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Pace pleads not guilty

Former SGA president denies tampering with public records

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Former Student Government Association President Chris Pace pleaded not guilty Sept. 9 to a felony charge of tampering with public records.

Pace, 27, is accused of taking records from the SGA office and discarding them into a campus Dumpster just before his

term expired on June 30.

Current
S G A
President

Andy Hixon

defeated Eric Fegan, Pace's

vice president, in April's con-

troversial election.

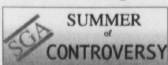
SGA senators and university

administrators met at ends

when the Election Committee

said it would not recognize

votes for Hixon and declared



Fegan the

new presi-

dent. This

was after the

Judicial

Council ruled

that Hixon was ineligible to

run for office.

Dean of Students Kent Kelso

overruled this decision, and

said that Hixon was the win-

Kelso's decision at its May

meeting.

Bob Carran, Pace's attorney,

said while he can easily con-

ceive that someone took the

records from the office, he said

there is no evidence to suggest

Pace committed the crime.

Carran also said he did not

see the significance of the "old"

SGA minutes that were taken

from the office.

Pace now faces a pre-trial

hearing Sept. 24.

Event helps freshmen

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A large crowd of students turned out at the University Center Plaza Sept. 9 for Freshfusion, an event geared toward acquainting freshmen with Northern Kentucky University and its organizations.

The festivities began at 4 p.m. when each University 101 class took turns competing in a "Norse-athlon." They participated in games of tug of war, three-legged races, a corn-hole toss and a dizzy ball relay. The competition ended with each class gathering inside Regents Hall. Dan Henry's class won the entire games, with Tira Rogers and Deirdra Fajack's classes taking the silver and bronze awards respectively.

At 5 p.m., the freshmen, adorned with homemade banners and in clothing matching the rest of their classmates, listened to speeches by NKU President James Votruba, Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Student Government Association President Andy Hixon and Vice President Jeff Iker and Norse Men's Basketball Coach Dave Bezdol.

Before Votruba began his speech, he fired up the crowd the help of NKU's cheerleaders and some free Freshfusion T-shirts.

"Please have fun here, this is a great place," he said. "These will be some of the greatest years of your life. Enjoy everything NKU has to offer, soak it up in class and out of class."

Grayson was the keynote speaker of the evening. He urged students to get out, vote and make their voices heard.

"Last spring there was a rally right outside our offices in Frankfort," Grayson said. "Legislators and administration were incredibly impressed that some students decided to come down and make their voices heard about tuition increases that have hit this campus as well as campuses all around the Commonwealth. You as freshmen



Mike Brennan / Photographer

Each fall, hundreds of students learn about different organizations on campus at Freshfusion.

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Tuition rises hurting campus diversity

Lack of financial aid forces some international students to search for community colleges or drop out

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For the first time since 1998, Northern Kentucky University is seeing a decrease in its number of international students.

This year's tuition increase of 16.7 percent has contributed to a loss of 34 international students from last fall, according to Director of International Student Affairs Vik Kimball. "This is pretty substantial," said Kimball.

In fall 2003, international student enrollment was at 419 students from 87 different countries.

More than 50 percent of this group enter the United States on a student visa. These students are required by federal law to show that they have the financial backing and capability to study in America for a year. At NKU, this amount is currently about \$19,000 a year.

Kimball said that most of these students have a sponsor back in their home country who helps support the students.

However, when tuition increases, international students don't necessarily get more money from their sponsors.

"When we have a 34 percent increase (over two years), that's really hard to plan for when \$1000 could feed a family in many parts of the world for a year," Kimball said.

Additionally, Kimball said that economic situations and national disasters in other countries are also a problem, as exchange rates can hurt international students' financial statuses.

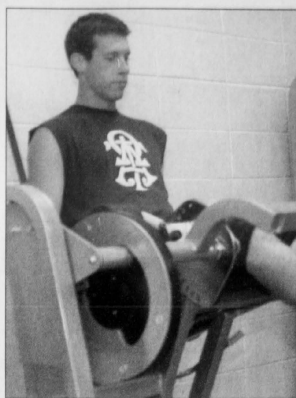
"They have to show they have

(\$19,000), but one week later it might be worth \$10,000," Kimball said.

Only international students with green card status are eligible for any form of financial aid. In fall 2003, that equated to only about 32 percent of NKU's international students.

However, all international students can apply for scholarships.

"The international students generally have very good GPAs. We encourage them from day one to apply for scholarships. And that helps," Kimball said.



Mark Bennett / Assistant Photo Editor

Jeff Iker works out using new equipment in the recreation center.

Recreation center nears completion

New equipment, renovations provide facelift for Albright

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The Campus Recreation Center in Albright Health Center is receiving a facelift, with the help of new equipment and major renovations.

"We took what used to be an old gymnasiums room and three out of our six racquetball courts and converted those spaces," said Sue Roth, interim director for fitness and wellness. "The old gymnasiums room has now become the new fitness room. It has a mezzanine level on top of it, all new flooring put in, mirrors all around, as well as windows that have been added just to open up the space and give it a feel that you can see activity going on."

The weight room has a new Cybex Eagle weight machines, Cybex Arc trainers, Cybex bicycles, treadmills and free stretching stations. Roth said that the Cybex brand is state of the art and that they chose the equipment because of its excellent reviews.

Another new addition to the fitness room that has not been completed is the "cardio theater."

