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This year, university housing is at full capacity.

Proposed housing in works

Dorms could be ready by 2008

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Demand tests and discussions will decide if another residential building will be added to Northern Kentucky University's campus, according to Mark Shanley, vice president of student affairs.

He and other administrators are discussing the idea of expanding the residential village.

Shanley said nothing formal has been decided, but since occupancy has significantly increased on campus, he projects that a new residential building will be needed.

"We are in the very preliminary stages," he

said.

Shanley said that they plan to test the demand of housing by looking at the amount of applicants among other things to see if the new building would be necessary.

The soonest the building would be able to be used would be the fall of 2007, but Shanley said that the university would "have to work very quickly."

Shanley said the new building would be similar to the University Suites, since so many students have requested to live there.

"Right now we're just looking at demand analysis and seeing if this is the right way to move forward," Shanley said.

Extreme Norsin' Around



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Above, Afshan Khokhar does Henna Tattoos on Desi Day. Below, NKU Taekwondo club member Farhad Abdikariv (striped) spars at the Dayton Champions Tournament.

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The change from high school to college can be scary. Several times a year, Northern Kentucky University hosts Norse Visitation Days to help decrease student fear of that transition.

NKU held the most recent of these transition-helpers Sept. 30. Days such as these are designed to introduce high school students to the many facets of college life.

This day, which began at 10 a.m., included a one-hour speech by Irelayne Estevez, who is the admissions counselor for Multicultural Recruitment. Her area of concentration is Spanish recruitment. Through many Power Point slides, Estevez weaved a picture of what NKU is all about. The presentation showed the Greek community and what it had to offer throughout the semester. It also mentioned the university's sports programs and their successes, and also detailed each area of study that the university offered.

Estevez used this time to welcome the prospective students. She had all the students stand up and introduce themselves. Most students attending the event were from local schools.

Estevez detailed the features and area attractions at or around NKU. She mentioned area restaurants as well as the closeness of both the Cincinnati Reds and the Bengals. Estevez also pushed the local businesses such as Proctor and Gamble and Fidelity, among others. Estevez detailed the relationship the university has with these businesses and how students have taken both internships and careers there.

From there, the focus turned back to the university and all it offers its students.

She gave out information on several of the colleges, including the college of business, an internationally accredited school with high success rates. Also mentioned was the school of nursing and health professions, which has a very high job placement rating. An introduction to the office of first-year programs was next, which included a

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NKU eases transition



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Students from local and regional high schools tour Northern Kentucky University's campus during one of the campus' Norse Visitation Days.

class all freshmen have to take, University 101. Estevez explained that the class, along with other programs, are designed to help freshmen integrate into the university.

Student services, such as tutoring and learning communities, were also discussed. Disability services was also outlined and discussed.

Though many students came to the visitation day, the number was no greater than in years past.

"We haven't necessarily seen a greater number of people interested in the university this semester with the visitation days," Estevez said, "but what we have noticed is that the groups are now more geographically diverse."

Estevez said that in the past most of

the students attending these visits were from the Cincinnati, southeastern Indiana, and Northern Kentucky areas. She also explained that there are now students coming from northern Ohio and farther into Kentucky.

"I felt the visit went really well," Estevez said. "The group was lively and seemed very interested in learning more about NKU."

Estevez said that she's seen groups as small as three families and as large as 40 people.

"I would say the size of this group was about average, especially for this time of the year. Our groups are usually larger around

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Student finds closure as assault court case ends

After months of investigation, records of incident open

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A Northern Kentucky University student was assaulted in front of the University Suites. He was hit in the face and the damage was extensive, incurring nearly \$14,000 worth of medical expenses. The Northernner was unable to report on this assault because the case was still under investigation by the NKU Police Department until Aug. 8.

The Freedom of Information Act, begun by Congress in 1966 to give the public access to information, says that allowing the public to view open cases would "interfere with enforcement proceedings; deprive a person of a right to fair trial or an impartial adjudication...disclose investigative techniques or procedures," according to the Code of Federal Regulations, 5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (7).

The Northernner has received questions and letters regarding this case since it occurred.

On Feb. 10, student Diego Varela was assaulted by another student, Jared Dillow on campus after a university sponsored trip to Jillian's for homecoming activities. Varela reported the incident to police Feb. 12 and pressed charges against Dillow.

Dillow turned himself in to police Feb. 15 and was charged with fourth degree assault.

He gave a written confession about the incident. In it he said, "I went to a bar with a couple of my friends. While I was there I had several drinks and started dancing with a girl named Amy." The call came for the bus back to campus. Dillow got on the bus and sat next to a friend of his, then said he noticed "the guy with Amy making gestures, laughing and provoking me." Once Dillow got off the bus at NKU,



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Diego Varela

he said that he "asked the guy what he had said about me. He stopped, turned to me and said 'Fuck you.'" Dillow wrote that at this point he "hit him once with my right hand. Everyone turned around and told me to go home. I left and later found out that the guy's name was Diego..."

Witnesses, though, said that Varela never cursed at Dillow. In an e-mail recount of the situation, student Katie Vought said, "We were all pretty much in shock because Diego hadn't said anything to this kid...he didn't even know him at all."

Varela also said that he didn't know Dillow. "I didn't say anything. He imagined that I was talking to Amy about him," Varela said. "I did not say 'fuck you.' I'm not that kind of person."

Matt Brown, director of University Housing, interviewed Dillow after the assault and asked him what happened. Brown then submitted a typed account of the interview to the University Police.

In it, Brown said, "He informed me that he had been drinking...He said that he and Amy had talked about hanging out after they got back to campus (Dillow) said the bus ride was uncomfortable because Amy and Diego were speaking Spanish most of the trip." Brown also said that Dillow believed that Amy and Varela were talking about him and that Varela called him a name. Dillow told Brown, "I lost my temper and punched him."

According to University Police Detective Rob Yelton, there has been some controversy over whether Varela was hit in the face with a shoe or a fist.

"Witnesses said he was hit with a shoe," Yelton said. "But upon reinterviewing, they didn't see the hit at all—they only saw him putting his shoe back on."

Yelton believes that Dillow's shoe slipped off his foot when

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College gender ratios uneven

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Colleges campuses with an even male-female ratio have become exceptions.

The number of women who attend college has been continuously increasing for decades, and now women outnumber men on college campuses by a significant margin. At Northern Kentucky University, nearly 60 percent of students are female.

This imbalance is projected to grow even more apparent by 2014 when college enrollment of women nationwide is expected to grow by 21 percent and men's enrollment only by 12 percent, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

According to U.S. Department of Education statistics, women earned 774,000 bachelor's degrees in 2004-2005 which far exceeds the 578,000 earned by men.

