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Campus divided over whether NKU should hold future commemorative services

Students debate 9/11 memorial

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Northern Kentucky University students are divided over whether the university should memorialize the largest acts of terrorism ever on American soil as the second anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 approaches, but there is one thing that all students share in common.

Everyone remembers where they were and how they felt when they first learned of the terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the crash of a passenger jet in Pennsylvania.

Samantha Nickell, a freshman, doesn't hesitate when asked about her recollections.

"Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 I was in my accounting class in high school," she said. "We turned (the television) on just after the first plane hit" she added.

"I was in the computer lab for my chemistry class," said freshman Angela Leistner. "I was shocked, surprised (and) upset, all at the same time," she added.

Last year, on the first anniversary of the attacks, the Office Of Student Affairs sponsored a memorial service on the plaza in front of Steely Library, but no event is planned for this year.

Steve Meier, associate to the Dean of

Students, said there are no plans for a 2003 campus memorial service.

Some students feel that NKU should hold future memorial services.

"I think what they did last year was sufficient," said Michael, a sophomore who preferred to not give his last name.

"It's good to take some time to remember what happened, and remember what it's all about."

Michael said he attended last year's service, and he thinks the university should plan a similar event in the future. "I think it would be nice to have a memorial to remember something so big," agreed freshman Kevin Tischner.

"It was a huge tragedy and something like that you need to continue to remember."

However, not everyone agrees.

"It's something that should be remembered, but not something that should be publicized like that," said sophomore Mary Languth. "It's something that a lot of people are trying to forget about, so why try to bring back the memory of a horrible situation?"

Aaron Vick, a sophomore, said he doesn't think the university should sponsor it.

"I think on Sept. 11 there should be something that is maybe student-based," Vick said.

"I think that's a good way of memorializing what we went through and where we go from there."



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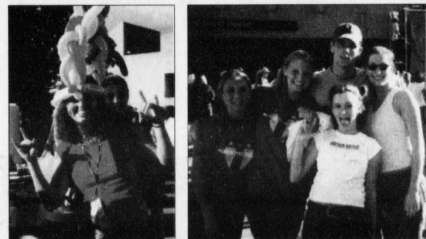
Party on the Plaza

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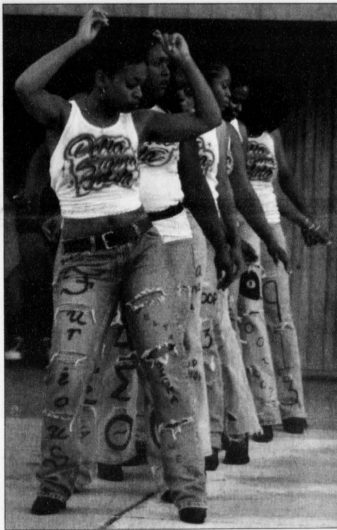


Tony Redell/Photographer

Participants get a good start in The Amazing Race on Sept. 4. The race began at the intramural fields and included various competitions around campus before ending at Regents Hall.



Breanna Gaddis/Photographer
Pictured above left: Balloon hats like freshman Ashley Dugle's were all the rage at last week's FreshFusion celebration. Above right: Freshmen get an opportunity to meet new people.



Tony Redell/Photographer
Victoria Grissom (front) and LaShawna Persely of Delta Sigma Theta sorority lead a step exhibition sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council.

Senate goal splits SGA

Senators disagree on level of APB involvement

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The Student Government Association President Chris Pace announced the appointment of five senators to an ad hoc committee at the organization's Sept. 8 meeting that will sort out exactly what it means to "take a more active role in activities programming" on campus.

The senate approved a goal to increase SGA involvement in activities programming at the August retreat, but the proposal caused discord among senate members who were concerned that SGA's expectation was too vague and that the goal was passed without a proper understanding of the role of the Activities Programming Board.

"The Senate hasn't come forth with a very clear objective," Chris Pace, SGA president said. The exact statement that was voted on was to take more active role, but "that's a pretty vague goal," Pace said.

The purpose of the committee is to "further define the vague goal" set forth at the retreat, Pace said.

He appointed senators Brandon Neukam, Michael Iobergeria and Slater Medley, senator and Activities Programming Board President Dustin Lewis and Executive Vice President Eric Fegan to the committee.

"(They) represent a diverse group of students who have varying views in regard to what our involvement should be," Pace said.

Two of those appointed to the committee who hold opposing views are Fegan and Lewis. At the retreat, Fegan spoke in favor of SGA absorbing the APB.

He told NKU President James

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FreshFusion draws big crowd

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FreshFusion is the first opportunity for Northern Kentucky University students to acclimate themselves to college life, and the event keeps growing in size each year.

"[FreshFusion] brings to students an excitement, and an opportunity to see what Northern has to offer them and to become a member of our community," said Tiffany Bellafant, a member of the planning committee.

Campus Life Team Director Steve Trible believes that FreshFusion is instrumental in creating a bond between freshmen and the university.

"I believe FreshFusion is the most important student-focused event each year," said Trible.

"Through FreshFusion, students are exposed to the excitement and pride of being an NKU student," he added. "They are encouraged to begin building school spirit within themselves and within their circle of influence. It is imperative that freshmen students are exposed to these types of events early so they may build upon their experiences and become emotionally connected to NKU."

Committee chair Gennine Brewer attributed the growth of FreshFusion to tradition and word of mouth.

"This program is growing every year, partially because the tradition of the event brings more students out each year,"

she said. "We usually end up with between 1500 and 1800 [attendees]," she said.

"Year in, and year out, this is the largest and most vibrant event on campus," said Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Shanley. "[This] seemed to me as one of the largest turnouts we've ever had."

The event took place Sept. 4 with the theme "Northern's Amazing Race." To kick off the evening, freshmen competed on four-team teams in a race that began at the intramural sports field, covered most of campus, and ended at Regents Hall.

A party in the University Center Plaza concluded the event. Students paraded around the plaza sporting balloon hats and snacked on free popcorn

and Sno-Cones provided by campus organizations.

Student organizations played a bigger role in this year's event, according to APB director Dustin Lewis.

"In previous years, FreshFusion was geared more toward programming different events," he said. "But this year it was organized more by student organizations and University 101 classes."

Forty-three campus organizations sponsored booths that featured raffles, games and information on each organization.

The Student Alumni Association booth featured a dunking booth. The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity sponsored a dance competition and raffle. Other organizations played Cornhole, provided airbrush tat-

toos and gave away T-shirts.

"The booths give you the opportunity to explore something new," said freshman Christie Wrobleksi.

"[FreshFusion] is a good thing to have. You meet a lot of people," said freshman Jennifer Martin, winner of the TKE dance competition.

The event also featured entertainment. 2003 Battle of the Bands winner Payola played rock and roll music to energize the crowd.

The FreshFusion committee begins planning the event in February. The committee is composed of 15 members from various campus offices.

For more FreshFusion photos, turn to page 4.

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dpsreports

SEP 9 2003
Tuesday-08:39am
Location: BEP
BUILDING/THIRD FLOOR -
MEDICAL RESPONSE
Medical Response-Squad
Dispo: Subject requested a
squad for medical assistance at
the listed location. Central
Campbell County responded
and transported the subject to
St. Elizabeth South for further
evaluation and treatment. Case
closed.

SEP 8 2003
Monday-11:06pm
Location: OFF CAMPUS -
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED
SUBJECT
Dispo: Complainant wished to
report receiving information
through a third party relating to
heddy injury threats made
toward the complainant from an
off campus person. The infor-
mation has not been verified
and the remarks are believed to
be connected with a civil suit to
which the complainant is a
party. Case closed.

SEP 8 2003
Monday-09:22pm
Location: DORMS/UNIVERSITY
SUITE - RAPE 1ST
DEGREE
Dispo: Report of unwanted sexual
contact from person known
to victim. Under investigation.

SEP 7 2003
Sunday-06:10pm
Location: KENTON DRIVE -
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING/
ARREST
Dispo: Officer observed a Male
subject that had been sanctioned
from the University on Feb. 6,
2003, exit from a residential hall
and proceeded to his vehicle. The
vehicle was stopped at the listed
location. The subject was arrested,
transported to and lodged in the
Campbell County Jail. The
vehicle was towed from the scene
by Roes-Hardy Towing. Case
closed.

campusbriefs

SGA appoints new VP
Trey Orndorff was appointed
vice president of academic and
student affairs for the Student
Government Association at the
weekly meeting Sept. 8.
Chris Pace, president of SGA,
said Orndorff went through a
rigorous screening and interview
process and was ultimately
chosen because of his well-
established working relation-
ship with the campus commu-
nity.
Orndorff carries a 4.0 GPA
and was elected an SGA senator
last year.

New senators join SGA
Three senate and two judicial
council seats were also filled at
the meeting. New senators
include Lovingson Mtongwiza,

Jennifer Perry and Hanna
Gloyd. New Judicial Council
members are Chris Whitworth
and Dave Caddell, who was also
appointed Chief Justice.