"We will have 13 TVs set up. Each of those will have different stations which you plug in with your personal head set you bring," Roth

said. This will allow students who are working out to switch between 13 different channels with audio from each. Along with the renovations there are fitness assistants who will be on hand to provide orientations to this new equipment.

The goal of the renovations was to open up space. "The old course in this building was walls everywhere. There was a ton of activity going on, but you couldn't see it," Roth said. "So that was the real focus of the whole plan, to open things up, give it more space, but also give it that feel of activity, life and energy."

The multi-purpose room, which was converted from the three racquetball courts, is now a huge space which can be used for academic, recreational fitness and aerobics classes.

"We'd intended to have a roof climbing wall but because of budgetary costs, there wasn't availability of funds at this time for that," Roth said. "That is something we are looking to try to get donations for to add to this room; that would be a phenomenal service."

In addition, in the weight room we are going to have plate-loaded, hammer strength equipment, top end lines of equipment and free weights," Roth said. "They are from Iron Grip and are 12-sided. The free weights and

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With college expenses continuing to rise, students should at least know where to get cheap beer.



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SEPT 12 2004

Sunday 8:09 p.m.
Classification: TRAFFIC -
Vehicle Stop
Location: PARKING LOT P
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Kenton Drive. The driver was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for Failure to Produce an Insurance Card and given a verbal warning for speeding and disregarding a stop sign.

SEPT 11 2004

Saturday 11:28 p.m.
Classification: TOW - Vehicle
Tow
Location: PARKING LOT U
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Owner of the reserved parking space at the listed location requested an illegally parked vehicle be towed from the space.

SEPT 11 2004

Saturday 10:56 p.m.
Classification: TRAFFIC -
Vehicle Stop/ARREST
Location: JOHNS HILL ROAD
Disposition: Closed
Summary: Subject was observed weaving across the center lane at the listed location. The subject was later taken in to custody, charged with Driving Under the Influence (unknown substance), transported to St. Luke East for blood/urine tests and then lodged in the Campbell County Detention Center.

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as of our print deadline.
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DPS Web site at
<http://access.kyu.edu/dps>*

campusbriefs

NKU expands with opening of new Grant County Center

This Wednesday, NKU opened the new Grant County Center which will hold 400 students and 26 classes. This newly renovated facility is equipped with wireless internet, laptop computers, four "smart classrooms" and 13 new computer work stations. The Grant County Center is located in Williamstown, 40 miles from NKU's Highland Heights campus. Nearly twice the size of its predecessor, the center offers associates degrees, academic certificates and a bachelor's degree.

Workshops offered to attract adult students

NKU will be holding a series of free workshops for students considering returning to college. The series is free and will be held at the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

The workshops are a predecessor for the future classes NKU will be offering at the Airport starting Jan. 2005. The "Return to Learn" workshops will be held Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 13, 20, 27. The "Options for Adult Learners" Workshops will take place on Oct. 7 and 25. Both courses are designed to help the adult learner make an informed decision on further education.

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NKU to host Underground Railroad conference

NKU's own Institute for Freedom Studies will host the Borderlands Underground Railroad Conference III Sept. 16-18. The conference's theme is "Telling Our Stories: The National Significance of Local Events and the Underground Railroad Movement." The conference will explain the effect of events which took place all over the country in relation to the Underground Railroad Movement's involvement in the abolition of slavery.

NKU openly invited everyone interested in sharing stories of the Underground Railroad with regional and national academic professionals and public leaders.

Thursday evening events begin at 6 p.m. at the Freedom Center with registration and a reception. Keynote speaker Spencer R. Crew, executive director and CEO of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, will speak at 8 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18, conference sessions will begin at NKU and will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

Cost to attend the conference is \$30, or \$10 per day.

nationalbriefs

Ivan approaching the Gulf of Mexico

Hurricane Ivan is causing coastal residents along the Gulf of Mexico to evacuate and blockade their houses, CNN reported. The category 4 storm is predicted to strike the Florida Panhandle to the Texas-Louisiana border on Thursday. It has already taken 60 lives on its journey through Jamaica, Cuba and Trinidad.

A hurricane warning was issued from Grand Isle, south of New Orleans, to Apalachicola, Florida. The warning indicates that the hurricane will probably affect the area within 24 hours.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin advised residents who were unable to leave the city to undertake a "vertical evacuation." Residents were advised to go to hotels and high-rise buildings throughout the city.

Tuesday night, Hurricane Ivan's rating diminished as its winds were recorded at 140 mph. Overnight Ivan's winds reached higher than 156 mph, a Category 5 on the Saffir-Simpson scale.

National funds shifted

According to CNN, the State Department announced that the United States will shift more than \$3 billion intended for Iraqi reconstruction to improve security and oil production. The news arrived the same day rebels unleashed two fatal attacks on Iraqi police: in Baghdad 47 people were killed in a car bombing, while waiting in a police recruitment line and 12 officers were killed in a drive-by shooting in Baghdad.

According to Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Marc Grossman, the reason behind the reallocation of funds was to protect the current buildings and future construction in Iraq.

100 spaces now open in new garage

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There are 100 parking spaces from Northern Kentucky University's newly-built garage now available. The remaining 580 spaces are tentatively scheduled to open in October.

With a parking permit, it will be free to park in the spaces through November. After that point, students will have to pay \$1 with an NKU All Card and \$2 without to park in the garage.

The shuttle service from the old Thriftway parking lot will be discontinued at 5 p.m. Sept. 10.