Many people feel that white males have long been subjected to stereotyping and disadvantages that have been brought on by feminism. Freshman Eric Schierberg, said that for decades "it's been all about girl-power. Nobody stands up for white males." He pointed out that in the media, especially comedy shows, white males are who we're supposed to be jealous of. They are portrayed as incompetent and always less smart than their wives or girlfriends.

Chris Miracle, a computer science major, agreed with Schierberg that males are far too often the butt of jokes. They are portrayed as incompetent and always less smart than their wives or girlfriends. "It's always the fat white guy," Miracle said.

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the months of September and October. Spring visitation days tend to be a little smaller."

Estevae also believes that "the Norse Visitation Days offer a great opportunity for prospective students to learn about what NKU has to offer them."

They are also a great tool for the university to show off the qualities that make us such a great school, such as our extremely affordable

tuition, small class sizes, great location and great faculty."

Once the presentation ended, students and parents divided up into smaller groups to take tours of the campus.

Tours included all campus buildings as well as the Residential Housing area. If any students are interested in helping out with future visitation days, contact the Office of Admissions at x5220 about one of the dates listed at the right.

Brief

Visitation Days for the month of October are scheduled for:

- Oct. 7
- Oct. 11-13
- Oct. 21-22
- Oct. 26
- Oct. 31

Ethics Bowl team prepares for event

First of many competitions held Nov. 12

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The NKU Ethics Bowl Team will head to Indianapolis for the first stop of the season.

The team's destination is the Regional Ethics Bowl Nov. 12 at Marion College. The season will culminate with the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl.

The Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl competition will take place on Feb. 23, 2006, in Jacksonville, Fla. This will mark the fourth consecutive year that Northern Kentucky University has participated in this event and the 12th year the event has taken place.

Forty teams from universities around the country will participate in this competition that challenges students to find a solution to everyday ethical dilemmas.

"There are three to five members representing each team," said Nancy Hancock, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy at NKU. "Originally, most of the participants were philosophy majors. However, we encourage students of all majors to get involved. So all students who have a diverse team to be faced in business, physics, engineering, accounting and many other areas. We would like to have a diverse team where as many disciplines as

possible are represented."

After the team is comprised, the rigorous studying begins. "Six weeks prior to the beginning of the competition, teams receive 15 case studies that focus on different issues. The team look at professional, political, personal and academic ethical topics," She said. "We divide up primary responsibility for each case among the team members, so that each topic will have an individual speaker."

"Every team takes part in at least three matches, which includes two rounds. The moderator first decides on a case and then asks the team a question," Hancock said. "The team has one minute to prepare and then 10 minutes to present their response to the question. Then, the opposing team has five minutes to comment on the first team's answer, which the first team then gets five minutes to react to," Hancock said. "Finally, each judge gets to ask one question of the presenting team."

After the teams have argued their standpoints, the judging begins. According to the speed, Jacob Fay, 21, of Woodstock, OH was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speed.

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11:26 a.m. A smoke alarm was activated in the University Suites. The cause of the alarm was found to be burned food in a toaster oven.

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case? Was there awareness and consideration of different viewpoints? The opposing team's response and the original team's rebuttal are evaluated.

Since the competition is at a different location across the country every year, funding can be difficult to obtain.

"The first year we participated in the competition, it was held in Cincinnati, so there were no traveling costs. The second year the competition was held in Raleigh, North Carolina. With help from the dean of arts and sciences, The department of sociology, anthropology, and philosophy covered the cost," Hancock said. "Last year, we traveled to San Antonio, Texas, and were lucky to have three people cover the cost. Dr. Gail Wells, vice president for academic affairs and provost, Dr. Phil Schmidt, dean of arts and sciences, and Dr. Terry P. was chair of the department of sociology, anthropology, and philosophy. It didn't cost any of the students or the school a dime to go," Hancock said.

Sponsors are still needed to assist in supporting the Ethics Bowl competition. "We are always looking for community partners to sponsor the Ethics Bowl Team," Hancock said. For information on making a donation or becoming part of the Ethics Bowl Team, please contact Hancock at x401.

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Yelton believes that Dillow's shoe slipped off his foot when he punched Varela. Dillow was wearing slip-on shoes with no laces. The difference is important because if Dillow had used a shoe, the assault would have been a felony.

"Everybody I talked to agreed that the damage that was done to the face and eyeball was not something that could have been done with a soft shoe," Yelton said. "It was more of a bone on bone contact, in my experience."

Yelton agrees. "He struck my face with a shoe," he said. "I saw the shoe." Yelton also said that he had heard some talk that this was a hate crime.

"By law, a hate crime has to be directed to a group—a certain race, religion or sexual orientation, and not an individual for political actions," he said. "I feel that this was definitely driven by alcohol—Dillow said he wouldn't have done it if he wasn't been drinking."

Varela said he thought in the beginning that this was a hate crime, but now believes that many of the different factors were involved.

"He was jealous. He was upset. He just didn't like me," Varela said. "He was drunk." Varela also said that Dillow was upset that he was speaking in Spanish. "He was uncon-

fortable with that," he can say that 100 percent," he said.

Yelton said there were reasons that Dillow wasn't arrested once the crime was committed. He said, "If we had been called when the fight was active, then we would have been able to make an arrest."

Yelton said that because of the delay in reporting the crime, the police were unable to make an arrest. There talk that this was a hate crime, but now believes that many of the different factors were involved.

"If I had known that it was a felony then I could have made an unwitnessed arrest," he said. Yelton said that the question of the crime being a felony was eventually taken before the grand jury. "They saw pictures of (Varela's) injuries and the different factors were presented," Yelton said.

"They said it was not a felony. They failed to indict and sent it back to district court."

Varela won his case in the Campbell County District Court. Dillow was ordered to

pay Varela's medical expenses, to keep away from Varela, to take anger management classes and alcohol and drug evaluation programs. Dillow is on a two-year probation.

Varela says he's not satisfied, though—at least as with NKU. "I technically (Dillow) never got expelled," Varela said. "He was expelled from the dorms after two weeks, but he was still going to classes until May 7 or 8."

Varela also said that he was disappointed in the university's reaction to his injuries. "I'm really kind of upset with this school," he said. "(Dean) Kent Kelsor or Steve Meier never called me at home to see how I was; they never called me and said 'Diego we're taking care of things.'"

Varela said that Matt Brown, director of University Housing called and checked up, but aside from that felt that he didn't get any support from the school.

"The school should have done something for me to make me happy; satisfied," Varela said.

Adam Billiter, president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at NKU, said through his interactions with college-age men as a member and leader of a fraternity, he has noticed many men don't have a role model to inspire them.

