songwriting that is the status quo in rock, and the monotony of its instrumental sounds.

"It's not like I was thinking I needed to have this many singers or anything," he said. "It was more about experimenting with something that would never be confused with whatever else was going on. We're so out of the musical climate. I don't think people know what to make of this band."

The songs of "Together

We're Heavy" came about through improvisation.

DeLaughter would bring in a skeletal idea, and strum the chords while singing what he hears as the melody. The musicians, many of whom are classically trained, would fall in around him; they are encouraged to add counter lines or whatever else they hear.

"Most of these people grew up reading sheet music. At first they'd ask what key and what the chords were, and I had to get them to let go of inhibitions. Now, when we work on material, it's 'Let's just play and see where we go with it.'"

DeLaughter said he purposely leaned in the direction of the idealistic — if not the celestial — when writing the Spree's lyrics. "From when I first started in music to today, the general tone

of hope has always been my subject matter. I didn't change my lyrics for the group."

However, he acknowledges that the themes do resonate differently when sung by such a large ensemble. "It works out, conveniently, that having so many people sing gives the lyrics extra weight."

"It's sort of uncharted waters, this very innocent way of talking about being human in these times. Some people see it as almost borderline hokey. But to us it's key, because some sort of spirit is there when we perform."

DeLaughter said that despite all the spirit talk, the Polyphonic Spree is not a cult. "I haven't adopted a specific religion in the songs. There's no clear-cut agendas. DeLaughter

said they're just another way to differentiate his group.

"I was thinking a lot about the way people look at someone's clothes, and they made judgments about what kind of person they're looking at," DeLaughter said.

"That's annoying to me. I wanted something to unify the group, and the first image was white robes, so I went to my mother-in-law, and boom — right away we had the robes."

"At first the idea was to project images on the (white robes), but as we've gone along, we're so much more of a band and a family, we've realized there's a lot of vividness, a lot of color. So now each of us wears our own color — we're like pixels on a TV screen."

Media



South Park: The Passion of the Jew DVD

After seeing The Passion of the Christ, Kyle questions his Jewish heritage. Meanwhile, Cartman joins together with hardcore fans of the movie to carry out it's message.

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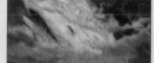
Find out what was missed on his comedy tour that was cancelled in Cincinnati last May. Hear Chappelle talk about what he knows best, black culture, today's youth and weed. No word on any Ashy Larry appearances.

This program airs Saturday, Sept. 4 at 9 p.m. It repeats Sunday, Sept. 5 at 9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 6 at 9 p.m. and various times throughout September. (Showtime)

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Sports Scene

with Kyle Brown

U.S. Olympic hoops needs

The nightmare saga known as the 2004 United States men's Olympic basketball team came to an end with a bronze medal on Aug. 28.

The "Dream Team" gave a disappointing performance, and the players were criticized for being underachievers.

The selection of the U.S. team is the only thing that needs to be changed.

The four leading scorers in the Olympics were NBA players, other than the U.S. Despite setting the United States record for points in a single game, Stephon Marbury was not the best point guard in the Olympics. Puerto Rico's Carlos Arroyo was.

Despite playing as a team leader and using his put-your-body-on-the-line brand of basketball, Allen Iverson could not hit an outside shot. Argentina's Manu Ginobili could.

Tim Duncan, considered by many to be the most fundamental basketball player in the world, was forced to play at center and found himself in four trouble during many games. China's Yao Ming was the dominating inside force during these games.

Lamar Odom may be considered one of the league's most improved players, but his contemporaries from Spain, Pau Gasol, reigned as the leading scorer in the Olympics.

Unknown players from other countries became superstars by playing monumental roles in Olympic competition. Argentina's Luis Scola, Lithuania's Arvydas Maciulevicius, and Italy's Gianluca Basile. In the NBA, they could be role players.

So-called "superstars" from the U.S. looked lost and confused. Richard Jefferson showed how great Jason Kidd can make any player look. If there's one thing the Olympics proved, it is that a Kidd-less Richard Jefferson is a worthless Richard Jefferson.

Without a doubt, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwyane Wade, and Amare Stoudemire are the future of U.S. basketball. How ironic then that Anthony found himself in Coach Larry Brown's doghouse. Stoudemire and James barely got off the bench, and Wade was used as a defensive stopper who never put up much offense.

Now that it's over, questions are being raised about how to change U.S. Olympic basketball. Should we use NBA Champions, NCAA Champions? Perhaps a college all-star team?

There are advantages and disadvantages to those arguments, but U.S. basketball is missing the one key point – this is not an all-star team. The NBA All-Star Game is in February.

This is the Olympic Team, the key word being "team." It doesn't have to be made up entirely of All-Stars, rather a cohesive unit of players.