The garage, located on Kenton Drive, was originally supposed to open on Aug. 23. "Construction issues" caused the delay of the opening, according to Vice President for Administration and Finance Ken Ramsey.

The 100 spaces were tentatively scheduled to open on Sept. 7.



Construction workers continue to labor on the new parking garage located on Kenton Drive.

It wasn't until Sept. 9 when the spaces finally opened.

Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Shanley sent out an e-mail to all NKU students alerting them about the garage's partial opening and the discontinuation of the shuttle service.

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Othernews

Students adapt to afford higher tuition

Many work more hours at jobs, or are dependent on loans, grants to offset this year's 16.7 percent increase

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Northern Kentucky University has a reputation for being cheap compared to other colleges and universities in the area. With the recent rises in tuition, some students are finding the reputation to be rumor, and the repercussions are devastating.

Over the past year tuition at

NKU has increased by 16.7 percent. Tuition for an in-state undergraduate is \$2184 this semester, an increase of more than \$300 than tuition in the 2003 fall semester.

Many students are struggling to compensate for the increase. Student loans help, and some students depend on this money for not only tuition but other expenses as well.

Jessica Kidd, a junior majoring in journalism and photography, said the tuition increase

has cut into the extra money she previously used to pay other bills.

"Now I have to work more hours to cover other costs," Kidd said. "It really cuts into my studying time."

Emily Katt, a junior majoring in political science and speech communication, has also felt the strain of working more

hours.

"I'm afraid my grades may fall because I'm spending more time at work," Katt said. "It might not be such a strain if tuition was the only thing I had to pay for. When you add in all my other bills it really adds up."

Some students depend on scholarships to take care of

tuition cost. Even these students have felt a pinch on their wallet.

"Luckily, my scholarship covers most of it. But with the new higher cost, I was definitely surprised to see the cost on my bill," said Oliver Meinerding, a senior graphic design major.

Casey Bussard, senior art history major, had a scholarship for her first four years, but now it has expired.

"It was a big shock," Bussard said. "Tuition has doubled from

when I started here."

Meinerding is also worried about his scholarship expiring.

"I'm just not looking forward to next year," he said.

Students have also had to ask for help from their parents. Bussard and Meinerding both said their parents have helped them out with the extra cost.

Other students haven't been so lucky.

"My parents have co-signed for loans, but all the cost is mine," Kidd said.

"Tuition has doubled from when I started here."

- Casey Bussard, senior

Freshfusion

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men need to come in and step into that legacy and take it one step further."

Iker and Hixson both gave speeches urging students to get involved and meet people.

"As members of University 101, you're getting a chance to develop those friendships and networks that will enrich your college experience and hopefully hook you up with a job after you are out of here," Iker said.

Hixson explained SGA's role on campus.

"It is very important to get involved early and stay involved," he said. "Fraternalities are a way to go. Jeff and I are both members of a fraternity. That's kind of what SGA does. The biggest thing we do is we are your watch dogs, whatever the student body needs, we get

done."

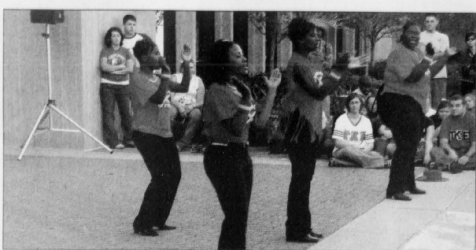
The speeches were concluded with Bezold's advice about college life: "Don't let your books get left in the way of your college education."

Following the various performances by the NKU cheerleaders and dance team, students were given free pizza and soda. They were encouraged to observe the various booths set up of the many organizations on NKU's campus. During this time, NKU's Battle of the Bands' winner Norust and Cincinnati hip hop group the Milandahz put on shows. Members of the fraternities and sororities from the National Pan-Hellenic Council put on a dance-filled "step show" to end the night's festivities.

Former student and the

event's Master of Ceremonies Mike Monks said, "This is great, it gets better every year. I was a freshman six years ago and it's definitely grown since then. To have this many show up at this kind of an event at Northern shows progress socially on campus that is coming with the academic development, and I think it's great."

Kate Brodbeck, a student member on the Freshfusion Committee, thought the event was a success. "I think everything went absolutely fabulous," she said. "I was so excited about tonight, it took a lot of preparation and a lot of hard work. And if anyone has any comments or suggestions, please let anybody in Student Life know and we'll do our best to make it better next year."



Mike Brennan / Photographer

Students are entertained by a "step show," ending the night's festivities at Freshfusion.

International

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university, and now they're looking for a community college because they can't afford to stay here anymore."

According to Kimball, some international students are forced to drop out of college altogether.

Kimball said that the problem is not just rising tuition — the costs associated with parking, books and room and board have all increased as well.

Another side of this issue is on a national level. According to Kimball, the government is now denying more student visas than they are granting. In fact, this fall, 35 of the 53 international students applying to

NKU were denied student visas.

Kimball said this is due to stricter security checks and longer processes.

According to the U. S. Department of State, international students applying for a student visa are viewed as intending immigrants until they can convince a consular officer that they are not. Its Web site states that international students "must be able to show that they have reasons for returning to (their) home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the United States."

Kimball said that this is the reason many international stu-

dents are denied student visas, as they are presumed to be an immigrant until they can prove that they're not.

"Schools across the country have been experiencing major decreases in international student enrollment for the past couple of years," Kimball said.