The most common role model that he recalled "was their father, which is often lacking. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 34.6 percent of children are born to an unmarried mother."

Billiter feels that role models for men are lacking where the sending of bad messages is all too prevalent. He referred to popular rap artist Kanye West and the title of his first album "College Dropout."

"That sends the message to young men that you can still have all the money, cars with all the education," Billiter said.

"If an employer has to pay a man one dollar for the same work a woman could do for 76 cents, why would anyone hire a man?" Farrell wrote.

Some believe that a lack of a positive role model is the problem for men.

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Also of concern is the fact that men's sports programs have been cut at schools nationwide because of Title IX. Title IX is part of the Educational Amendments of 1972 which banned sex discrimination in schools, be it in athletics or admissions. At NKU, women's sports outnumber men's because of the existence of women's volleyball. The athletic department is also the start of men's sports such as wrestling or football because that would exceed the number of male athletes allowable under Title IX restrictions. There has been a decrease in the number of athletic scholarships available to men.

Kim Allen-Katten, director of the Women's Studies Program, doesn't believe that men have to worry yet. "I think girls who have been held back

as long as they finally catching up," she said. "Competition from intelligent, hard-working young women will be good for everyone and raise the playing field."

Allen-Katten said that although there may be more women teachers, "they are still paid less."

Activists who are heading a "men's movement" include Warren Farrell, a long-time opponent of feminism who authored "Why Men Make More." He believes complaining that women earn less is ridiculous since men simply perform many jobs better.

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Energy Secretary urges Americans to conserve

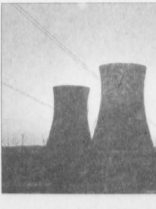
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In a move reminiscent of the 1970s, U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman urged Americans Oct. 3 to drive slower, turn down the thermostat and conserve energy as the coming winter threatens to bring record prices to heat a home.

Bodman announced a new nationwide campaign called "Easy Ways to Save Energy" and said he would travel the nation to promote energy conservation. The Energy Information Administration, a division of the Energy Department, has predicted that home-heating costs may rise by as much as 71 percent this winter in some regions. Such high costs for natural gas, propane and home heating oil will come on top of all-time high gasoline prices.

The Bush administration's campaign complete with a mascot called the Energy Hog seeks to promote conservation at home, the office and on the



A predicted rise in energy costs cause U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman to urge energy conservation.

road. But it doesn't set fixed goals for reducing energy demand. Nor does it suggest a target temperature for home thermostats. Energy Department spokesman Michael D. Waldron said it's up to Americans to determine their comfort zone while seeking to conserve energy.

President Bush and his team aren't donning sweaters just yet or designing comprehensive energy policies beyond

trusting the market and providing incentives to industry. But to lead by example, White House thermostats have been ordered set at 72 degrees. Staffers are being reminded to turn off lights and shut off computers when away from the office.

"Individual action from every American can add up to a tremendous collective effort and can produce significant results," Bodman said.

policebeat

The following reports were filed with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department between Sept. 27 and Oct. 3.

Tuesday Sept. 27, 2005

4:04 a.m. Subject reported an unknown message on her cell phone.

10:25 a.m. Subject reported that her 2006 NKU Parking Permit was stolen from her vehicle.

10:36 a.m. Subject reported that her 2006 NKU Parking Permit was stolen from her vehicle.

1:43 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated in a careless manner. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Careless Driving and Disregarding a Traffic Control Device.

3:07 p.m. Subject reported that a set of University Keys were lost.

3:17 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated without a license plate. Nathaniel Ridner, 24, of Independence, Ky was issued a Kentucky State Citation for No Proper Registration and No Proof of Insurance.

3:32 p.m. Subject reported that his cell phone was lost in the parking garage on University Drive.

3:35 p.m. Subject reported that her cell phone was taken from the University Center.

9:17 p.m. Subject reported that his vehicle was damaged.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005

9:56 a.m. Subject reported the theft of musical equipment from the Fine Arts Building.

1:50 p.m. A smoke alarm was received from the University Suites. On investigation, it was determined that steam from a shower had activated a smoke detector.

3:47 p.m. Officer observed a possible marijuana plant

growing in a flower plant at Woodcrest Apartments. Item was confiscated, secured and logged into the DPS Property/Evidence Room.

5:58 p.m. Subject reported finding a Debit Card in Parking Lot K.

7:40 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Jacob Fay, 21, of Woodstock, OH was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speed.

10:09 p.m. Subject reported a vehicle parked in the handicapped space without a permit. While on the scene, the driver of the vehicle arrived and was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Parking in a Handicapped Parking Space.

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Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005

9:08 p.m. Campbell County Dispatch requested an officer to respond to Skyline Tavern for an active domestic. Upon arrival, officers, at the request of Highland Heights Police, placed a female subject into a custody and later transported the subject to the Campbell County Jail.

Friday, Sept. 30, 2005

1:57 p.m. Subject reported harassing communications.

3:58 p.m. A smoke alarm was received from the University Suites. On investigation, it was determined that steam from a shower had activated a smoke detector at this location.

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005

8:58 p.m. Medical assistance was requested for a subject

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005

2:51 a.m. A fire alarm was activated in the Norse Hall. Officers witnessed 5 subjects leaving at the time of the activation. All subjects were questioned and denied activating the pull station. Central Campbell County Fire Department responded and found no evidence of smoke or fire in the area.

The Kentucky State Fire Marshal was notified by e-mail and the building was cleared for re-occupancy.

11:36 a.m. A smoke alarm was activated in the University Suites. The cause of the alarm was found to be burned food in a toaster oven.

5:56 p.m. Officers requested to assist Highland Heights Police Department with traffic control for a vehicle fire with entrapment. Air Care took the subject to University of Cincinnati Hospital for treatment.

Monday, Oct. 3, 2005

12:01 p.m. Subject reported that her 2006 NKU Parking Permit was stolen.

2:25 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Expired Registration and No Proof of Insurance.

3:56 p.m. A minor non-injury auto accident involving two vehicles was reported.

8:03 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle disregard a stop sign. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Traffic Control Device.

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viewpoints

Thanks for 'great effort'

I wanted to thank you for the article "NKU Goes to Fund" because it shows the importance of accepting Latino Culture in our community and lets Northern Kentucky University students know what NKU has been doing in cooperation with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

I loved the introduction. I didn't even know there was a reporter from The Northerner there. Thanks again for the article. It was great! I noticed that this year The Northerner staff is making a great effort to diversify the newspaper. I'm sure everyone at NKU is well aware of these new efforts. You are doing a great job. I loved the article about the parking spaces, how to save gas, how hard it was to publish

the first edition of the paper and meet the deadline. Very original. Just what we needed.