**Funding for new road
approved in Senate**
U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning R-
Southgate, announced that \$1.5
million in federal funds to be
used for a road connecting
Interstate 275 with the AA
Highway, was included in a
transportation appropriations
bill approved Sept. 4.
The road is part of the NKU
master plan, providing an
entrance to campus from the
AA to help ease congestion as
the campus grows. It is expected
to aid economic growth in
Northern Kentucky.

**Computer virus still
threat for some systems**
Most of the NKU computers
are now protected from the
viruses that hit the network,
causing problems for users Aug.
27, but the threat still lingers for
any unprotected computers.

NKU Help Desk Manager
Jeff Chesnut encourages NKU
residents and those with home
computers to visit the IT Web
site for virus alert information
and patches: www.nku.edu/IT.

Staff hiring freeze lifted
NKU President James
Votruba lifted the freeze on staff
hiring and the restriction on certain
expenditures that were put
into place Jan. 23, 2003. In an
e-mail Sept. 5 Votruba urged the
campus community to remain

"mindful of the state's financial
condition...NKU may still face
significant cuts," Votruba said.

**Students donate blood
at Hoxworth drive**

Thirty-four people showed up
before noon to give the "gift of
life" at the Hoxworth blood
drive in UC Ballroom Sept. 9.
Head Nurse Barb Evans,
R.N., said Hoxworth needs 325
units of blood per day to service
14 counties in Ohio, Kentucky
and Indiana. While 65 percent
of the population is eligible to
donate, only 5 percent actually
do, Evans said. "If all 65 per-
cent gave once a year, we would
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nationalbriefs

Animals spread SARS
Chinese scientists confirmed
on Sept. 4 that some animals
sold as delicacies in a southern
Chinese market spread the
deadly SARS virus. Genetic
testing determined that the palm
civet, a raccoon-like animal,
contained a SARS-like coron-
avirus. Scientists said the dis-
covery shows that SARS
(Severe Acute Respiratory
Syndrome) jumped from animals
to people. The disease
first appeared in southern China
last November and infected
approximately 8,500 people in
30 countries, killing more than
800.

**One hundred death
sentences overturned**

Death sentences are only con-
stitutional when handed down
by a jury, according to a Sept. 2
decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit
Court of Appeals. One hundred
death sentences that were hand-
ed down by judges in Arizona,
Idaho, and Montana were subse-
quently overturned. Eighty-
nine of the sentences occurred in
Arizona. Each former death row
inmate will now serve the original
sentence handed down by
the jury in his or her case.

**Bush wants
\$87 billion more aid**

President George W. Bush
said he plans to ask Congress
for \$87 billion to continue the
war in Afghanistan and Iraq,
according to a Sept. 7 speech.
Bush also said he plans to ask
other nations to help pay the
cost of rebuilding the two
nations.

Most of that sum will fund
Iraqi military operations and
reconstruction, according to
officials.
Bush said that nations in
Europe, the Far East, and the
Middle East will benefit from
the success of freedom in
Afghanistan and Iraq and
should therefore be expected to
"contribute to that success."

College Republicans meet Rudolph Giuliani

STAFF REPORT

Some members of Northern
Kentucky University College
Republicans were thrilled by a
trip to the Kentucky Speedway
this summer, but not because of
a chance to watch their favorite
NASCAR driver compete, but
for the chance to meet former
New York City Mayor Rudolph
Giuliani.

"It would be an honor to meet
President Bush but meeting
Giuliani was the best day of my
life," Michael Tobertga, of the
College Republicans, said.
Giuliani was a guest speaker
at a fund-raiser for U.S. Senator
Jim Bunning, R-Southgate, at
the Speedway in Sparta, Ky., on
Aug. 3.

Tobertga, with Noah Meeks,
president of the College
Republicans, and NKU students
Trey Orndorff and Heather
Meeks, attended the fundraiser
to show support for Bunning
and a chance to meet Giuliani.

Tobertga said he admired
Giuliani for cleaning up NYC

and making it a safer place for
residents and visitors, as well as
the way he held the city and the
country together after the terror-
ist attacks on the World Trade
Center in 2001. "During 9-11 he
was the anchor for the country,"
he said.

Noah Meeks brought his copy
of Giuliani's book "Leadership"
to the event, determined to get it
signed by the former mayor.

"It was still in the shrink-wrap,"
Tobertga said of Meeks' book.
Giuliani spoke briefly to the
crowd of nearly 300 people and
Tobertga said, "During the
speech not a sound could be
heard but the crinkling of the
shrink-wrap."

After his speech, Giuliani
shook hands, talked to the NKU
students, and signed Meeks' book.

The NKU students also had
the opportunity to speak to
Bunning.

"Jim Bunning has been a
great asset to the state of
Kentucky, as Senator and



Photo contributed by Trey Orndorff

Michael Tobertga shakes hands with former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

College Republicans will be hit-
ting the campaign trail on his
behal. Meeks said.

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students in the pits of the

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Ruling protects free speech on campus

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As the issue of free speech becomes increasingly volatile in today's society, the public eye turns toward university campuses, which have traditionally been forums for the open exchange of ideas and opinions. The Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Education ruled this summer that universities may not use federal anti-harassment laws to suppress free speech on campus. This is a major advancement for the promotion of free speech on campus.

"OCR's regulations and policies do not require or proscribe speech, conduct, or harassment codes that impair the exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment," said Assistant Secretary Gerald A. Reynolds in a July memo.

"OCR has consistently maintained that the statutes it enforces are intended to protect students from invidious discrimination, not to regulate the content of speech," he added.

This decision comes after months of escalation between U.S. universities and students who feel that their civil liberties have been compromised and their voices silenced by university restrictions on free speech.

In recent years, several students have filed lawsuits against U.S. universities contesting that these restrictions are a violation of First Amendment rights.

The most hotly debated restriction is the emergence of campus "free speech" zones. Some university officials feel that enforcing free speech zones reduces the possibility of harassment to students by confining potentially offensive speech to a designated area.

The OCR, however, states that "the offensiveness of a particular expression, standing alone, is not a legally sufficient basis to establish a hostile environment."

"Harassment, to be prohibited

by the statutes within OCR's jurisdiction, must include something beyond the mere expression of views, words, symbols, or thoughts that some person finds offensive. The conduct must also be considered sufficiently serious to deny or limit a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the educational program," said Reynolds.

A NKU administrative official who wishes to remain unnamed said that there is no designated free speech area on campus.

The source said that the area in front of the University Center that students commonly believe is a designated free speech area is in fact an area recommended,

but not required, for groups that wish to gather on campus and express ideas or thoughts.

Student Brandon Hill believes that the university does impose limitations on free speech, however.

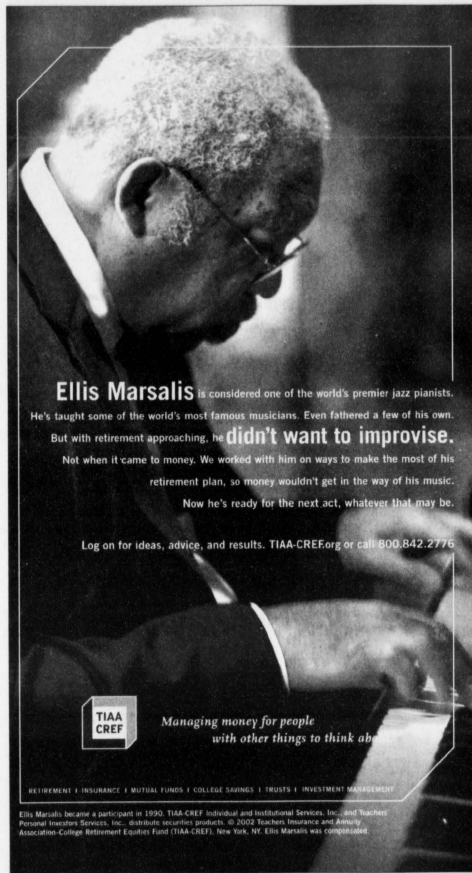
He said he and other students organized support of the Student Labor Action Program's [SLAP] initiative several years ago to organize a labor union for Norse Commons cafeteria workers.

Part of the campaign included literature and petitions, which successfully circulated campus. SLAP members also drew chalk notices on campus sidewalks one night, but when classes began the next morning, the

drawings were gone. Hill feels this was a restriction of free speech.

President James Votruba said, "To my knowledge, we don't have any speech guidelines [at NKU]. A lot of universities put guidelines for acceptable and unacceptable expressions, but I think universities ought to be bastions of free speech where students can express themselves and the clash of ideas is promoted."

He added, "There is no effort on the part of the administration to limit free speech on campus. The only limitation would be if it began to intrude upon the academic climate [by interfering with classes]."



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BSU staff cuts rise as state budget falls

Limited staff prevents campus organizations from using the facility; staff tries to remedy situation

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Tony Redell/Photographer

The Baptist Student Union has been a fixture on campus since 1996.

The Baptist Student Union is on the rebound from the same stringent budget cuts that have plagued the state of Kentucky for just over a year.