Kimball said that she has alerted the university administration of this growing problem.

Senior Director of Administration and Student Services Bridgette Pregliasco said that university officials will be meeting soon to look at the impact tuition increases are having on international students.

"The administration certainly is aware... (but) I don't know what if anything can be done," Pregliasco said.

As multiculturalism is one of the university's core values, Kimball hopes that a solution will be found to this potentially serious problem.

"Diversity benefits both American and International students," Kimball said. "They're learning from each other. It's a symbiotic relationship."

"The more diverse kinds of environments you can get... the more differences you can get around you, the more you're going to learn about yourself and the world."

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dumbbells don't get here until closer to December because of a long 12 to 16 week process of the engraving."

The money to fund these renovations came from the students themselves. "It was student funded — it came from student fees," Roth said. "The money was approved through student government and the students are really going to be the ones to reap the benefits."

According to Larry Blake, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management, the former facility didn't have the space for all the machines and all the activities they wanted to have they wanted to.

Roth said the renovation project came about because of student activity.

"The renovations started as a student initiative. There was enough interest and enough voices," Roth said. "It's been a couple year process getting it done."

Roth feels that because the center was not originally designed for 14,000 students and the equipment was looking out of date that too many students were opening up memberships at other gyms.

"Now we've heard a lot of people saying that they've given those up, and they are excited and anxious to come over here."

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When the
renovations are
complete,
will you use the
campus recreation
center more?



Noah Simmons,
Freshman, psychology
"Probably"



Matriccia Figgs,
Junior, education
"What kind of
renovations have been
made?"



Sarah Webster,
Sophomore,
secondary education
"No, I don't even
use it now."



Adam Ashley
Freshman, theater
"Yeah, definitely."



Emily Fromme,
Freshman, radiology
"Probably not."



Heather Burns
Junior, public relations
"Yeah. Probably hang
out there during my
breaks more."

viewpoints

Republican is delusional

Bush supporters believe everything, have "cultish quality"

By Robert Steinback

Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT)

I don't think we can win the war on terror.
Wait! Wait! Forget I said that!
We can win the war on terror!
We can! We can!
I half expected to see President Bush holding Toto and furiously clicking his ruby slippers together, so certain was he that simply by repeating a belief, he could make it so.

Yet Bush's 24-hour pirotechnic regarding the winnability of the war on terrorism — easily the flippiest of flops yet seen in a presidential campaign laced with accusations of same — provided an appropriate backdrop for last week's Republican National Self-Delusionfest at Madison Square Garden.

The theme of the convention indeed, of the entire GOP presentation this election cycle — seemed to be, if we say something often enough, no matter how inaccurate, laughable or downright ludicrous, it becomes reality.

How else but through self-delusion could a political party stage its convention atop a formidable, neighborhood-strangling armed defensive bunker, having placed New York under a level-orange terrorism alert, and still take cred-

it for making Americans

"safer?"

How else but through self-delusion could its administration underfund its own education program by \$9.5 billion, underfund veterans benefits and close VA hospitals, call the outsourcing of jobs overseas a good thing, and cut back access to overtime.

How else but through self-delusion could a president turn a projected \$5 trillion federal surplus into a projected \$3 trillion deficit, create the largest annual budget deficit in U.S. history, and preside over a net loss of a million jobs while personal bankruptcies hit all-time highs, and still claim to be the steward of a "strong" economy?

How else but through self-delusion could a president speak of "liberating" the people of a nation that now teeters on the brink of a civil war held off not by any exercise of democra-

cy, but only by the intervention of a godlike ayatollah, who, luckily for us, is named Sistani and not Khomeini?

How else but through self-delusion could an administration claim to be "winning" a war on terrorism while scores of American soldiers are being killed each month by terrorists in Iraq, when

airliners are crashing in Russia, buses are blowing up in Beersheva and commuter trains are exploding in Madrid and while civilians from various parts of the world are being kidnapped in Iraq and executed?

Oh, that's right — the president said we can't win the war on terrorism, just before he said we could.

You know things are bad when Bush can't even get his delusions straight.

Self-delusion is usually harmless, even entertaining — until others begin to buy into it in large numbers.

There has been an eerily cultish quality among Bush supporters.

His devotees have been hyp-

notically impervious to any evidence contradicting whatever spin on reality he and his people have put forth.

A commission empaneled by the White House says Bush's defense secretary bears some responsibility for the reprehensible treatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib.

Four more years!
Bush refuses to denounce the widely discredited aid aired by Swift Boat Hypocrites for Truth despite their implicit intent to all war veterans?

Four more years!
Bush's own envoy concludes there probably were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq when Bush chose to attack?

Four more years!
The 9-11 Commission reveals Bush did little despite being handed a document a month before the Sept. 11 attacks entitled, "Bin Laden determined to strike in U.S."

Four more years!
It's disconcerting when a leader can induce adoring followers to believe what he says over the reality that should be evident to their own eyes and ears.

It almost makes you want to cry out, Snap out of it! Don't drink the Kool-Aid!

His devotees have been hyp-

Kerry has nation seeing red

Candidate's campaign loses focus, keeps main issues in background

By J.R. Labbe

Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT)

One's political view is often colored by the prism used to see the world during a particular moment in time.

These days, mine is red. Not red as in "red state, blue state," but red as in the blood of three U.S. contractors who were killed last week when their headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan, were bombed.