If I can help you with, please let me know. My organization and I will be more than happy to help.

I don't know if it is possible but could you let know all of your staff members the great job they are doing and I wanted to thank also for

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the article on "Students to celebrate Latin culture, heritage" from about two or three weeks ago.

Sinceramente,
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Member of International Student Union (ISU)
Associate Member of Students Together Against Racism (STAR)

Traveling abroad is 'priceless'

while abroad are about as high as getting struck by lightning here at home, and what you gain from getting outside your own backyard and seeing the world for yourself is, like the credit card ad says, priceless.

This past summer, I joined dozens of students (including many from Northern Kentucky University) traveling to London on the very day bomb attacks rocked the British capital resulting in over 50 people killed and many more injured. We were part of the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad's month-long London Summer program, and none of us knew for sure if what had happened in London that sad day was a one-off event or the start of a campaign of daily violence.

But in the days that followed, things settled back into something approaching normalcy, and we took our cue from Londoners determined

to live their lives as they were used to, and so they deprived the terrorists of their power.

I was teaching a course on the history of London, and as we visited historic sites, we confronted the disasters that had threatened the city's survival in the past. We studied catastrophes like the Black Death which killed off half the city's population in the 14th century and the Great Fire of 1666 which incinerated four-fifths of the city in a three-day inferno.

These calamities put London's current crisis in historic context, and we felt privileged to be witnesses to—and participants in—the latest example of Londoners facing up to a challenge, determined to insure the survival of their ancient city.

Meanwhile, my American students and I encountered not only the British but people of

many nationalities visiting this truly international city. Out of all the conversations in pubs, on trains and in other chance encounters, we gained insights into how the rest of the world regards America: views that are almost impossible to gain here at home. And you can't step outside your own culture like this and not spend time reassessing what it is to be an American and what we might be doing differently to change for the better the perception that many in the world have of us today.

What's reassuring is how friendly the vast majority of foreigners are to individual Americans and how welcoming Londoners were to us; glad that we hadn't been scared off by the terrorist attacks and pleased that we were not letting terrorists deprive us of the experiences that only come from going abroad.



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Americans are proud of our status as the world's only superpower, so it's rather surprising that so many of us are apprehensive about stepping foot outside the country. It's kind of ironic that while we've never been more powerful as a nation, the chances of becoming victims of anti-American hostility

The Issue: The Harriet Miers nomination

Point: Miers is more than qualified and deserves the Justice nomination

hold either job. She has been head of legal council in the White House since 2004, although her official position was deputy chief of staff for policy.

If confirmed she will join Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as the only two women on the Supreme Court.

The nomination will be hard for liberals to fight, because of her lack of bench experience.

In fact, many Democrats recommended her for the job. It is a risky pick for the president though, with her lack of judicial record.

But as a member of her inner circle, she knows her better than Judge Roberts, who breezed through his nomination last month.

O'Connor was supposed to be a judicial conservative when she was nominated, but sat on the middle of the political spectrum once she was on the job for a few years.

"Like Justice O'Connor, Ms. Miers has broken through barriers in the law, serving as a leader and role model, and impressing everyone with her decency and her sharp intellect," said Rick Garnett, a law professor at Notre Dame and former law clerk to late Chief Justice William Rehnquist. "She would be a worthy and appropriate successor to Justice O'Connor and would carry to the court a commitment to constitutionalism, judicial restraint and the rule of law."

Although these isn't much in her record to have grounds for protesting Miers, it only makes sense that half the Democrats in Congress will oppose her nomination (based on her party affiliation like Roberts, who was opposed by the usual liberal Democrats, Hillary Clinton-D NY, John F. Kerry-D Mass, Edward M. Kennedy-D Mass, and Harry Reid-D NV).

This nomination will show whether or not the Democrats have finally started to come together to form a platform for their party.

If they can learn to stand together here and make some good points about Bush's nomination, maybe they can come together for the next election—but probably not.

Counterpoint: Miers doesn't have enough constitutional law experience

the Constitution need to be addressed since this candidate has very little constitutional law experience. Most of her legal knowledge was focused on corporate law at the local and federal levels. President George W. Bush is once again choosing someone he knows and someone that works for him.

This has not been a strong policy for him since Michael Brown has shown his true colors.

In reference to my party and their conformity to a platform, political interests are important but not of highest priority when choosing a person to represent an independent branch of government. Senator Harry Reid (D, NV) has come forward to show this by supporting Miers and her accomplices as an attorney.

I am confident that Senator Edward Kennedy (D, MA) will boisterously question the candidate's confirmation hearings and that all the Democrat leaders will question the validity of the can-

didate.

They do this because that is their role in the process. They are the checks and balances to ensure that the candidate has the Constitution in mind, and that the intention of the Framers?

Wouldn't you expect the opposing party to ensure that the rights of all Americans are supported?

This nomination is not a test of the Democratic Party, more apply it is a test of the Republicans. In the infancy of this nomination, the strife has come from the republicans. Questions about Miers' financial support of Al Gore and other Democrats have raised the hairs of conservatives around the nation. Vice President Dick Cheney has even had to address the conservatives' questions on this nominee only hours after her nomination.

If the Democrats are not united then why are Senator Reid (D, NV), Senator Schumer (D, NY) and other major "liberal leaders" uniting under the umbrella of

supporting the nominee and ensuring proper hearings?

The party that is not united is the republicans who are opposing their own president's nominee. In my opinion, my party is just as united. They are doing the right thing. The question is, are the conservative leaders interested in the nominee, or are they simply looking to fulfill their agenda of enforcing their beliefs on every American in every way possible.

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Perhaps they should revisit the document.

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Compiled by
Amanda Davidson

With the Latino population on campus doubling in the last five years, do you think NKU is becoming more diverse?



Victorina Souma
Economics, freshman

"Yes, more people from different places around the world are coming to NKU"



Cheryl Morton
Philosophy, junior

"If there has been an increase, it hasn't been obvious to me"



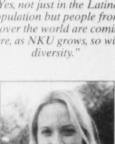
Richard Tokush
Chemistry, freshman

"No, I don't see any major difference in diversity"



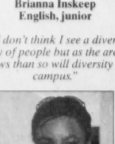
Anthony Rice
Business Administration sophomore

"Yes, not just in the Latino population but people from all over the world are coming here, as NKU grows, so will diversity."



Brianna Inskeep
English, junior

"I don't think I see a diversity of people but as the area grows so too will diversity on campus"



Alexis Cook
Nursing, junior

"Yes, I'm seeing more people who are different ethnicities on campus and in my classes"

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sports scene



with Matt Steffen

The NHL goes back on the ice

After a season long hiatus, the National Hockey League will finally return to the ice tonight. The NHL owners and players agreed on a new collective bargaining agreement.