Institutions and organizations in every corner of the state have suffered budget cuts due to the downward spiral of the state economy since Sept. 11, 2001.

According to Campus Minister Brian Combs, the BSU was first affected by budget cuts in the summer of 2002. Its parent organization, the Kentucky Baptist Convention, cut the budgets of Baptist student unions statewide.

Combs said the BSU coped with the cuts until June 2003, when he was forced to make staff reductions.

The organization is considered fully staffed when it employs one campus minister and two students. This past June, Combs eliminated the position of one student who had helped him with scheduling.

Combs assumed the additional duties himself, which included scheduling other campus groups to use the facility.

"Building usage wasn't my primary focus [during this past summer]," Combs said.

He admitted that scheduling "became too much for me to

handle" due to an "erratic and hectic summer schedule."

"Over the summer, we pretty much didn't have the building available for anyone," Combs said.

Eric Brose, director of the Upward Bound program at Northern Kentucky University, was one of many who tried unsuccessfully to book space for his organization at the BSU this summer.

Brose said that he used the facility in the summers of 2001 and 2002, but was turned away when he tried to book a meeting room in the summer of 2003.

When he visited the center several times to obtain the initial paperwork required to reserve a room, Brose said nobody was there. He said it was "amazing that office hours were not established" over the summer.

After he obtained the paperwork and submitted it to the BSU, Brose was told that there was not enough staff to fulfill his request.

He then called the KBC and a representative told him that inadequate staffing was due to budget and personnel cuts and increasing utility costs of the facility.

Combs said that he has since hired another student to help with scheduling duties at the

BSU facility.

"We're pretty adequately staffed at this point, as far as student programming goes," Combs said.

He stressed the union's "willingness to work with campus to be a positive member of the community."

Combs said that the groups who typically request the use of BSU meeting rooms are sororities, fraternities, student life organizations, and administration.

The groups are permitted to use BSU facilities based on availability.

The center came to NKU in 1996.

The initial agreement between the KBC and the university stated that the organization would lease the land for an initial period of 40 years, and finance both the construction of the building and its operational costs in exchange for two spots of land on John's Hill Road adjacent to campus.

The lease states, "Lessee [KBC] shall permit other NKU organizations to use facilities at the Center, provided that such uses do not conflict with Lessee's own uses and Lessee's religious and educational missions."

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NKU spirit rocks campus



2003 Battle of the Bands winner Payola entertained students on the University Plaza during FreshFusion Sept. 4. All the group members attend NKU.

"It was great and everybody did a fantastic job. It was good to see all the Greeks come together."

- Natalie King, senior



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Students from University 101 classes took the opportunity to show NKU spirit with signs decorated and displayed during a pep rally in Regents Hall.

SGA: Senators say they want collaboration, not control

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Votruba, "We would like to be THE programming board for the university."

Lewis, on the other hand, maintains that SGA and APB should remain separate organizations because of their varying roles. SGA is a governing body and should work on policy-making and lobbying for student interests such as decreased tuition and increased funding. Lewis said, while APB works to provide diverse social and educational events for students to enjoy.

"It would be detrimental for the two organizations to fuse," Lewis said.

Lewis said Pace's choice of committee members was "an interesting selection."

"It should be a little more diverse but I'm OK with it," he said.

Lewis said one problem at the retreat was unequal representation of the student body because not all senators were present. He said that "voices of the opposition were not there," including himself, Brandon Newcomb and Katie Clark, all of which were at a leadership conference at the time of the retreat.

Many senators didn't know how to vote because they were unrepresented, Lewis said. "Something I would like to double-check in the future is just that we verify information before we make decisions," Lewis said.

"I want to make sure that any decision SGA does make, is going to be something that is going to be effective for the university," Lewis said.

Senator Brandon Hill said he was also concerned about the lack of knowledge displayed by

those at the retreat. "Some people said they'd want to swallow APB, basically," Hill said, adding that the same senators who proposed taking over APB who rarely, if ever, attended APB events.

"It was a huge topic of debate...how can you take it over without a clear idea of what it does?" Hill said.

Mark Shanley, vice president for Student Affairs, said he heard lots of comments at the retreat regarding APB but the senators weren't in congruence.

"They will have to get their arms around what they mean," he said.

Fegan said part of the Executive Board's job is to work out the details when presented with a vague goal. He said the ad hoc committee would help sort through the details, which will then be brought to the Senate.

The Executive Board takes an oath to carry out the goals of the Senate, those who represent the student body. Fegan said, "So, whether we always agree with the goals they take or not, there's 30 of them to come together to make that decision and it's kind of our job to run with that goal...and to actually try to make it happen."

Pace said, "Whatever passes through the Senate, I will support wholeheartedly," even if that means no proposal at all, he said.

One argument for the absorption, or at least collaboration, of SGA and APB is that this type of merge is a trend happening at other Kentucky universities. However, Angel Lee, president of the Students Activities Board at the University of Kentucky, said SGA members brought up the idea of merging the two organizations last year at UK,

but combining them was "never an idea that was entertained."

"I can confidently say that the majority of students would not want that," Lee said.

NKU President James Votruba said it is important to have continuity and a voice from Student Affairs on the Activities Programming Board because the APB supports many things that are very important to student retention. He said he is in favor of SGA having some influence on activities programming, he is not in favor of SGA having sole authority.

"I believe in shared authority, shared responsibility," Votruba said.

Lewis said there is room for collaboration but, "absorbing APB is not quite the answer," he said.

"I think that...perhaps having a representative of SGA serving on APB might be a good idea or

having APB representation in the Senate, such as myself, being able to say, 'hey guys this is how APB is spending money, this is what we're doing,' but I also don't want it to be a system of checks and balances. I don't think that APB should have to go through the Senate to do anything," Lewis said.

"I would be strongly concerned with this becoming a power issue," Lewis said. "If we give SGA control over all programming bodies or we give SGA control over all fee allocations...then we have a very small group of students making decisions for everyone."

Hill said SGA would "get a lot more done by being respectful and by being honest in your intentions and...simply working with other groups than you do by taking over. We're in school to learn, not to initiate a hostile take-over," he said.

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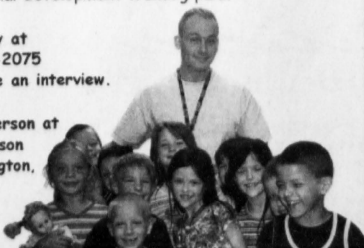
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King's dream misplaced

Worry



by DJ Carter

In reality, to most the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is an empty saint. Not only is he popularly hallowed in the place of the truth of one of the most righteous movements in human history, but he's hallowed as a caricature.

He devilishly fought, and violently died and now his image is supposed to sell you things and ideas on television.

I watch the ad, the computer generated, three-dimensional King at the March on Washington podium without the March on Washington.

Mucho memorials. Wispy text moving over a black background, a softened picture of him, this stuff puts ya to sleep.

I mean it really does put you to sleep. King challenged people to realize democracy and stand for moral right, but when unaccountable politicians and businessmen, who work everyday against the movement King died for, commemorate him; you sleep in inaction.

They claim and push the diluted King to fill in a lot of the gaps where a little justice or some original change could grow. You buy in and sleep.

This becomes more and more apparent in Greater Cincinnati.

Aug. 28 in Eden Park, Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Martin Luther King III and actor Harry Belafonte joined others to observe the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech. King had highlighed it from festivities in Washington to be there. Why?

King had been speaking on behalf of the Cincinnati boycott for a while.

In January he pleaded with

the Cincinnati Arts Consortium to remove his father's name from their Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dreamkeeper Awards Breakfast.

He believed that its violating the boycott wasn't consistent with who his father was, his struggle.

It wasn't.

People don't make the connection, condemning the boycott with little thought.

People don't support it, largely stuck in the city's chosen public relations, from the mouths of city leaders and media, that there are too many demands and there are too many boycott groups.

The Cincinnati boycott asks entertainers, conventions, tourists and travelers to stay out of Cincinnati. It asks residents of Greater Cincinnati, and those who can't avoid coming to the area, to conscientiously keep from spending money downtown.

It's a boycott until the city makes an effort toward ending patterns of discrimination at the heart of the 2001 uprisings.

Be sure, this isn't the first Cincinnati boycott about racial discrimination or the longest. Just read Dr. Stanley E. Broadnax's paper outlining a short history of the Cincinnati city government's economic boycott of its communities of color. It's available at <http://www.boycottcincinnati.org/Pressroom.html>.

King's battle against segregation is at the forefront still. Cincinnati is the sixth most segregated city in the U.S. Boycotters have realized that there are systems and institutions that do the fact segregation normal.

Watch the first hand accounts of the Montgomery Bus Boycott from the "Eyes on the Prize" documentary series and/or read them in many readily available books. This was where King first stepped up.

We echo the past. After you hear of the Montgomery organizers talking about aiming high, about their demands and about the passion people had

hand-cranking out tens of thousands of copies of them, can you so easily stomach the city's all-negating there are too many demands? Can you be sure they're too many without looking at the specifics. In them there are the beginnings of a Cincinnati I'd want to live in.