There really isn't much of a point in comparing the Olympics to the NBA. The truth of the matter is that the people who select the U.S. men's Olympic basketball team for 2008 had better wake up before another nightmare begins.

Men's soccer season kicks off

Norse prevents goal in first two games, defeats Sagnia Valley and Findlay

WILDER, Ky. – Jason Larkin picked a perfect time to score his first collegiate goal Sunday afternoon, and he has teammate Randy Walters to thank for getting him in that position.

Larkin's goal late in the first overtime period snapped a scoreless tie and gave Northern Kentucky University a 1-0 win over the University of Findlay. The freshman from Oak Hills High School in Cincinnati beat Findlay goalie Dustin Robbins with the winning score at the 97:37 mark after receiving a perfect pass from Walters.

Walters began the winning sequence by getting behind the Findlay defense on the left sideline. He dribbled into the box, spotted Larkin on the right side of the goal and crossed to the freshman in front of the goal.

Larkin finished the play and the game by knocking the ball into the net, giving NKU (1-0-1) its first win of the season.

Senior goalie Nate Madden recorded his second straight shutout for NKU, which out-shot Findlay (0-1-1) by a 9-7 margin. The Norse also attempted seven corner kicks and limited the Oilers to just three.

It marked the second straight year NKU defeated Findlay, which advanced to the NCAA Division II Final Four last season. A year ago, the Norse handed the Oilers a 4-2 setback at the Town & Country Sports Complex.

The team opened the season Saturday afternoon when they went up against Ashland Friday, and the event will conclude Sunday when NKU takes on Christian Brothers.

University and the result was a scoreless tie at the Town & Country Sports Complex.

NKU won the battle of shots by a 14-8 margin, but the Norse were unable to find the net against Sagnia Valley State backup goalie Eric Carnes. Carnes, who entered the game 10 minutes into the first half after starter Grant Pierce injured his shoulder, collected four saves.

Nate Madden guarded the NKU net for the entire 110 minutes, picked up four saves and held Sagnia Valley State scoreless. The Norse backfield allowed just two corner kicks the entire afternoon.

NKU, meanwhile, penetrated deep into Sagnia Valley State's defense several times and finished with seven corner kicks. The Cardinal defense, however, stiffened each time and escaped with the tie.

Lies nearly snapped the scoreless tie in the second half when he headed a ball toward the Sagnia Valley State goal, but the shot hit the crossbar and bounced out of play.

NKU will play host to the John Toebien Classic this weekend at the Town & Country Sports Complex. The John Toebien Classic is presented by Provident Bank, and the event is in memory of the late NKU soccer head coach who passed away on April 26, 2003, after a seven-month battle with cancer.

The Norse will play Ashland Friday, and the event will conclude Sunday when NKU takes on Christian Brothers.

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Dan Impollizzeri and a Sagnia Valley State player battle for position in this past Saturday's contest that ended in a 0-0 tie.

Cross country seeks refinement

Men's and Women's teams welcome talented newcomers who will enhance performance

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The Norse men and women cross country teams look to rebound from a shaky season last year.

They started their season on Aug. 13 with the annual Brian Robins run.

"The Brian Robins run was a great success," said Norse cross country coach Steve Kruse. "We had a record turnout and it was real good to see everybody running in it. It was especially good to see the NKU

alumni runners competing in the run with the present NKU runners."

The men and women cross country have good recruits and transfers coming this season. Some of the women coming into the program include Julianne Hockema out of Hamilton-Bach High School, Sara Eggleston from Taylor High School and Rachel Stoehr, a transfer from Valparaiso University.

The men's team will be a different team from last year. Coming off of a down year, they will have a new and improved team in the 2004 season.

son. The men's team has 16 runners this year with 9 of them being newcomers.

"It's like the roll of the dice," Kruse said. "I actually recruited harder for the women than I did for the men, and I'm more satisfied with what recruits I got for the men's team than I did for the women's team. On the men's team we got 10 guys that could be our number 1 runner."

"We have a lot of quality freshmen entering our program in addition to having a lot of quality student athletes."

Two major dates highlight the 2004 Norse cross country

schedule. On Sept. 10, the Norse host the NKU Invitational and on Oct. 23 the Norse host the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships.

The two events will be held at A.J. Jolly Park in Alexandria. It will be the first time in 10 years that the Norse cross country team has hosted the GLVC Championships.

"I worked with the people at A.J. Jolly Park to develop a good course for the runs we are hosting this year," Kruse said. "I'm real happy the way the course will have been laid out. The course will be both viewer and

runner friendly."