Now their main focus turns to satisfying the die-hard fans that stuck with the league throughout this strike. The league must also work to attract new fans to this sport to create a bigger fan base.

One of the ways the NHL has tried to improve the game is eliminating the red line that runs through the center of the ice. The move will eliminate the offside rule and will allow players to make long passes with the puck.

This will create more scoring opportunities than fans saw in past years and will make the game offensively oriented. The league has also made the goalies' equipment smaller to allow more scoring.

A change that the NHL created was implementing a shootout at the end of the game. If the game is tied after regulation overtime, a shootout will be conducted with three players from each team.

The shootout was very popular in the defunct International Hockey League. If fans ever went to a Cincinnati Cyclones game and experienced a shootout, then they know the excitement it can bring to the game.

Another big change that the league saw as a result of their lockout was the ESPN network dropped the right to broadcast their games.

The two major networks that will broadcast the NHL games this season will be NBC and the Outdoor Life Network (OLN).

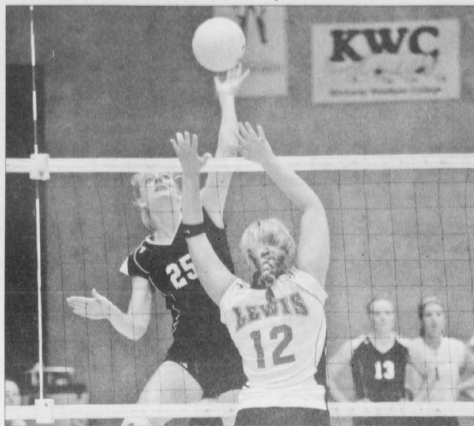
The big question about this change of television networks is to see how the OLN operates television hockey games. The network is fairly new to the sports broadcasting landscape and the only real major sporting event they have broadcasted so far has been the Tour de France.

A lot of players have switched teams in the off-season because of free agency. One of the top name free agents that changed teams was Peter Forsberg, one of the top goal-scorers in the league. He signed with the Philadelphia Flyers after a lengthy stint with the Colorado Avalanche. Goalie Nikolai Khabibulin left the defending Stanley Cup champions Tampa Bay Lightning for the Chicago Blackhawks.

The first pick in this year's NHL draft, Sidney Crosby, drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins, will be a name to remember this upcoming season. The Penguins are another team that was successful in signing key free agents this off-season. Some of the free agents they signed were John LeClair, goalie Jocelyn Thibault, and Zigmund Palffy.

One of the interesting stories in the news track of this season will be how Crosby plays with fellow teammate and chairman of the team, Mario Lemieux.

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Volleyball completes sweep
Defeats Lewis in key GLVC win, beat UW-Parkside 3-0

Freshman Kristina Eisenmenger had seven blocks and twenty one kills in the win over Lewis University on Saturday.

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MLB playoffs ready to start

Teams begin road to World Series, Red Sox defend title

By Chris Vandewater
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It's October and you know what that means, the baseball playoffs are finally here but not without some drama. Many things unfolded last week, setting up the eight teams that will contend for this year's top prize, the World Series. All eight are contenders and anything can happen in the playoffs.

In the American League, the Yankees fought off the Red Sox and have earned the right to take on the Los Angeles Angels. The Angels have been clicking on all cylinders right now especially with their offense.

They are led by Vladimir Guerrero and Bartolo Colon. With a potent offense and solid pitching, the Angels will be a tough first round test for the Yankees. The Yankees have been to the playoffs before, and they will need better pitching from their rotation, especially from Randy Johnson and Mike Mussina. The Yankees have playoff experience and this team just clicks in October. Like the Yankees the Division Series over the Angels in four games.

In the other American League playoff series the Red Sox beat out the Cleveland Indians for the wild card and will play the Chicago White Sox. The White Sox fresh off of sweeping the Indians to end the season are lacking the confidence required to be in a series of this magnitude.

Despite having home field advantage, this team has been slumping since July. It's hard to count out the champions from a year ago but issues with the bullpen may make it difficult to close out games, especially these one-run games.

The Red Sox will put up enough offense led by David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez and Johnny Damon to counter a poor bullpen.

The White Sox need to have good pitching performances from Mark Buehrle, Jon Garland and Freddy Garcia. The White Sox have enough pitching, but can they shake off the slump in time? My guess is no and the Red Sox win in 4 games.

The National League was just as exciting as the American League as far as teams getting in on the last day. One of those teams was the Houston Astros edging out the Philadelphia Phillies by beating the Chicago Cubs on October 2nd. The Astros have earned a date with the Atlanta Braves. The Braves have been here time and time again, but usually fail. I think this year will have no exception.

The Braves have good pitching and a good offense, but they are young. Manager Bobby Cox has been forced to bring up a few rookies to play everyday.

This move will pan out in the long run for the Braves, but the short term for the Houston Astros. Good pitching by Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte and Roy Oswalt will beat the youth movement the Braves bring to the table.

The Astros are destined to play a short series like this. For the Braves to win, they must score runs and hold a weak Houston offense in check. I like the Astros in a five game series.

The final series in the National League and this is the longest team in baseball, the St. Louis Cardinals playing the San Diego Padres. The Padres finished just two games over .500 and the Cardinals won 100 games. It's probably the biggest lopsided series this year. Don't count out the Padres staying competitive, but I don't think they can win. The Cardinals have it all, a good offense led by Albert Pujols, Larry Walker and Jim Edmonds and great pitching led by Cy Young award hopeful Chris Carpenter, Mark Mulder and Matt Morris.

The Padres have good young pitching that will elevate them to the top for years, but have no playoff experience. Jake Peavy is the stud of the rotation this year.

The Padres may have been the best of the west, but the Cardinals are too good for them and will win in a sweep.

League Champion-ship Series picks:

Yankees over Red Sox
Cardinals over Astros

World Series:
Cardinals over Yankees

In the NKU volleyball game on September 30th, the volleyball team defeated Wisconsin Parkside three games to one (30-22, 30-27, 30-27).

The Norse volleyball team was led in the game by junior setter Andrea Lanham. Lanham had 41 assists and four service aces in the game. She also added five kills and six digs.

Liz Holmes and Kristina Eisenmenger had twelve kills both for the Norse. The team improved their record to 15-4 overall, and 4-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. NKU now leads the all-time series with Wisconsin-Parkside by a 20 games to one advantage.

On October 1st, the NKU volleyball team matched up against the Flyers from Lewis University.

Lewis entered the game with an overall record of 11-4, and a GLVC conference record of 4-1. In the game, Lynn Fischesser and Kristina Eisenmenger combined for block assists on two consecutive points in the final game of the Norse victory.