Red as in anger over the senselessness of the suicidal cowards who murdered good men who were trying to bring stability and democratic principles to a nation throwing off the stranglehold of militant religious fundamentalism.

Red as in the alarm raised among the U.S. advisers at my husband's compound in Kandahar, where they had been enjoying a week's holiday away from training Afghan recruits in the basics of democratic policing, before news of their slain colleagues reached them.

Red as in eyes stinging with tears at the thought of dead Afghan children whose only crime was wanting to be close to Americans who handed out smiles and sweets.

This is the prism through which I view the 2004 presidential election.

It is the prism that will not allow me to see John Kerry as commander in chief of this country's armed forces during war.

Forget about what did or did not occur in 1968 on that Swift boat in the Mekong Delta, or how much Kerry bled to get three Purple Hearts and a truncated four-month tour of duty. Even his anti-war activism can, to a point, be pardoned. Great democracies allow for dissent, especially in times of war.

But what cannot be forgotten — or, for millions of veterans, forgiven — was his decision to align with communist sympathizers and make accusations that sounded as if every man in a uniform was cutting the ears off Vietnamese civilians when troops were still in-country.

In any case, fashion connoisseurs have drawn a curtain on front cleavage, rear cleavage, bellies and underwear that isn't under anything. Show 'er over, folks.

Coming soon to stores are knee-length skirts, suit jackets, ponchos and higher-cut jeans.

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Many veterans will forever see red when they look at the junior senator from Massachusetts.

Unfortunately, America has heard more about Kerry's Vietnam-era escapades than it has about his 19 years on Capitol Hill.

And his campaign wants it that way.

If you want to see world-class shuckin' and jivin', ask a Kerry supporter: "So what did your candidate do during almost 20 years in the U.S. Senate?"

That was exactly the question posed Tuesday, to Bob Borosage, co-director of the Campaign for America's Future, when he appeared on National Public Radio's The Diane Rehm Show.

Borosage, who has been a vocal critic of the Bush administration, answered the case, was a monologue about Kerry's plans once in the White House. He offered not a word about Kerry's Senate record, which is conspicuous for its absence of any major legislation bearing the Kerry name.

Politics are known by the

votes they cast, so Kerry can be evaluated by the special-interest group ratings that Project Vote Smart collected on him.

Kerry scored 100 percent approval ratings from NARAL Pro-Choice America, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the AFL-CIO, the National Education Association, the Alliance for Retired Americans and the American Public Health Association.

He's chalked up a record that puts him squarely in league with the nation's liberal ideologues.

There is a caveat to Kerry's "voting" record: Of the 17 key Senate bills that the Project Vote Smart used to rate lawmakers, Kerry actually voted on only six.

He expressed approval or disapproval of five others, but with his penchant for switching positions on issues, one should keep that white correction fluid handy.

One vote he did commit to paper was a "no" for the \$86.5 billion Iraq Freedom Fund for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Once again, veterans and their loved ones are seeing red.

Fashion police can rut guns away

Summer trends are ending as fall brings length to clothing, decency to shoppers

Knight Ridder/Tribune

News Service

(KRT)

The following editorial appeared in *The Kansas City Star* on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004:

When it comes to fashion, you have to love that swinging pendulum.

Who knows when it finally went too far. Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" at the Super Bowl show, perhaps.

One too many shots of

Britney Spears prancing around in strippers' garb.

Or maybe it was all those flabby midriffs flowing over low-cut jeans.

In any case, fashion connoisseurs have drawn a curtain on front cleavage, rear cleavage, bellies and underwear that isn't under anything. Show 'er over, folks.

Coming soon to stores are knee-length skirts, suit jackets, ponchos and higher-cut jeans.

The fashion magazine Bazaar pictured low-slung jeans and a

midriff-baring top in its August issue and warned: "Don't even try to fit into these (KRT)." One problem has been that too many people wore those items even when they didn't fit into them.

Still seeing a lot of skin? Be patient.

Real fashion takes a while to catch up with runway fashion, and the Midwest tends to follow the coasts. Besides, we're probably not done with all of this short days yet.

But all signs do well for

wary parents and teachers, who have worked overtime as fashion police the last few years.

Teenagers, always quick to spot a trend, are pulling out with sleeves and moving toward more preppy styles.

With any luck, those sightings may soon be just a bad memory.

No doubt the pendulum will continue to swing. But let's hope for a long, slow sweep in the direction of the covered torso.

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Terra Aylor, a bartender at O'Charley's in Cold Spring, pours a short beer for a thirsty patron.

Beer: Know the price of filling your glass

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Knowledge is power. And when it comes to purchasing beer at a local bar or restaurant, knowledge can save you money.

A study by the Royal Bank of Scotland found that students in England spend about \$1.8 million on drinks every year, about three times as much as they do on books.






Even though this phenomenon is occurring across the ocean, many people apply this theory to students at Northern Kentucky University. "I spent \$500 on books for the entire semester, and since school has started I've already spent about \$150 in beer," said Chad Bertke, a senior marketing major. "Without a doubt, I will spend more on beer this semester than I have on books, especially if I go to the bars. That's when I tend to walk away feeling good, but with an empty wallet."

Knowing there are many students in Bertke's situation, *The Northerner* has compiled a short list of local bars and price ranges to help students find a bar of choice. Our information will help you decide which bars to frequent and what days it's best to party on, all while saving a buck or two.