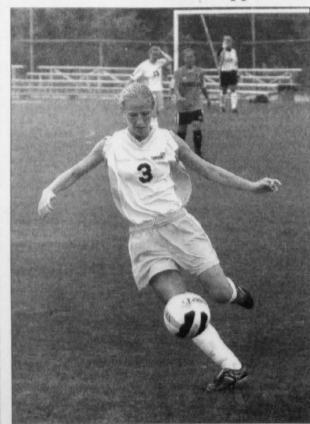
The Norse start their season Sept. 4 at the Dayton Invitational. NKU will be the only Division II school in the field. The rest of the teams are Division I, including the University of the Dayton, Wright State University, Xavier University, the University of Cincinnati, Miami University and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

"The Dayton Invitational will be a challenge for us," said Kruse.

Women's soccer wins first two games

Outscore opponents 6-1, Keep #1 Spot in G.L.V.C. Standings

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Amey Law has scored a goal in both of NKU's games this season.

shot Findlay 12-6. Findlay goalkeeper Tabitha Goetz kept the Norse at bay for most of the game.

The score was tied at one at the half.

"Coach was pretty frustrated with us at halftime," said Rogers. "We knew we had to do something about it."

The Norse started out slow in the second half, but during the last 20 minutes of the game, they picked up the pace, pinning the Oilers in their defensive end.

With about three minutes to go in the game, junior Amy Martini made a perfect pass to sophomore Amey Law who nipped a shot in the lower left of the net past Goetz.

"We knew if we got another goal, this game would be over," Rogers said.

You could tell that the pressure was off the players after Law's goal. The Norse put the nail in the coffin with 1:05 left in the game when junior Kristen Votapek clipped a shot over Goetz.

That was Votapek's first goal of the season. Votapek transferred from Mount Vernon Nazarene College last year.

The win was an important one in the region games for the Norse. "We can't lose region

games," said senior defender Robyn Withers. Withers is a key defender who helps anchor the tough Norse defense.

The Norse continue their tough season this coming weekend against two of the top teams in the country as Tusculum and Christian Brothers come to Town and Country.

The Norse are looking to avenge their 2-1 overtime defeat against Tusculum last year.

Nbrief

Who: Tusculum
When: Sept. 3 at 8 p.m.
Where: NKU

Who: Christian Brothers
When: Sept. 5 at 1 p.m.
Where: NKU

Who: Ferris State
When: Sept. 11 at Noon
Where: Ferris State

hotseat



→ with John Rasp

In this week's hot seat article, John interviewed soccer player Chris Thompson, who played two games on the team last season before having to take a medical redshirt.

John Rasp: When you are conditioning, how many miles do you run?
Chris Thompson: In hard conditioning, earlier in the year, we would be doing 10 x 300's and then playing soccer the whole time too which would take its toll on your legs.

JR: Who is going to lead the team in yellow cards this year?
CT: Probably Matt Flick. He already got one this year.

JR: What's the most fired up you've seen Coach Basalyga?
CT: If you are not hustling, he will definitely get on your case.

JR: If a playoff game came down to penalty kicks, who would be your five players from NKU that you would take?
CT: Besides myself, Jens Eliassen, Randy Walters, Tony Caputo and other than that, I don't really know.

JR: If you had to pick one player from the NKU women's team to play on your team, which one would you pick and why?
CT: I wouldn't want to have to pick women's player to play on the men's soccer team, but if I had to say I would probably take Kristen (Votapek), who's a pretty fast forward because we are hurt-

ing for forwards right now.

JR: Fact or Fiction: Soccer is the roughest sport here at NKU.
CT: Probably a fact because we don't have football here at NKU.

JR: What opponent are you most looking forward to playing?
CT: Bellarmine because they turned me down. A little revenge I guess.

JR: What kind of duties do you have as a freshman?
CT: We have to get the balls, get the water, and stuff like that.

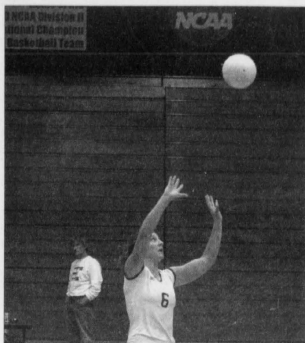


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Chris Thompson is back this season after getting injured last season.

Norse volleyball compete in Florida

Team begins season 3-1 following tough competition on the road, Koralewski named M.V.P. of the tournament



Blue Assistant Photo Editor

Andrea Lanham had a triple-double against Mesa State College.