Junior outside hitter Jennifer Wirtz contributed at a crucial part of the game as she had four kills in the fourth match of the game. She finished the game with 17 kills.

Eisenmenger helped win the game for the Norse as she tallied her 21st kill to help the Norse win the fifth and final set of the game by a score of 15-11. She also collected seven block in the game.

Andrea Lanham scored 71 assists in the game for NKU. She tallied 22 digs and five kills, also. Fischesser scored 14 digs and two aces in the game against Lewis.

Lewis University was led in the match by Sarah McKinney who had 15 kills, Aubrey Dondlinger tallied 14 kills, and outside hitter Theresa Nugent had 13 kills, three solo blocks, and six block assists in the game.

With the win, the Norse improved their record to 16-4 overall, and 5-2 in the GLVC conference. Lewis' record dropped to 11-5 overall, 4-1 in the GLVC.

The next game for the Norse volleyball team will be this Thursday against non-conference opponent Wheeling Jesuit. This weekend, the Norse will continue GLVC play with a game against Southern Indiana on October 14th and a game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on October 15th.

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A Student's guide to camping...

Story by Stuart MacKenzie

One and a half hours from now you could be enjoying an ice-cold beer, a sizzling-hot steak, and your great friends in the barren wilderness. Well, the beer is slightly warm, the steak is a little overcooked and you can hear the mom from the next campsite over in the morning.

For a college student, however, Clifty Falls State Park is a perfect place for a weekend vacation.

With gas prices so high, those who enjoy camping practically have to be millionaires to enjoy a nice weekend in a foreign and beautiful wilderness. Only 76 miles from Northern Kentucky University, Clifty

Falls' exciting trails and scenic views make you feel like you are in a different world.

According to the brochure, Clifty Falls was created in the ice age when a giant waterfall, made out of the meeting of Clifty Creek and the Ohio River, cut a gigantic 60-foot canyon into solid rock. For thousands of years the waterfall eroded the stone and at the same time created breathtaking views for hikers. The trails take you right next to the canyon, so close that you feel like one wrong step and you will fall 50 feet. Often only a few trees separate you from the incredible view and dramatic drop off.

Staying at the Clifty Falls

campground is cheaper than a date to the movies. For \$10 you can rent a campsite complete with a fire pit with a grill to cook over the fire.

If you're looking for activities during the day, there are 12 miles of trails with varying degrees of "ruggedness," all of which are scenic and very well maintained. Trail Two, the most rugged, takes you down to the creek for a fun, refreshing swim. Everyone is friendly down there, even the minnows who swim right up to you and sometimes get a little too friendly. Unfortunately, Trail Two ends with wooden steps that look like they are straight out of a "Rocky" movie—they must be at least 45 feet high.

If you are not the hiking type, check out historic Madison, a pretty, scenic city that looks like the set of a heartwarming Hallmark movie. With its wide main street, quaint architecture and beautiful mom and pop storefronts, Madison will be more than entertaining for those who don't get their jollies from "tramping" around in the wilderness.

Without TV, loud music and running water for two days, I returned from my vacation feeling refreshed and like I had been away forever. It was definitely an exciting and entertaining vacation. Here are some tips from what I have learned:

Things I learned

- Jalapeño cheese dip tastes incredible with just about anything—especially hot dogs, corn chips, and White Castles.
- Blue drink makes just about every \$6 bottle of vodka taste good.
- Set up a tent in the light, or at least bring a flashlight.
- Don't pass around the blue drink the night before you have to wake up early and pack up the tent.

When leaving

Always pack up campsite and leave it better than you found it. Thank the park ranger, and stop at the gigantic Sonic on the way home: nothing beats sitting in your car and having someone bring you food. You also can't beat \$1.29 giant strawberry-lime Slushes.

What you need

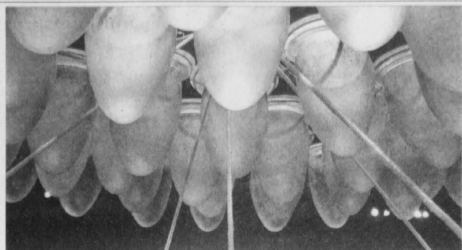
- Guitar and guitar-playing friend
- Chlöremella candle (light for card playing and food preparing)
- Snacks: (Funtuns, corn chips and gigantic pretzels. The bigger the pretzel the better. Also jalapeño cheese dip is highly recommended)
- Drinks (water for trails, beer for relaxation)
- Steaks (nothing tastes better than a hand-cooked, self-cooked steak)
- A.I. Steak Sauce (see above)
- Someone's mom's mini van (be sure to try and get that "three people stored their dirty camping clothes and shoes in here" smell out before you return it.)
- A boom box with batteries (running iPods on car batteries works but it's risky business)
- Hot dogs and buns (the lunch, late-night snack and breakfast of champions)
- Football (nothing beats five hours of hiking and like a pick-up game of one-on-one football)
- Bathing suits (the smell of creek is hard to get off, but the water is chilly, refreshing, and awesome)

The Best Part

Besides getting away from all the city-folk and fast paced life of the city, camping out in a scenic place like Clifty Falls really encourages you to think out of the box and appreciate what you have. It's also a great time to bond with your friends and have great conversations, such as: the worst band names, which celebrities you would sleep with and early 90s music trivia.

Highlights

- Hiking for five hours
- Swimming in the creek
- Packing up the tent alone
- Missing half of the 'Bengals' game
- Dropping my steak in the fire and eating it anyway
- Finding cold beer at a liquor store
- Inventing emo band names
- Dangling my feet over the canyon edges



Joyce Ogden's "Tyrrah" (above) along with many other sculptures, are featured in the Fine Arts gallery. The new exhibit, "Tsakhakh," will be on display until Oct. 28.

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Shaker worship 'lives on' through NKU group

By Katie Walker

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A culture that once thrived in the Ohio Valley on a vibrant blend of singing, dancing, simplicity and ecclabacy lives on through the efforts of a local group dedicated to preserving the traditions of Shaker worship.

Northern Kentucky University history and geography professor Carol Medlicott Ph.D. and her fellow Shaker history buffs comprise the Western Shaker Singers who will debut their interpretations of the historic music Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Community.

Shakers, sometimes referred to as "singing Quakers," are a religious group founded in 1774. They live communal, celibate lives dedicated to simplicity. Known for their artistic furniture design and agricultural innovations, the pacifist Shakers were often the subject of religious persecution for their lively worship services that featured unique vocal music, the most famous of which is "Simple Gifts," and stomp dancing. With only a handful of people still practicing the religion, the Shaker traditions are being carried on through groups like Medlicott's.