Remember, drinking and driving is a serious offense and can be harmful to you and others. If you do drink, make sure you have a sober driver. And if you live on campus don't bring alcohol back — we are a dry university, after all.

With that said, it is time to get personal with beer.



| | Regular Price | Types of Beer | Weekly Specials |
|---|--|---|---|
| Applebee's Highland Heights Bottle Draft | \$2 for large (22 ounce) \$1 for small (10 ounce)  \$2.79 for domestic \$3.69 for imports \$3.69 for premium | Budweiser, Coors Light, Michelob Ultra, Killians, LaBatt Blue, Bud Light, Amber Boch and Miller Lite Foster's, Coors Light, Beck's Dark, Michelob Light, Corona, O'Douls, Rolling Rock, Sam Adams, Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite, Heineken, Amstel Light | New special called "3-2-1." Drinks such as daquiris and margaritas are sold for \$3, large beers (20 ounces) are sold for \$2 and small beers (10 ounces) are sold for \$1. No specials on bottled beers during the week because there is a focus on draft beer specials. |
| Barelycorn's Cold Spring Bottle Draft | \$3.75 for large domestic \$2.75 for small domestic  \$2.75 for domestic \$3.75 for imports | Bud Lite, Miller Lite, Guinness, Michelob Ultra, Killians, Harp, Bass and Barelycorn's Cold Spring Ale Bud Lite, Miller Lite, Michelob Ultra | Happy Hour everyday with 50 cents. Sunday NFL matchup where customers get a pint of beer and an appetizer for \$5 and can purchase a five bottle bucket for \$10. Mondays are "Souvenir Glass Night." Purchase a glass filled with beer for \$1.75 and get it refilled for \$1.25. Tuesdays are 2 small drafts for the price of one. Wednesdays are \$2.99 Long Island Ice Teas. |
| Beer Sellar Newport Bottle Draft | \$2.75 for domestic \$4.50 for imports  \$3.25 for domestic \$3.75 for most imports | 60 different types of draft beers, including domestic and import 130 different types of bottled beers, including domestic and import | Happy Hour pitchers are \$4.50. Thursday nights are college nights with pitchers of domestic beer priced at \$4.50 and imported beer at \$8.50. Sunday has a special on Miller Lite products for \$4.50 a pitcher. No specials on bottled beers during the week because there is a focus on draft beers specials, but throughout the week there is always live music. |
| O'Charley's Cold Spring Bottle Draft | \$2.65 for small \$3.45 for large  \$2.75 for domestic | Bud Light, Budweiser, Miller Lite, Michelob Ultra, Killians, Amber Boch Bud Lite, Budweiser, Coors Light, Michelob Ultra, O'Douls, Corona Extra, Corona Light, Heineken, Foster's, Aspen Edge, Sam Adams Light and Miller Genuine Draft | At Happy Hour short beers are \$1.50, and large beers are 50 cents off. After 9 p.m. short beers sell for \$1. At Happy Hour bottled beers are 50 cents off. |
| Duck Creek Cold Spring Bottle Draft | \$3 for tall \$6 for pitchers  \$2 for domestic | Bud Lite, Killians, Budweiser, Amber Boch Lite, Michelob Ultra, Miller Lite Every popular domestic, imports include Corona and Heineken | Sundays, for the Bengals games, draft beers in pitchers are sold for \$5. Wednesday nights are Open Mic Nights. Thursdays are karaoke. Friday and Saturday have live music. For the Bengals games on Sunday, bottles are priced at \$1.50. |

campuscalendar

wednesday

- Freshman Leadership Committee meets in UC 11 at 2 p.m.
- A sing-a-long will be held in New Commons from 9 p.m. to midnight.
- The Blue Apple Players are offering two performances for school children in the Graves Hall at 10 a.m. and noon.
- Women's Empowerment meets in UC Room 107 at 4 p.m.

thursday

- Norse Commons houses Recycled Percussion from 7 to 8 p.m.
- National Hispanic Heritage Month Reception in the UC lobby from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Speech on "Education: Latino Cultural Barriers in the Educational System" held in UC room 11 10:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

friday

- Fraternity recruitment begins, lasts until Sept. 22.
- The men's soccer team plays Parkside at 5 p.m.
- The women's soccer team plays at 7:30 p.m.
- Latino Menu in UC cafeteria to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

saturday

- The volleyball team plays Ballwin at 2 p.m.
- May 2005 graduates should start filling out graduation applications, which are due in less than a month.

sunday

- The men's soccer team plays Saint Joseph's at noon.
- The women's soccer team plays Saint Joseph's at 2:30 p.m.

monday

- The Lucas Administrative Center will be accepting interview-appropriate clothing for the professional clothing drive from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Donations can be made through Oct. 1st.

tuesday

- "Talk on Tuesday" seminar from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in UC 108. The subject is study skills.
- Norse Visitation Day.
- The men's soccer team plays Mercyhurst (Pa.) at 4 p.m.

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



Amy Ehrnreiter / Photographer
Citizens have helped clean up Newport in the past 40 years.

Event is tribute to city's seedy past

Newport cleaned-up act and changed image

By AMY EHREITER
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More than 40 years ago, Newport was considered a city of vice. But with the help of concerned citizens, the city has become the prosperous town it's known as today.

NKU hosted a night of nostalgia in remembrance of this less than moral era on Sept. 9.

The event was called "Girls, Guns and Gambling: How Ordinary Citizens Drove Vice out of Newport." The event was held to recall Newport's state of affairs in the 1940s and 1950s.