Look at all the groups involved in Montgomery and throughout the civil rights movement.

A little examination reveals that they had different tactics and battles. King and other organizers labored to bring them all together and move.

Cincy has several boycott groups with different tactics and battles. Some don't match up exactly right.

This shouldn't mean anything to anyone but those groups and their supporters. Can you so easily settle into discounting the boycotters because there are too many groups? A democracy is too many groups.

So what's the price of sleep? The Cincinnati boycott refuses to deal with the boycott or make a good faith effort on demands' focuses. They're feeling really confident, all smiles and swag.

They've declared war on the Over-the-Rhine community, the 2001 "riot zone," boycott heartland. There is a moratorium on new public housing in the city. A lot of existing public housing and inexpensive housing has been scrapped and tenants put out on the street. It's hurting a lot of people.

What would you have done if you were there at the beginning of the civil rights movement - say, Montgomery, AL - and the city talked of healing while kicking the black and poor out of their homes? What if the tired-footed people boycotting the bus system were driven from their affordable housing? Would you have been there with King, resisting?

In an attempt to shortcut the boycott, the city essentially gave the Black United Front, a group instrumental in both the collaborative agreement from the racial profiling lawsuits and the

boycott, a choice between being active in the boycott and the police reform negotiations of the collaborative.

I can find no account of any reasons given for this ultimatum, no points of law, no negotiation standards.

Was it a choice to deny the Black United Front the access to a legally earned reform process because of their exercise of their first amendment protected right of advocating for the boycott?

The Black United Front chose the boycott.

Enter the media: *Cincinnati Post*, March 19, 2003, "Boycott backers pull out of deal," conveniently missed the real story. They mirrored the mainstream '50s Southern press.

Maybe, in the interest of truth, the headlines should have of read something like: "Black United Front politically muscled out of collaborative."

The subheadlines: "City government exercise belief people too asleep to care."

Yeah, your silence allows politicians and media to be this stupid.

People always wonder what King would say or do today, had he lived.

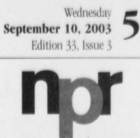
It's easy for me to see him as he was up until his death, advocating and organizing for the poor and marginalized, and standing against war. I am positive we'd see him in Cincinnati.

About his image and the public relations people adopt, I imagine him offering, with trademark formality, a call from the Book of James, Chapter four, the part that goes, "purify your hearts, you double minded."

Can you clutch your little Martin Luther King, Jr. cartoon doll and go back to a double-minded sleep?

When you cuddle up to its battery button and hear "I have a dream," I feel the spirit of King shining off, with trademarked and worried for everybody, including you.

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north poll responses

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Should NKU observe Sept. 11? Why or why not?



Lauren St. Pierre
Sophomore,
Elementary education

"Yes, we should show respect for the victims of 9/11. We should have a speaker and a moment of silence."



Sunanda Brammer
Sophomore,
Speech communication

"We should take a few moments out of our busy day to remember those who sacrificed many things that day."



Mercedes Mathers
Sophomore,
Public relations

"I thought what I did last year was okay. We need something along those lines in the future. The students were touched last year."



Seth Pyles
Junior, Computer
Informational Systems

"Yes we should observe it with some kind of a video to commemorate the tragic event."



David Lies
Sophomore, Biology

"Yes, I think we should get together in the morning for a memorial service."



Leshuana Persley
Senior, Finance

"I think we should observe it. We might do what we did last year, inspirational speeches, a program to remember that they are not forgotten."

Iraqi people fighting for dignity

"What would we do? Would we lie down and take it?"

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Regarding the short "Terrorists No. 1 Threat to Troops" under your National Briefs Section (August 27th issue), the mass media leads the American public to blindly believe what is reported daily.

The so-called war ended over three months ago, but the US troops still did not provide electricity, clean water or salaries and jobs for millions of people who had salaries and jobs before the U.S. attack.

It is convenient for our government to blame anything and everything on "terrorists."

As many Democratic presidential contenders have stated, (1) there was no connection between Saddam and 9/11, and (2) there were no WMD in Iraq.

Iraqis do not want to be occupied by a foreign power any more than Americans do. Let us imagine, just for a minute: suppose a country - any country - dropped 30,000 bombs on America, killed thousands of

people (more than 20,000), and took over the country.

Suppose they destroyed the electrical system, cut off water supplies (causing widespread cholera, dysentery and other diseases), and removed all incoming sources of basic necessities.

Suppose they began a dictatorship of our country. Then, suppose they began to go after the natural resources of America (oil, coal, etc) and export them to their own country via private

corporations equivalent to Exxon.

What would we do? Would we lie down and take it, or would we fight for our freedom from brutal occupation by a foreign power?

Iraqis are not terrorists. They are people like you and me, and they will never tolerate occupation by another country - any more than we would.

Iraqis are fighting for their freedom, for their culture and their dignity.

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FUNNY HOW TIME FLIES

Papers, quizzes and exams can definitely create an unhealthy amount of stress in your life.



Budget your time and heat stress

By JASON M. SMITH
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You've already begun to see that look on campus — you know the one. The look of utter despair in your classmates' faces. The disheveled hair conspicuously tucked under a hat. Squinted eyes peering down at syllabus and textbook with a look of both determination and defeat. The dark circles that surround the lower half of the eye, creating an appearance of both age and lunacy.

Papers, quizzes and exams can definitely create an unhealthy amount of stress in your life. According to the American Medical Association, stress is one of the leading contributors of heart disease. However, there may be a way many students can avoid unhealthy amounts of stress by creating good time management skills.

Academic assistant Michele Halley of the Learning Assistance Center, said many students she sees possess poor time management.

"Procrastination is a big problem with a lot of the students we work with," Halley said. "I will see students in the library and they aren't able to focus and get the information they need."

She believes that going through a process to prepare for classes and assignments by beginning and preparing early greatly enhances your time management. Also, it helps when students create good habits and begin a solid academic process.

Senior Tara Wittrock knows that time is a precious commodity to college students.

Wittrock is one of the many who try to balance a full-time job with attending school full-time. She manages her time by "staying up all night, getting no sleep."

Wittrock said that good organization and budgeting study breaks is key to balancing a hectic schedule.

"I would die without my planner," she said. "If I'm not organized, I freak out."

Sophomore Eric Boechner somehow finds order in chaos. He said he studies on his breaks at work and uses "no planner, no folders. I just have papers stuffed in my notebook. That works best and I get it all done."

He said being playing in a band, working and attending class, he feels cramming is the best strategy when it comes to school.

"I've got to cram it in when it comes to the end" of the semester, Boechner said.

Planning ahead is vital when a person has two majors, sophomore Lavena Kraft said.

"I study about two to three hours a day. I don't have time to eat. Every day I have to do this, this and this; it's all planned out."

"Some weekends I study" instead of going out, she said.

The Learning Assistance Center has created Tutortrac, an online service that may help students utilize their time and energy more efficiently.

On Tutortrac, students can schedule an appointment with a tutor. Halley believes that Tutortrac and proper preparation can help students create good time management skills that can greatly reduce stress.

Time-management tips

The Center for Advancement of Learning Web site offers students some hints on time management:

Budget time: It sounds tedious, but a person can do this by setting out specific hours day to do things.

Organize: If a person organizes the hours budgeted, she will be able to schedule time to relax, and maybe even catch a movie without having the excuse, "I have no time."

Reevaluate your priorities: What's more important to you: hanging out with friends or getting good grades? You decide.

Make a list: Write out a list of things you have to do and things you like to do. Once you do that, alternate between the two.

Be realistic: Think how many hours there are in a day. Do what you have to do, and be sure to get enough sleep.

Find motivation: If a person spends all of her time writing things down and not acting upon those ideas, then what is the point? Think of the long-term and short-term benefits you'll reap.

Reward yourself: If you can't think of anything to motivate yourself, then set aside a reward.

Buy a planner: Once you have all the information you need planned out, write it down! Keep the planner in a place where you will have easy access to it. That way you will be able to look at it, and write events down. You'll be more effective if you plan things ahead. A day-by-day planner is especially good for people who need to schedule things like sleeping, eating and (woe is me) homework.

WHAT A RUSH



New sorority pledge sisters accept roses from current members Nicole Rueselmann (front) and Tomora Record (back).

Greeks reach out to expand membership

Two new organizations give students more recruitment choices

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As the sorority recruitment period comes to an end and the fraternity recruitment gets started, students are showing a great interest in the 15 chapters offered at NKU, including the two newest chapters: Sigma Phi Epsilon Colony and Kappa Delta Colony.

NKU's Office of Student Life sent all incoming freshmen a booklet entitled "The Greek Community" that contains information about how to join a fraternity or sorority, the goals and purposes of the Greek community, recruitment dates and an overview of each chapter at the university.

Junior Stuart MacKenzie, who joined Phi Kappa Tau last year, said he wanted to join a fraternity during his freshman year, but did not have enough information to register in time. He said he thinks recruitment is being handled better this year because "they put more signs up and they have booths out more often."