Medlicott's interest in the religion started when she taught at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Near two former Shaker sites, local historians were active in promoting awareness of Shaker music and culture. When she moved to the Ohio Valley area, she



found a similar interest in the culture and joined the newly formed Western Shaker Singers. Medlicott sees a message in the Shaker traditions that is still relevant today.

"Some of the things that we have difficulty accepting these days, like the lack of equality, we can really learn from

the Shaker model," she said. "Their attitudes about non-violent approaches to solving problems and looking for more spiritual solutions. These people believed in gender equality, and they didn't make a distinction between the races."

Medlicott said that Shakers were among the first to espouse 20th century ideas of freedom and equality. She thinks students can learn from their courage to practice their beliefs even in the face of hostility.

"These were radical people," she said. "It's important for students to see that radicals have existed all through history and have been an engine for cultural change."

This zeal is reflected in the distinctive Shaker music. The Western Shaker Singers hope to bring the culture and traditions of a community that helped shape the American landscape by celebrating their music.

"As people learn more about the music, they'll realize that the music belongs to everyone and has a life of its own," Medlicott said. "Some of the messages are so gripping and profound and really relevant today. It's not a relic of the past. It can be celebrated and embraced in people's spiritual lives today."

Photo by Katie Walker. Medlicott will be wearing this costume in her performance.

By Amy Ehrnreiter

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Andy Durham has left Northern Kentucky University. In fact, the senior English major left the country. He departed Sept. 29 for Gifu, Japan, where he will be studying in an academic exchange program for a year.

Durham will be attending Gifu University, which is located geographically in the center of Japan. Though he said he is excited about the trip, it won't be the first time he has visited the country.

About a year and a half ago, Durham met an exchange student from Japan attending NKU. Through the exchange student, he met other students from Japan and last summer, Durham went to visit them for about two weeks.

"I have some idea of what to expect," he said.

Durham said he has "always been interested in the Japanese culture" and "took classes at NKU and really enjoyed them."

Since Durham has taken all of NKU's Japanese course offerings and wanted to continue his studies, he decided that spending his senior year in Japan would be the best way to do learn more.

In Japan, Durham will be living in an international dorm located at the university. Since he commutes to NKU, living on campus will be a change.

"I think it will be kind of a



Andy Durham

Photograph contributed by the Learning Assistance Program

shock," he said. "I won't have the kind of privacy I have here."

Besides privacy, Durham said he's going to miss NASCAR.

"I'm a big fan, so I'm disappointed I can't watch races in Japan," he said.

Besides NASCAR, Durham said he would miss his friends, his dog and his family. In particular, he said he would miss his mom's cooking. When he traveled to Japan the first time, Durham said he tried all kinds of food that were placed before him.

"I tried octopus last time," he said. "It looked like they just cut (the leg) off and put it on my plate. I was nervous at first, but I told myself that people have eaten this kind of food for hundreds of years

and it hasn't hurt them yet."

Durham said he kept that mindset every time he tried a new type of food.

Trying new foods doesn't scare Durham and neither does the language barrier.

This semester, Durham said he will be enrolled in basic Japanese courses to help improve his speech and comprehension. His second semester at Gifu University, he will be enrolled in regular courses with other Japanese students at the university.

"My Japanese friends (at NKU) have always helped me study," he said.

Durham said he had a better understanding of the language just in the short time he visited last summer.

"I actually started to dream in Japanese," Durham said.

Durham's trip is not only inspired by his love of the Japanese language, culture, history and food, but also by his career goal of teaching English in another country.

Durham's study abroad is through the Office of International Studies at NKU, and he estimated the cost at approximately \$16,000 for tuition, plane tickets and board at the university. He said that scholarships and financial aid have helped offset the cost of the trip.

"It's personal, but a career move too. I really enjoy working with international students (at the Writing Center)," he said. "It's going to open up a lot of opportunities."

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Leslie (right) with supervisor, Melinda Mills-Sprinkle, who is an NKU graduate.

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moviereview

Into the Blue can 'wait for the DVD'

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In the shark-filled waters of the Bahamas, divers Jared (Paul Walker) and Sam (Jessica Alba) discover a shipwreck containing millions in gold at the bottom of the sea. Nearby the newly discovered shipwreck, Jared and Sam, along with two friends, find a sunken plane full of illegal cargo.

The four make a pact agreeing not to tell anyone of what they have found, so they can obtain the treasure before anyone else.

Unfortunately, they're not the only ones who want to cash in. Pretty soon, a crew of dangerous criminals is closing in on the sunken plane.

Most reviews of this movie are negative. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution rated this movie a C. Their critic said, "It's almost campy enough to

be worthy, except it's not."

E! Online rated this a D. Their critic said that "horny teen boys will totally dig it, and everyone else will quickly realize this is simply foot's gold."

Anyone who wants to see this movie can wait for the DVD, instead of spending money at a theater.

The movie takes too long to get to the main point of story and has no definite target audience. The crowd in the theater consisted mainly of middle age adults ranging from 25-50. A few children and young adults were also watching the film.

The movie's plot is murky from the beginning. All the audience knows in the beginning of this movie is that Jared and Sam live on an island somewhere in the Bahamas where they work in the water and live in a trailer. They love to deep-sea dive, and each other.

Rating: C



Paul Walker and Jessica Alba play lovers in the new film "Into the Blue."

Photograph courtesy of Columbia Pictures

TOP FIVE WEEKEND COUNTDOWN

With
Rich Shriver
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5. Friday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 8, head over to Blue Note for the Roots and Rock Festival. Local bands such as 500 Miles to Memphis and Straw Boss (whom I love) are kicking out the jams. Cover is \$6 both nights.

4. Do the time warp again at midnight Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Esquire Theater. "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is screening.

3. The Shadowbox Cabaret closes their zany comedy show "Crazy from the Heat" Saturday Oct. 8. Tickets are \$10 for students at the 11 p.m. performance.

2. As part of the "20 Days and 20 Nights" Footlights, Inc. presents "South Pacific" at the Stained Glass Theatre in Newport Friday Oct. 7. Tickets are \$17. Check out www.footlightersinc.org.

1. Have you figured out that I love road trips? Located in Louisville, an awesome haunted house called the Baxter Avenue Morgue is open every weekend this month. Check out www.13bats.com.

From girl to glam: SJP

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You've heard she's warm and humble. You've heard her good nature and humility make her one of the most genuine people in Hollywood.

Everything you've heard is right. Sarah Jessica Parker is undeniably fabulous, from her glowing smile to that pensive glisten in her eyes.

Parker and her "Sex and the City" posse made 40 the new 25. But if you think she's reigned her designer pink tutu, you're wrong. There was life before Carrie Bradshaw... and there is life after.