PENSACOLA, Fla. - Andrea Lanham recorded her first career triple-double Saturday as the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team defeated Mesa (Colo.) State College, 30-23, 26-30, 30-21, 30-23, at the University of West Florida Comfort Inn-vitational. Lanham, a sophomore setter, finished with 11 kills, 14 digs and 53 assists. Her setting keyed the Norse's .339 hitting percentage for the match. She also added two block assists. NKU senior outside hitter Kristin Koralewski hammered down a team-leading 21 kills and recorded 17 digs against Mesa State. Koralewski, a first team All-America selection last season, converted the 21 kills in 37 attempts with just two errors for a .514 hitting percentage. Lynne Fischesser (10 kills, 16 digs) and Liz Holmes (12 kills, 14 digs) each collected double-doubles for the Norse. Fischesser - who attacked the ball at a .417 clip - served up four aces, while Holmes finished with five service aces.

Julie Lewis added 13 kills and eight digs for NKU, which hit .500 in the fourth game to seal the victory.

In the nightcap, the University of West Florida used a balanced attack to upend NKU, 30-23, 31-29, 26-30, 30-19. The Argonauts (2-2) had five players finish with at least 10 kills and held NKU (3-1) to a .136 hitting percentage.

Koralewski, who was named most valuable player of the two-day tournament, led NKU with 13 kills and 18 digs. Lanham just missed her second triple-double of the day by collecting 38 assists, 14 digs and nine kills. The Notre Dame Academy graduate also had a .364 hitting percentage.

Holmes picked up 10 kills, 11 digs, two service aces and four block assists, while Fischesser finished with 11 kills, 15 digs and four block assists. West Florida hit .243 as a team and recorded 10 service aces.

NKU will return to action next Friday at the University of

Findlay Tournament with a 1 p.m. match against Northwood (Mich.) University.

On the first night of action, Friday, Liz Holmes recorded a double-double in her collegiate debut as the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team defeated the University of Montevallo (Ala.), 30-21, 30-22, 30-22.

Holmes, a freshman, collected 14 kills and 12 digs as NKU won its season opener at the University of West Florida Comfort Inn-vitational. The 5-foot-10 freshman finished with a .440 hitting percentage and added three service aces.

Senior outside hitter Kristin Koralewski added 13 kills and 14 digs for NKU, which hit .339 as a team. Koralewski, a first team All-America selection last season, also had two block assists.

The Norse limited Montevallo (0-1) to a .098 hitting percentage. NKU finished off the match in the third game by converting 19 of 39 attacks with just two errors for a .336

hitting percentage.

Lynne Fischesser (11 kills, 11 digs) and Julie Lewis (10 kills, 10 digs) also posted double-doubles for NKU. Lewis converted 10 of 16 attacks with just two errors for a .500 hitting percentage.

Sophomore setter Andrea Lanham recorded 47 assists, eight digs and a .571 hitting percentage for NKU. Senior defensive specialist Amber Timmons added 12 digs for the Norse, and senior middle hitter Maggie Pugh had five kills.

NKU later added a 30-17, 30-20, 30-22 victory over the University of West Alabama. Holmes led the Norse with 10 kills, while Koralewski added nine kills, 10 digs and four service aces.

Lanham collected 30 assists for NKU, which finished with 11 service aces. The Norse hit just .210 but held West Alabama (0-2) to a .075 attack percentage.

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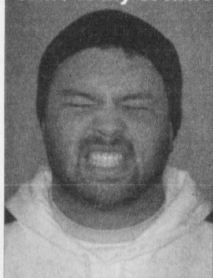
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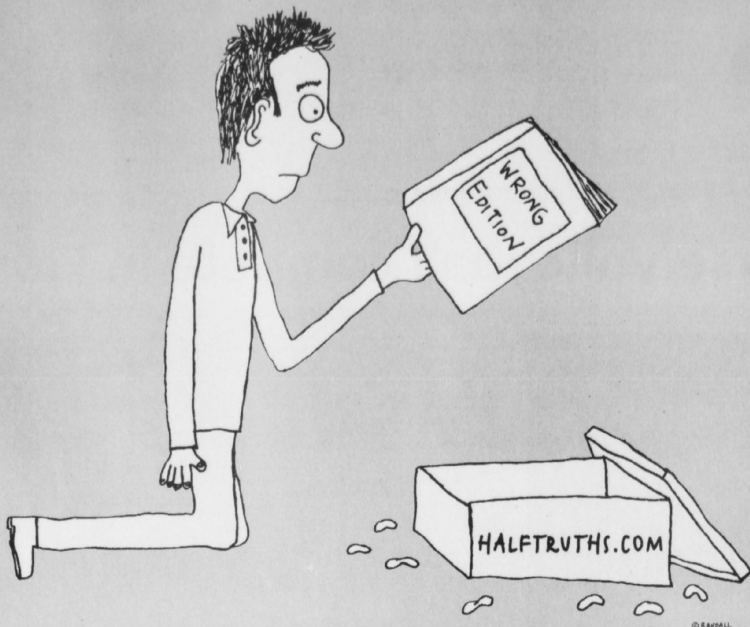
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