According to "The Greek Community," fraternities and sororities provide students with opportunities to learn time management, leadership and social skills, achieve scholastic goals, make life-long friends, get involved in campus activities and become an active member of the community.

The booklet continues: "Each chapter focuses on national philanthropies, but all donate time and money to several charities."

Sophomore Amber Callihan was initiated into Delta Gamma last year. "I joined because I live two hours away and I thought it would be a great way to meet new people and get involved on campus," Callihan said. "Plus I heard it looks good on a resume."

All of the chapters have long lists of awards and accomplishments to boast. This is partly because the members are considered well-rounded people and have to be in good academic standing before they can even join, the booklet states.

The basic requirements for registering include being a full-time student at NKU enrolled in at least 12 hours, and meeting a GPA requirement. The recruitment registration form asks that students list their "high school or cumulative college GPA, activities and honors, other colleges attended, major, and names and fraternities/sorority affiliation of relatives."

Three sororities, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta, and two fraternities, Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Phi Alpha, will hold separate recruitment weeks.

The remaining sororities and fraternities will hold recruitment weeks together. Sorority recruitment will hold Friday Sept. 5 through Monday Sept. 8.

Fraternity recruitment begins Sunday, Sept. 13, and runs through Thursday, Sept. 18.

Junior Brian Carpenter is the president of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc., a fraternity that started on campus in 2000. He said that the number of students who rush each year varies, but there is not a limit as to how many students can be initiated.

For more information, go to the Student Life page: www.nku.edu/studentlife/

NKU GREEKS

Fraternities

Alpha Phi Alpha
Alpha Tau Omega
Phi Beta Sigma
Phi Kappa Tau
Phi Kappa Alpha
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Delta Gamma
Delta Sigma Theta
Delta Zeta
Kappa Delta
Phi Sigma Sigma
Theta Phi Alpha
Zeta Phi Beta

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wednesday

- The Combined Giving Student Campaign will host lunch for a buck from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the University Center.
- The Norse Visitation is from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in Stealy Library. Reservations required. Contact Maribeth Carkelson at 572-1400.
- Help rebuild FAN (Feminists at Northern) from 2 to 4 p.m. in UC 108.
- Volleyball Tailgate at 5 p.m. on Regents Hall Lawn. Wear your Norse gear and support our team.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha is having their spaghetti dinner in the Baptist Student Union at 7 p.m.

thursday

- WNTV's Open House from 2 to 8 p.m. in LA 303.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha's Women Day at 8 p.m. in Norse Commons.

friday

- The Norse Visitation is from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in Stealy Library. Reservations required. Contact Maribeth Carkelson at 572-1400.
- Zeta Phi Beta "Klazing Da Gaps" Fashion Show & After party in the UC Ballroom at 7 p.m. The after party will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Bellevue Vets.
- NKU Rocks Outing from 5 to 7 p.m. at Golden Skates.

saturday

- Last day to drop a full-term course without a grade appearing on a student's transcript and last day to drop with a 50 percent tuition adjustment.

saturday

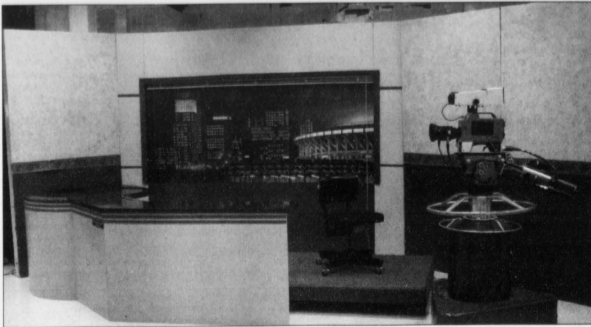
- Membership seminar for the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Budig Theater. Contact Student Life for more information.
- Fraternity Recruitment runs until Thursday, Sept. 18.

monday

- The Blue Apple Players will perform from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Graves Hall. Performances are scheduled at 10 a.m. and noon.

tuesday

- The NKU Film Society will be showing "Solars," featuring George Clooney, at 7:30 p.m. in the Budig Theater. Free popcorn for all who attend.



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Pictured is the news desk and set used by WNTV. The studio can be used by students for a variety of programming.

WNTV searching for new talent

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The university's student-run television station managers are looking for new talent, and they want you.

WNTV will hold its annual open house Thursday, Sept. 11, from 2 to 8 p.m. at its office in Landrum 303. Clint Spaeth, productions manager, said students from any major are invited to come and "learn more about television and get some on-air and behind-the-scenes experience."

WNTV can be seen on Channel 15 in

the dorms, and its staff is currently working on expanding viewing capabilities in the University Center.

As the semester begins, the TV station will broadcast movies at night and show original programming, including news, sports and entertainment, throughout the day.

"Residence Life Cinema gives us 24 movies a month," Spaeth said, "which includes new releases and, also, older movies that students vote on during the RHA (Residential Housing Association) meetings."

WNTV will soon begin its production schedule, one or two evenings a week, to create and tape their programming that

will be shown daily throughout the week.

The original programming includes news, sports, entertainment and a variety of other student-created shows.

WNTV will provide scriptwriters but students may come up with some of their own lines.

"We have a Practicum allow, to earn class credit," Spaeth said about students who are pursuing degrees in radio and television.

WNTV has free membership and flexible performance schedules.

Its programming schedule can be found in *The Northerner* or on WNTV's Web site: www.nku.edu/~wntv.

Choosing a sorority: One woman's tale

Tea Time



with Susan

"I am looking for girls who are going to see what I can bring to the group and choose me for me."

- Ashley Donithan

Deciding to join a sorority is a tough decision. Not only is difficult to choose from the nine sororities offered on Northern Kentucky University's campus, but a huge financial and social commitment.

Knowing how much time a sorority will take from her life freshman Ashley Donithan said she is excited about the challenge.

Donithan, who graduated last year said she has always been interested in sororities. "My sister, Lori Johnson attended NKU her freshman year in 2000," Donithan said.

"She was a Delta Zeta and I was always amazed by the exciting stories she had for me when she came home to visit. I think that it made her stronger and she will always have those girls as lifelong friends," she said.

Now it's Donithan's turn to decide. "The reason I decided to join a sorority was because I love having a lot of friends," she said. "I know that if I am chosen for a sorority it is because they liked me and they are interested in me as a person."

Donithan whose family lives in Florence says it is not hard living in the dorms away from her family, but with the sorority she hopes she can have that family experience all the time.

"I have a big family and a sorority might give me a sense of home and family that is always there for me."

It's like an immediate group of friends that I can rely on for anything."

THE QUEST

Donithan's quest to find her perfect

sorority began with the search. "In a sorority I look for people who make me feel comfortable," she said.

Other things on Donithan's list for the right sorority include that the girls see her for her. "I am looking for girls who are going to see what I can bring to the group and choose me for me and not what they want me to be," she said.

She also wants them to be her friends. "I expect to have a group of friends that are supportive, fun, and willing to help me make my college and sorority experience the best it can possibly be," she said. "I hope to have honest people so that everyone will be comfortable enough to call each other and talk just like we were all best friends."

With her expectations high Donithan said she is looking at a few sororities. "I know about some of them, but I don't make a decision until I get to hear them all out," Donithan said. "I don't think it would be fair to choose one without giving



Photo illustration by Tim Downer/Susan Nelner
Ashley Donithan decides which sorority is best for her

them all a chance."

THE PATHS TO SISTERHOOD
On Friday, Sept. 5, Donithan stepped into the Otto Budig Theatre officially declaring her intent to run for a sorority.

With all the information from all the different sororities, Donithan said it was overwhelming. "I was a little scared," she said. "I didn't know what to expect."

But the girls were all nice. Donithan said she had her first welcome into the sorority lifestyle.

At one point in the night the girls in recruitment had a chance to meet the different sororities when the girls went to different rooms for each sorority, Donithan said. All were girls choosing the paths they would follow for the rest of their college days.

Behind the doors Donithan said she could hear the girls singing and screaming on the other side. "Once inside the room Donithan said, 'You were paired up with a partner that took you and talked to you. They would introduce you to other members.'"

By meeting all different groups

Donithan said she began to see which sororities appealed to her. "My first impression of all the sororities was different. I felt more comfortable with some rather than others." She added, "I kinda knew which ones I could see myself in."

Even though all of the sororities were appealing Donithan said by the end of the night had a few sororities in mind. Those sororities included Phi Sigma Sigma, Delta Gamma and Theta Phi Alpha, she said.

Donithan said she was ready to be in a sorority. "I am excited about joining a sorority because I am ready to be in an immediate support of people," she said. "I want to help others with the programs that sororities work with."

"I need to be more involved so I think a sorority is the best way to go," Donithan added.

The rest of the weekend was spent learning more about the girls and the sororities, and having a good time with everyone, Donithan said.

THE CONCLUSION
On Monday, Sept. 8, Donithan's path led to the end of her quest to find the perfect sorority.