"Newport was considered one of the worst places in America," Ed Hengelbrok, treasurer and chairperson of the Campbell County Committee of 500, said.

Newport civil leaders.

Newport elected a new sheriff to help rid the city of immoral practices. In the sheriff's first six months of office, prostitution and gambling were reduced drastically.

At the event, a panel of community members discussed their involvement in ridding Newport of its vice and villainy.

The evening opened with a welcome speech from NKU President James Votruba, who became interested in the history of Newport after he moved to Northern Kentucky.

"I believe there are important lessons to be learned from this era," Votruba said. Kathy Stewart, NKU's special events coordinator, was surprised at the large turnout. "A lot of people that came lived through those times in Newport," Stewart said.

FORCED INDUCTION
By JOSH BLAIR
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Sometimes it's not easy being different. Most people disregard and disrespect that which they don't understand.

In the world of automobile engines, the rotary engine is that misfit.

Mechanics
The rotary engine operates without pistons, valves, cams, a timing belt or other parts found in a typical engine. It accomplishes this feat using two triangle-like rotors mounted on an eccentric shaft in two oval-shaped housings. The two housings are sandwiched together along with three side housings and a front cover.

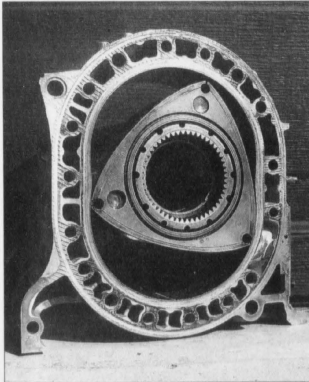
Each of the three faces of the rotors perform the intake, compression, combustion and exhaust cycles in one full rotation of the rotor. A piston must rotate twice in order to complete these actions.

There are seals at the apex of each rotor that maintain contact in the housing. The ports lack valves because chambers on the rotor faces control the intake and exhaust cycles.

The intake port is mated straight to the throttle body and the exhaust port is mated straight to the exhaust system.

History
The rotary engine is sometimes called the Wankel rotary engine after Dr. Felix Wankel, the German mathematician who developed the rotary engine in the 1950s.

The only American market cars using the rotary engine are the Mazda "RX" series of cars starting with the R-100 and ending with the recently released RX-8. The most popular rotary engine equipped car is the RX-7, which went through three generations in



Josh Blair / Photographer
Rotors are the equivalent of a typical engine's pistons.

America from 1979 to 1995.

Major automobile manufacturers such as General Motors and Mercedes attempted to produce rotary engine vehicles, but found the task too challenging.

The AMC Pacer and the Chevrolet Vega were both scheduled to be powered by a rotary engine, but the engine was scrapped near the end of production.

Advantages
Two aspects that make the rotary engine superior to a piston engine are its small size and light weight. Because of the small size, a rotary engine can be placed lower to the ground and farther back in an engine bay. This improves a car's weight distribution. Less weight improves a car's handling, gas mileage and power.

As long as the oil is changed regularly, the engine is kept cool and the car is driven frequently, the engine is kept cool and the car is driven frequently.

Disadvantages
One problem people associate with the rotary engine is that it blows relatively easy. While there are many blown rotary engines, a larger factor is how the owner maintains the engine.

quently, a rotary engine can last more than 200,000 miles.

Another major problem with rotary engines is carbon deposits. If carbon, released from the ignited gasoline, starts building up in the engine, then the engine's apex seals can crack over time. This damage causes a loss in compression.

To prevent carbon build-up, rotary engines need to be driven regularly and revved high on a regular basis.

Rotary engines also consume more oil than piston engines because oil is injected into the combustion chamber to lube the apex seals.

There is also a shortage of knowledgeable rotary mechanics. When rotaries became popular in the late '70s and early '80s, few mechanics found it necessary to learn about them. It's difficult to find mechanics who understand a rotary engine enough to know how to properly repair or rebuild one.

The rotary engine may only be known by some and understood by few, but it seems as though it's here to stay. Hopefully, if more people understand and appreciate the rotary engine, it will come equipped in more than one car and be produced by more than one manufacturer.

The rotary engine may be different, but that's not important. Because it rolls like that.

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- Online resources:**
- monito.com/wankel
 - mazda.com/history/rotary
 - rotaryengineillustrated.com
 - auto.howstuffworks.com/rotary-engine.htm
 - gcprocties.com/MotorCity/Garage/7365/docs/index.html

NKU President James Votruba, Carol Talbot, Luis Camps, Leo Calderon and J. Patrick Moynahan celebrate the presentation of a \$150,000 check from Procter & Gamble to help establish the NKU Latino and Multicultural Center for Regional Development.

Students, cultures unite

Heritage month seeks to open perspectives on Latino culture, life

By AMY EHREITER
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The Latino Student Union "y Amigos" is hosting the fourth annual heritage month from Sept. 16 to Oct. 15. Activities will serve to broaden knowledge of Latino culture and traditions.

Founded June 11, 2001, the organization brings together students who are interested in Latino culture. The group promotes the culture and its building grounds between Latinos and non-Latinos, Leo Calderon, advisor for LSU, said.

This year, the heritage month began differently. Supporters of LSU gathered in the University Center Ballroom on Friday. NKU honored Procter and Gamble for donating \$150,000 towards the construction of the

Latino and Multicultural Center for Regional Development, Calderon said.