Parker made her mark on Broadway in the title role of "Annie," at the age of 14. In the 1980s, she stole hearts as Patty Green, the bespectacled pre-O.C. teen on "Square Pegs." Early supporting roles in "Footloose" and "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" led to bigger turns opposite Steve Martin and Woody Allen, where the kinky brown curls gave way to sleeker blond dos, and that brainy, girl-next-door-sexy was born.

These days, she lives for New York afternoons with her husband, Matthew Broderick, and their 3-year-old son, James Wilke. But that doesn't mean she's slowing down.

Q: How do you define style?

A: I like the idea that we live in a country where women can be who they want to be and there aren't rules and there aren't things that are considered more beautiful than others. I think style is when you see a woman that feels good. Then she has style. She's in style. It doesn't matter whether she's wearing a really expensive fancy frock or something she made or bought in a vintage shop.

Q: What glamour girl from the past do you



Sarah Jessica Parker

most relate to?

A: I would dare not take a stab at that, but there are certainly women from the past that I admire, whether it's the way they chose to lead their lives or the way they looked or sort of their disposition or personality. My mother is one. I always considered her very stylish and lovely, and her own person. And, of course, there are the more obvious, iconic women like Audrey Hepburn, who really changed the way fashion and cinema interacted and created a new relationship with designers and actors. And Ingrid Bergman, who I always thought looked unbelievable.

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The makers of the popular "Girls Gone Wild" series of videos are going back to the community that gave them so much over the past eight years: New Orleans. One hundred percent of the online sales of Mardi-Gras-themed "Girls Gone Wild" DVDs go to the Red Cross for hurricane relief.

Punk'd or not? People Magazine reports that actress Demi Moore and Punk'd master Ashton Kutcher tied the knot on Sept. 24 at the couples' Beverly Hills home, where 100 close friends and relatives witnessed the Kabbalah ceremony presided over by Rabbi Eitan Yardeni, Moore's Kabbalah teacher. However, due to lack of photos the media have wondered whether the marriage was just a stunt for Kutcher's MTV show. True or not, Moore and Kutcher have effectively punk'd the media: withholding that juicy bone (or scoop) just out of their reach.

Actor Jake Gyllenhaal may be dating sugar-sweet actress Kirsten Dunst, but

the 24-year-old still isn't quite famous enough for Toronto, Canada's Four Seasons Hotel. Star Magazine reports that Gyllenhaal's bags were taken out of the booked luxury suite he had planned to stay in while promoting his new movie "Brokeback Mountain," when another VIP on location wanted the room. To top off the humiliation, the hotel refused to release Gyllenhaal's bags to his frazzled assistant: To retrieve his belongings the humble actor himself had to appear in person, ID in hand.

No love for the hacker. The teenager who hacked into Paris Hilton's celebrity number-filled phone earlier this year was sentenced to 11 months in a juvenile facility recently, according to OK! Magazine. The youth is said to have infiltrated T-Mobile's computer system, stolen the numbers of Hilton's celeb cronies and posted the numbers on the internet. Thanks buddy. Without you, I'd never have been able to prank call Nicole Richie.

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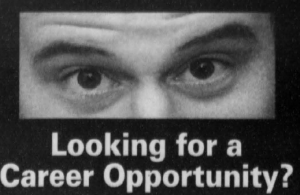
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Wednesday

- National Hispanic Heritage Month lecture by Julie Anglin from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Steeple Library Welcome Center. Event free and open to the public.

- Pagan Student Association Meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. in UC-116.

Thursday

- CRG Game Night from 6 to 10 p.m. in the first floor of the Albright Health Center. No registration necessary to enter the Spades, Euchre, and Dominoes tournaments. Winner of each tournament will receive the new 2005-2006 Intramural Champion T-shirt.

- NKU Bands Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

Thursday (cont.)

- First Black Men's Organization meeting at 9 p.m. in Norse Commons 117. Free food will be provided.

Friday

- Free Food Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the UC Lobby. Bring your Student ID to eat free! Cost is \$1 without ID.

- Christina Garcia lecture from 12 to 1 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall. Garcia is the author of the National Book Award-nominated "Dreaming in Cuban," and the acclaimed "The Agüero Sisters."

- Classical Guitar performance by Chris Wilke at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. \$3 general admission; \$2 NKU faculty, staff, students, and seniors.

Saturday

- Campus Recreation Free CPR/AED class from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration required, call 572.5197 to enroll.

Sunday

- Final performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest" at 3 p.m. in Corbett Theatre. Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$9 NKU Faculty/Staff, \$8 Seniors 60 and older, and \$6 for students.

Monday

- League of Extraordinary Photographers campus-wide Photo Contest submissions now accepted at the UC Information Desk from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more info, visit njonesphotography.com.

Tuesday

- Combined Giving Campaign Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UC Lobby.

- Student Bar Association Law Day from noon to 1 p.m. in front of Nunn Hall. Free food for all NKU Students!

- NKU Philharmonic Orchestra Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. \$5 general admission; \$3 NKU faculty, staff, students, and seniors.

- Last day to enter the Psychology Department's "T-shirt Design Contest." Winner will receive a \$25 prize and their design will be used on 2005-2006 psychology club apparel. Entries need to be turned in to BEP 337.

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"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)

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5 Black card	52 Gore and Jarreau	21 Dictator Amin
10 Throw	53 Fraud at the mattress factory?	22 Censor's insertion
14 Be without	58 Levin and Gershwin	27 de grace
15 Greek colony	59 George Sand novel	28 Portends
16 Der ___ (Adenauer)	60 Bern's river	29 Sudden attack
17 Gillette shaver	61 Nerve network	30 Fiendish little one
18 Lawn makeup	62 Singer Bonnie	33 Coty or Descartes
19 Campus sports org.	63 Body covering	34 Poet Dove
20 Fraud at the restaurant?	64 Biographer of Henry James	36 Russian pancakes
23 Heavy weight	65 Cheeky	37 Young Scot
24 Actress Susan	66 Barcelona aunts	38 Atomic bomb
25 Earthen dike		39 blast site
26 Draw out		40 Italian mall
28 French cheese		42 Abates
31 Actor Byrnes		43 Strive toward an end
32 Display model		44 Eyed a while
33 Vagabond		45 Tranquil
35 Fraud at the ice cream parlor?		47 Out-of-the-way way
40 Did some carpentry work		48 Shoe-box letters
41 Volcano near Manila		50 Short-lived Ford
43 Pompous person		51 Departs
46 March date		54 Workers' rights grp.
48 Snoopy, for one		55 Toothed wheel
49 "Skittle Players" painter		56 Director Kazan
		57 Boss Tweed's lamppooner

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