Donithan said the night would begin at 4 p.m. in the Otto Budig Theatre where she would learn whether or not she was chosen. By deadline Donithan's chance at joining a sorority was still unfolding. See next week's issue for the conclusion

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ALBUM REVIEW

Postal Service a good blend of techno, indie rock

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No matter what song you're looking for on a file-sharing network, "Video Killed The Radio Star" shows up in your search results and, hilariously, no one has any idea who performed it. I've seen guesses ranging from Duran Duran (warm) to Depeche Mode (getting colder) to The Clash (freezing).

It's certainly not The Postal Service, because they're a new band, although their singer sounds an awful lot like the singer for The Buggles, the band credited for the aptly-named first video ever played on MTV.

Despite the singer's uncanny similarity to an '80s novelty band and the synthesizer foundation, The Postal Service is not on a new wave nostalgia trip.

The duo consists of Ben Gibbard, singer for earnest indie rockers Death Cab For Cutie, and techno artist Jimmy Tamborello, who releases records as Dntel.

Gibbard provided vocals for Dntel's amazing 2001 single, "(This Is) The Dream Of Evan and Chan," and the pair collaborated on Give Up by exchanging tapes through the mail. (Get it? The Postal Service?)

While none of the songs on Give Up match the brilliance of their first collaboration, there are certainly great moments to be found throughout this full-length release (especially the moment when the glitchy beat that underpins album opener "The District Sleeps Alone Tonight" suddenly picks up and

starts propelling itself forward). Gibbard's lyrics and vocals are just as earnest and sincere as those he provides for his full-time gig but, for me, they work a lot better with dense, almost danceable beats swirling around them than with dull, 10-years-out-of-date guitar drones dragging along behind them.

It's not that his lyrics are bad—in fact, they're quite descriptive and often clever—but sometimes they're so romantic and hopeful that they're almost embarrassing.

So it helps to have such detailed production to distract the listener into hearing only the melodies, which will stick in your head after the first listen.

For example, on "Sleeping In," which opens with an awkward reference to the "mystery of who shot John F. Kennedy," and plonky keyboard melody while Gibbard describes his dream of a world in which they were just being rewarded for treating others as they'd like to be treated/For obeying stop signs and curing diseases."

It's totally corny, but the combination works. The album's best song is "Such Great Heights," which begins with a twitchy, headphone-worthy beeping pattern, and then the bassline fades in and the beat begins just ahead of Gibbard's vocals, and the whole effort just comes together so transcendently that it sounds almost effortless.

In a perfect world, this incredibly catchy song should have been on the radio all summer, but it's not a perfect world, so you'll just have to buy the album and find out what you were missing.

THE POSTAL SERVICE

GIVE UP



Cover of The Postal Service's first album, "Give Up."

"A visceral experience, a pure sonic experience, and a new one for a lot of students."

—Fran Blasing

Discounts open door to music

The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra offers scholarships to exceptional Northern Kentucky University student musicians.

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The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is promoting some great deals for college students to see performances at a cheaper price.

This season, students can receive discounts on tickets, attend College Nites and see Cincinnati Pops concerts for only \$10.

The CSO holds two promotions for college students. College Nites began in the 2001-2002 season, and "Free Freshmen" night began last season.

Debra Bell, assistant manager of audience development of the CSO, talked about the opportunities offered for college students.

"At College Nites, which are in October, January and April a \$10 ticket gets them not only a concert by our world-class orchestra, but a party just for students after the concert with a live band, free food, soft drinks, and prizes," Bell said.

Students also have a chance to meet Paavo Järvi, CSO music director, as well as other college students.

Even though Järvi's skills as a conductor have received high praise and attention from international media, it's the reaction from the audience that matters most.

"Järvi really enjoys listening to what college students have to say," said Fran Blasing. CSO

publicity manager. "He's usually mingling with students and posing for photos at College Nites along with CSO musicians."

Besides the amazing opportunities and having something to do on weekends at a low cost, there are other reasons students should be interested in seeing a concert performed by the CSO.

"Attending a CSO concert at (the) historic Music Hall is a visceral experience, a pure sonic experience, and a new one for a lot of students. You could even call it an extreme experience," Blasing said.

"It's also a social event that offers something for everyone," Blasing added.

The CSO season opens the weekend of Sept. 12 and runs until May. College Nites will be presented on Oct. 24, Jan. 16 and Apr. 2. "Free Freshmen" is scheduled for Oct. 3.

But students do not have to wait for a College Nite to attend a concert at the CSO.

"Students can call the week of the concert and get great seats, usually valued at \$20 to \$38, for the special student price," said Bell.

Even though students can purchase tickets for regular season concerts at a discount price College Nites are the only nights that offer the student after-party.

"They can attend any regular CSO concert for \$10, and those tickets are sold the week of the concert," Blasing said.

"We also have a \$10 student rush price for Cincinnati Pops concerts. Those tickets are sold 45 minutes in advance of a Pops concert at Music



Photo courtesy of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

Jason Wagner, CSO NKU Scholarship winner, receives a handshake from Maestro Paavo Järvi (left).

Hall if available," she added.

The Pops is composed of the same musicians of the CSO and offers lighter classical fare and popular hits from the stage and screen.

Although College Nites are open to all college students, the CSO is directly associated with NKU in other ways as well.

Blasing said, "The CSO does collaborate with NKU by including the campus of NKU in our free 'Concerts in the Park' series, which features the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra led by Erich Kunzel."

"We also have partnered with NKU for the past seven years with the NKU CSO Scholarship, which supports and encourages outstanding young musicians," Blasing added.

"The scholarship primarily assists students with tuition costs but the recipients also get to meet Paavo Järvi, attend CSO rehearsals and meet with CSO staff and musicians," said Blasing. "The 2002-2003 recipient is percussionist Jason Wagner," she added.

Also in connection with the CSO, students from NKU have the opportunity to attend a performance by "Sergei & Anna Polunski with

friends from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra," which will be held Saturday Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall. Admission is free.

"The Polunskis are wonderful musicians who play a lot of chamber music and often invite musicians from the CSO to perform with them."

Also, Anna made her debut with the CSO at Riverbend Music Center in the summer of 2002," said Blasing.

For ticket information about College Nites at the CSO or about Free Freshmen, call Debra Bell, Assistant Manager of Audience Development, at (513) 744-5590, or e-mail her at this address: dbell@cincinnati-symphony.org.

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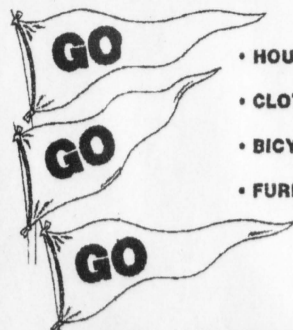
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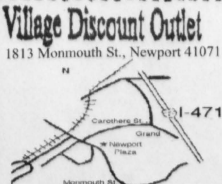


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Sports Scene

Div. I not in NKU's future

The population around our campus is big enough, enough students are enrolled in the school, the teams are competitive enough. So why aren't Northern Kentucky University's athletic teams competing at the highest level of NCAA competition?

First of all, it isn't that simple. The university can't just say they want to compete in NCAA Division I and do it the next season. There are many different things that must take place in order for that to happen.

First of all the administration and the community must decide if it would be beneficial to the university as a whole. The university must then be able to come up with sufficient financial backing in order to make the move.

In early 2000, the NKU athletic council formed a committee which was to consider and make recommendations regarding the future of NKU athletics. The committee was made up of administrators, students and community leaders.

One major issue the committee was researching was whether or not, it would be beneficial to the university and the community to move from competing in Division II athletics to Division I athletics. According to NKU Athletic Director, Jane Meier the committee decided it wouldn't be in the best interest of the university to make the move at that time.

"Right now our goal is to be the best Division II program we can be," said Meier, "not only on the field but in the classroom."

If NKU were to ever decide to move from Division II athletics to Division I, the first thing they must do is sponsor another athletic team. NKU currently sponsors 13 teams and the minimum number of teams required for each school to compete in Division I is 14.

The university also would have to be able get money from the state to construct a new special events center to house a larger gym for more fans.

"Besides better facilities," said Meier, "we would also have to put around an extra 2.5 million dollars into the athletic program. That would put us on par with the average Division I conference."

Another thing that must be done is the university would have to find a stable conference to join at the Division I level. Meier thinks this would be one of the most important things to secure if the move would ever be made.

While NKU's enrollment stacks up with other schools in Division I athletics this does not justify the ability to make the jump. NKU's enrollment is in the top seven percent of Division II schools. However this does not mean they could successfully move up a level.

"I'm not going to say it would never happen," Meier said, "but if we were to make the move, we would have to be able to do it right. Right now we are better suited as a Division II program."

While it would be fun to see NKU featured on Sportscenter or in the NCAA tournament on national television every year, the possibility is not very good. For now we will have one of the most successful Division II programs and who knows what the future will bring.

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By EMILY CHALFANT
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After both of NKU's cross country teams took third place at the Chris Jones Memorial Invitational during Labor Day weekend, coach Steve Kruse took notice of the teams' strengths, as well as areas they may need to work on.

The women's team lost four of its top seven runners from last season, but added some promising newcomers, creating "a tight knit group of five, which is the number we need to generate a team score," Kruse said. "We may have some others join the team later in the season."

Among the women returning from last season are senior Anna Moore and sophomore Tracy Innatt. Moore was NKU's most valuable runner last year and took eighth place overall at the Chris Jones Memorial Invitational this season.

Innatt took third-place honors in the women's five-kilometer race at the Invitational.

"Newcomer Jessie Gehner should prove to be a very valuable asset to the team and returns Lisa Sand and Kristen Rose will round out our team," Kruse said.

Gehner, a freshman at NKU, finished seventh at the Invitational and expects the team to accomplish great things.

"I think the team is really going to show some improvement this season," Gehner said. "We're all working really hard, and I think we'll see our race times start dropping."

Gehner said she sees the small group of women runners as a strength because it creates a close bond between the women, but Kruse sees a weakness in having only a few runners.

"If we get one injury during the season, the team is in jeopardy," Kruse said.

However, the men's team is in good shape, with quite a few



The women's cross-country team will look to replace four of its top runners in the 2003 season after losing some top runners last season.

more runners than the women's team.

"We have several men who should do well this year," Kruse said. "Sophomore captain Grahame Niemer and sophomore Denny Kramer are in fantastic shape, and will give junior Doug Palmer a challenge at the top position."

"Sophomore Justin Clark, juniors Andy Kennedy and Dave Adams are in good shape and will contribute much more than they did last year."

"Freshman Jerry Biedenbender and Allen Pettigrew should figure in the variety lineup somewhere," Kruse said. "This will leave some great opportunities for Matt King, Kevin Arnold and Josh Lane to fill the gaps where needed."

With a schedule similar to previous years, Kruse has high expectations for both teams this season because of the teams' past performances at competitions and his own experiences as

a former cross country runner himself.

As a former student of NKU and graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Kruse applies his personal strategies and philosophies to his coaching techniques.

"Techniques that I learned through college training and racing are just as sound today as they were 20 years ago," he said.

Yet, since he is the coach for both the men's and the women's teams, Kruse must adjust his coaching strategy based on which team he is coaching.

Kruse said the obvious differences between the teams are that the men run longer distances and work out more, because they need to have a little more endurance than the women's teams, who run shorter distances in their races.

"Women will be focusing more on speed earlier than the men, who will be doing a lot of long distance training," Kruse said.

Gehner noticed a difference between her current workload compared to her high school cross country training.

"The training load is much more intense, but I'm really loving it," she said. "It's amazing how tough you feel after doing an eight-mile run in the blistering August heat."

Kruse said that some of the key men's runners from previous seasons came back this year in poor shape, but some of the men returned in better shape than last year, making up for the others, until training gets them in good condition for the more important competitions toward the end of the season.

Overall, Kruse has a positive outlook for this cross country season.

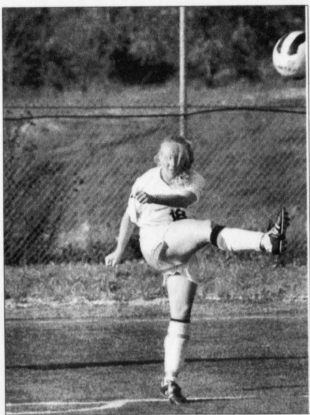
"We are looking to improve our place in both the men's and the women's races from the past two seasons," Kruse said.

"It will be difficult but with focus and team unity, we can do it."



Courtesy of Sports Information
Denny Kramer will challenge for the top spot on NKU's team.

Tusculum ends unbeaten soccer streak



Tim Downer/Photo Editor
Amy Martini and the Norse look to rebound after OT loss.

Norse play to a draw against No. 1 Christian Brothers, but lose in overtime on Sunday

Shoko Mikami converted a penalty kick with 13 minutes remaining in regulation Friday night to tie the score, and No. 1 Christian Brothers University escaped with a 1-1 draw against Northern Kentucky University.

NKU (2-0-1) took a 1-0 lead 22 minutes into the match when Kendrick Zinsler beat Christian Brothers goalie Jennifer Kett for an unassisted breakthrough goal.

The Norse, ranked No. 3 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll, held the 1-0 lead with 13 minutes remaining and appeared in control after Emi Himeshima cleared the ball out of Christian Brothers' box.

NKU's Aisling Callaghan, though, was called for a foul in the box after Himeshima had cleared the ball, and Mikami won the penalty kick that tied the contest at 1-1.

NKU's goalie Sam Westering recorded 18 saves against the defending NCAA Division II national champions. Going into Friday's showdown, NKU had

not surrendered a goal this season and had allowed just three total shots in two games.

NKU extended its regular-season unbeaten streak to 21 with the tie.

The Norse have not lost a regular-season game since Oct. 28, 2001, when Mercyhurst (Pa.) College posted a 1-0 victory against the Buccaneers during the 2002 season.

A year ago, NKU posted a 1-0 victory over, then number one Christian Brothers at Wilder, Ky.

The win put NKU into the number one position, in the polls for most of last season. It was the only loss for the Buccaneers during the 2002 season.

In the second game of the weekend, Elaine Knudsen's goal two minutes into overtime Sunday gave Tusculum (Tenn.) College a 2-1 victory over No. 3 Northern Kentucky University in women's soccer.

Knudsen took a pass from Elaine Green, who played the

ball into the box, and buried a shot past NKU goalie Sam Westering into the net from the left side. Tusculum improved to 3-0 with the victory and ended NKU's regular-season unbeaten streak at 21.

The loss was the first for NKU since October of 2001, and dropped their record to 2-1-1 on the season.

NKU took a 1-0 lead just before halftime when freshman Lindsey Thicken finished off a cross from Laurel Chalk for her first career goal.

Tusculum, however, tied the game 12 minutes into the second half when Rachel Barron scored an unassisted goal.

NKU attempted 17 shots and finished with 13 corner kicks, but scored only once in the loss. Tusculum totaled 11 shots, but the Pioneers were limited to just one corner kick the entire game.

-NKU Sports Information

Freshmen hope to 'step up' to challenge

By KYLE BURCH
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Three freshmen will be counted on to improve the Northern Kentucky University women's tennis team record of five wins and four losses in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, last season.

Incoming freshmen Becky Dieter, Karl Goodrich and Renee Wright are expected to add to the success of the team. They should prove to be one of the most talented group of freshmen in recent years at NKU.

"It's hard to tell how fresh-

men will react to the competition at this level," said Head Coach Geoff Crawford. "I expect them to be a tremendous strength for the upcoming season."

The Norse are hungry after losing out on the GLVC last season. It was the first time in the last four years that they hadn't captured the title.

"Our goal is to be competitors, get to the NCAA tournament, and win the GLVC championship this year," Crawford said.

Returning from last year's squad is a group of talented players who are expected to improve upon their play last season.

Leading the way is senior

Elizabeth Brunzman, who returns from last season after going undefeated in number one singles a year ago.

"Elizabeth is one of our biggest strengths," Crawford said.

"She is going to have some tough challenges. Everyone is going to have to be able to step up."

Also returning is senior Heather Gilmore and sophomore Lindsey England, who combined for a 3-1 record last year in doubles play, which Crawford believes will be a key to the team's success this season.

"How successful you are in doubles play can really make or break your season," Crawford said.

Sophomore Kristina Cunningham comes back after ranking second on the team in wins, with an 11-8 record last season.

Junior Jessica Smith also returns and is expected to make big contributions to the team this season.

"We have a good group of girls coming in, and a good group returning," Crawford said. "With the hard work they are putting in, we will definitely be very competitive every time out."

The Norse opened up their fall season last weekend with wins against St. Joseph's and Findlay University.

The team opens its home se-

son this weekend with matches against GLVC rivals Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan on Friday and Saturday.

The GLVC title is decided in the fall, and the winner gets an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.

The team also plays a spring schedule, which concludes with the NCAA tournament in May. "I know that our girls are going to be working hard and the fall, and the winter gets an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament."

"Their hard work will bring us nothing but success allowing us to be competitors for the GLVC title."

-Tim Downer, photo editor, contributed to this article.

sportsbriefs

Men's and Women's Cross-Country

The men's and women's cross-country teams took part in the Hanover Invitational last weekend.

The men, led by sophomore Greaham Niemer, finished twelfth in the event with 334 points. Niemer, came in 46th place with a time of 27:46. Junior Doug Palmer finished 64th with a time of 28:10.

On the women's side, sophomore Tracy Inman placed 19th overall with a time of 19:31. She was followed by teammate Anna Moore who finished 39th with a time of 20:10.

Men's Soccer

NKU dropped their record to 1-2 on the season after they fell 4-0 to Ashland on Saturday.

Ashland spread its offense evenly, getting all four of their goals from different players. NKU goalies Michael Braun, Tony Kelly and Steve Tahir combined to save 15 of Ashland's 19 shots in the game.

Volleyball

NKU took part in the Findlay University Invitational last weekend and came out with three wins and one loss.

In the first match on Friday, NKU met up with regional opponent Northwood, defeating them 3-1. The Norse were led by Kristin Koralewski and Cammi Welter who each recorded double-doubles in the victory. Koralewski finished with 14 kills and 18 digs, while Welter pitched in with 14 kills and 15 digs. The victory averages a 3-0 loss to Northwood a year ago.

In their only defeat in the tournament, NKU lost to tournament host Findlay 3-1 in the second match Friday.

Koralewski, Welter, and Nicole Salisbury all finished with double-doubles in the match, but it wasn't enough to fend off their first loss of the season.

On Saturday NKU met up with Lake Superior St. in their third match of the tournament, and walked away with a 3-1 victory.

In the final meeting of the tournament, NKU dropped the first game 29-31 to Hillsdale, but the Norse came roaring back winning three consecutive games, to take the 3-1 victory.

The Norse finish the tournament with a 3-1 record, running their overall record to 3-5.

hotseat

One-on-One



with Elias Hajjar

This week, Elias chats with Cross-Country runner, Greaham Niemer

EH: You took second-place in the eight-kilometer race at the Chris Jones Memorial Invitational Saturday in Louisville. Why not first?

GN: To be honest with you, I was surprised to even finish in second place. I really didn't know that I was in second until I had finished and they told me.

EH: The parking situation here at NKU can sometimes be unbearable. Have you ever considered running to school?

GN: I've considered running to school since I only live a mile away from campus now. Fortunately, I have been able to find a parking spot whenever I need to. My roommate, Matt King, has run to campus a number of times though.

EH: I hear you are a huge Ohio State football fan. What's your take on Maurice Clarett's possible season long suspension?

GN: Ohio State doesn't need Maurice Clarett to be successful. Remember, he sat out about four games last year due to injury, and they still went on to win the national championship.

EH: The NFL season is finally underway. Which team do you see emerging as Super Bowl champions, and don't say Cincinnati?

GN: I really like Miami to go all the way this year. They have all the parts in place to make a serious run at the Super Bowl with a solid quarterback, running game, and defense. Now all they have to do is execute and not make mistakes.

EH: As a college football fan, how do you think my Fighting Irish of Notre Dame

"I've considered running to school since I only live a mile away from campus now."



Greaham Niemer

Courtesy of Sports Information will do after such a surprising season last year.

GN: I like Notre Dame as well; however, I don't think that this season will be quite as good as last year. They have a tough schedule, and will probably lose one or two more games than last year. Hopefully, they still get to a decent bowl game.

EH: Finally, what do you think has been the most shocking moment in sports this year?

GN: Not only was this the most shocking to me, but it was by far the best sports moment of the entire year. Of course I am talking about Ohio State winning the national championship last January!

sportscalendar

Women's Tennis

- Friday, Sept. 12 vs. Southern Indiana at 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 13 vs. Kentucky Wesleyan at 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 16 vs. Indianapolis at 4 p.m.

Men's Soccer

- Saturday, Sept. 13 vs. Truman St. at 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 14 vs. Rockhurst at 10 a.m.

Volleyball

- Wednesday, Sept. 10 vs. Bellarmine at 7 p.m.
- Great Lakes Region Crossover Tournament (at Regents Hall)
- Friday, Sept. 12 vs. Alderson-Broadhead at 5 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 12 vs. Grand Valley St. at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 13 vs. Ferris St. at 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 13 vs. Wheeling Jesuit at 5:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

- Friday, Sept. 12 vs. Gannon at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 14 vs. Mercyhurst at 2:30 p.m.

Men's Golf

- Monday, Sept. 15: NKU Invitational (at LaSalle Pointe)
- Tuesday, Sept. 16: NKU Invitational (at LaSalle Pointe)

Women's Golf

- Sunday, Sept. 14 at Southern Indiana
- Monday, Sept. 14 at Southern Indiana

NKU hosts largest NCAA volleyball tourney this weekend

By KYLE BURCH

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This weekend Northern Kentucky University will host the Great Lakes Region Crossover, the largest volleyball tournament at an NCAA level.

in the 2003 season.

The tournament has participants from three different conferences; the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and the Great Lakes Valley Conference

(GLVC). In all, the tournament will have 18 teams playing a total of 36 games in two days.

"This is going to bring a lot of activity, and people, to the campus," said head Volleyball Coach, Carlos Chia. "There will be hundreds of people; players, coaches, parents and

fans, on campus for the weekend."

Although this isn't the first year for the tournament, in previous years the tournament only had teams from the WVIAC and the GLVC conferences.

This year the GLIAC joined the tournament to make it the

largest tournament in the country.

Last season NKU went 3-0 in the tournament, beating Wheeling Jesuit, West Virginia Wesleyan and Fairmont State.

Teams from Wisconsin to West Virginia are going to be taking part in the event. Play

begins at noon on Friday and concludes at 5:30 pm on Saturday. The matches will be played in Regents Hall and in the Althright Health Center.

"The teams coming in here to play in this will make our team that much more competitive," said Chia.

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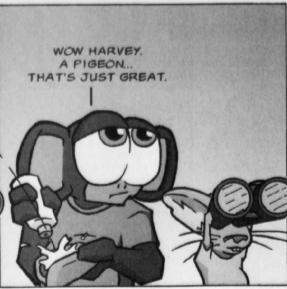
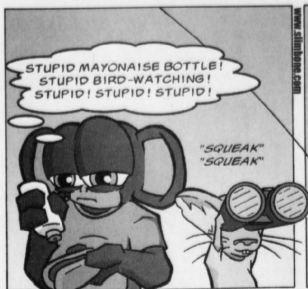
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Horoscopes

By LASHA SENIUK
Knight Rider/Tribune News Service

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
Pay close attention to financial decisions and new business information this week. Late Tuesday changed records or an adjustment of figures may cause controversy. Respond quickly and expect officials to thoroughly examine paperwork. After mid-week a family relationship may be briefly strained by public criticism or cancelled social events.

Taurus
(April 21-May 20)
Monday through Thursday cancelled business projects may

trigger resentments between colleagues. Areas strongly affected are sudden promotion or revised deadline. If so, expect key officials to be intensely focused on the success of advertising, publishing, information systems or research.

Gemini
(May 21-June 21)
Over the next few days romantic invitations will be difficult to resist. New intimacy and rekindled love are now on the rise: expect quick flirtations and passionate overtures from potential lovers. Many Geminis will also experience a sharp increase in insight and wisdom.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
Close friends or lovers may this

week test your recent statements or promises. Areas strongly affected are family obligations, traditional values or loyalties between loved ones. Don't be unnerved: romantic trust, open discussions in the home and shared goals will soon return.

Leo
(July 23-August 22)
Team loyalty and confidence are important to co-workers this week. Before Wednesday expect revised job roles and new assignments to trigger minor resentments. Provide concrete suggestions and gentle leadership; at present, others may need to privately re-affirm their daily goals or expectations.

Virgo
(August 23-September 22)
A difficult relationship may this week require unusual diplomacy. Over the next few days boldly expressed opinions will strain long-term friendships. Avoid the

role of mediator, if possible, and remind loved ones to remain silent. After Friday new romantic involvement and sudden social invitations are unavoidable.

Libra
(September 23-October 23)
Business and financial demands now increase. Beginning early Tuesday, and lasting over the next 7 weeks, expect work partners to demand fast results and clarified records. For many Librans this will involve a quick reshuffling of paperwork or a revised definition of duties.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 21)
Light romance and sensuality may soon create a powerful new direction in your life. Early this week loved ones may reveal a complicated love affair or physical attraction. Unattached Scorpios may find that a close friend challenges their romantic interests or offers unreliable information.

Sagittarius
(November 22-December 21)
Sentimentality is a strong influence this week. Before Thursday expect friends and lovers to be highly focused on past accomplishments or outdated relationships. Some Sagittarians may also encounter the return of an old friend or lover. If so, avoid the emotional seduction of kind words or repeated patterns: this is not a good time to ignore present romantic or social responsibilities.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Early Tuesday a close friend may be unusually distracted by a new love interest or workplace flirtation. Romantic premises are positive but also promise expect quick social reversals over the next 7 days. Wait for reliable public statements. After Thursday new business information arrives without warning: financial availability, sources of

funding or long-term profits may all be affected.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
Introduce positive attitudes and fresh activities into the workplace this week, if possible. Over the next 7 days colleagues and friends may feel unappreciated or challenged by new business roles. Social networks will soon prove invaluable; this is the right time to arrange group events or end the isolation of a shy co-worker.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
Monday through Thursday a friend or lover may wish to discuss past family events. Although group disputes are easily resolved, loved ones may still feel privately discouraged. Offer emotional support but avoid acting as mediator: social negotiations will not prove reliable.

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Entries Due: Tuesday
September 16
Play Begins: Sunday
September 21



Ultimate Frisbee

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Sign up TODAY!

Wellness Special — "Recreational Drugs"

When: Tue, Sep. 16
Where: University Suites Multipurpose Room
Time: 7-8:30 pm.
Who: All NKU Students, Faculty, and Staff
** FREE FOOD **



Call 572-5197 for more info.



CRC now open at 6:00 AM!!