"Every year we hope for more," Calderon said. Next year, the group will be hosting its celebration in a new facility. The LSU focuses on involving students in cultural activities.

"NKU does a great job organizing and creating events, students need to tap into that," said Marilyn Zayas-Davis, Immigrant attorney and member of the Hispanic/Latino Affairs Committee.

She said that students need to pick activities that interest them and attend. These events prepare college students for the real world where they need to be aware of other cultures.

The NKU Spanish Club, Amigos, has merged with LSU to become one organization. "Both groups were doing the same thing," Irene Encarnacion,

adviser for the Amigos, said. They both had the same interests and objectives, so it made sense to combine them.

Uniting the two groups creates more interaction between Latino and non-Latino students, Encarnacion said.

More than 10 main events are scheduled. A discussion about Latino cultural barriers in the education system will be in the UC Sept. 16.

"The keynote lecture is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Encarnacion said. "If students could only attend one event, that would be the one."

Dining services have also contributed to the heritage month by planning a Latino menu Sept. 17 and Oct. 14, Calderon said.

Aside from lectures, there will be Latino film festivals and a Carnival Dance.

"These events will have a positive effect on students,"

Kathy Stewart, special events director at NKU, said. "It will make students more aware of a culture other than their own. Knowledge creates comfort."

The kick-off reception will be held in the UC lobby Sept. 16. All events are free, with the exception of a small fee for the carnival dance.

Nbrief

What: National Hispanic Heritage Month
When: Sept. 15 to Oct. 15
Where: University Center
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Photo by Josh Blair

artsentertainment

Not all theaters are created equal

By STEVE FUNARO

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When watching a movie, nothing comes so easily as seeing it at a theater. However, the movie-going experience can be enhanced or ruined by the theater of choice.

This list compiles the best, silliest and downright scariest pros and cons for Northern Kentucky's four movie theaters. From AMC in Newport's student discount that will leave you with money for more popcorn to the smothering throngs of Hilary Duff fans at Great Escape 14.

AMC on the Levee

Since AMC has opened a few years ago, it has been a formidable competitor. It's no surprise due to its student discounts, comfortable stadium style seating and nearby bars. Because it's located in Newport on the Levee, there are plenty of things to do after the movie. You can eat dinner, go shopping, have dessert and go to a bar all in one stop.

AMC also has a frequent buyer

discount called Movieatcher, a program that rewards customers with free concessions and tickets based on how many tickets they buy.

But there is a downside; ticket prices are slightly expensive, parking costs a dollar and it's very busy on most weekends. If you don't mind spending an extra dollar to park and leaving early for the movie, this is the theater of choice.

Great Escape 14

Great Escape, on the other hand, opened with little fanfare and still sits quietly a short distance from campus. Student discounts, stadium seating and proximity to school make this the choice for last second moviegoers. That is if you can deal with the hordes of high school kids and sticky floors.

Great Escape can be great for those who have no free time on weekends and even less time to drive far to see the newest show.

Showcase Cinemas: Erlanger

For years, Showcase Erlanger was the only good theater in Kentucky to see a movie.

However, it's now ancient in comparison to AMC and Great Escape. There isn't a student discount, the seats are uncomfortable and the food prices are high. This theater scores well all around and although you may pay more than AMC and Great Escape, it could be worse.

National Amusements:

Worse describes National Amusements. In comparison to the other three theaters, it is an unpleasant place to see a movie. The prices are high and the theater is outdated. Many of the seats are broken and sometimes when it rains too hard, water leaks from the ceiling.

One redeeming quality is that the hottest new movies are unlikely to sell out there. Also, it's located on Mall Road, so there's plenty of shopping nearby.

The next time you're spending your money at a movie theater, think first about what you want to get in return.

[Editor's note: This evaluation was compiled prior to National Amusement's remodeling.]

Northern Kentucky

Movie Theaters

| | Price for Students | Distance from Campus | Atmosphere | Overall | Phone Numbers / Information |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|---------|---|
| Showcase Erlanger | C | B | D | C | (513) 699-1500 3220 Meadow Lane Erlanger, KY 41018 |
| National Amusements | C | B- | D | D | (513) 699-1500 7685 Florence Mall Road Florence, KY 41042 |
| AMC Newport | B | A | A+ | A | (859) 261-8100 One Levy Way, Suite 4100 Newport, KY 41071 |
| Great Escape 14 | A | A | C- | B- | (859) 442-0000 103 Crossing Drive Wildier, KY 41076 |

Illustration by Mike Brennan



Mr. Show Complete Season Four DVD

The fourth and final season from the comedy troupe Mr. Show is the crown jewel of the series. The skits are even more ridiculous than any of the previous seasons, which is a good thing.

Mr. Show had its run on HBO where it gained a modest fan-base. Since the show's cancellation, it has acquired a devout cult following.

Features on the DVD include audio commentary, a blooper reel, deleted scenes and other extras that fans have come to expect from Bob Odenkirk and David Cross.

The DVD arrives in stores Sept. 21.

- Chad Snowden

Batman in the Eighties Trade paperback

Before the 1980's, comic books were primarily for children. However, that decade would take comics to a new level.

With more adult themes and graphic content, comic books expanded to a new market.

Batman in the Eighties, a 192 page trade paperback, collects nine of the first darker tales of the Dark Knight.

This book is a great starting point for those interested in reading comics that are more than simple minders.



Illustration by Jim Aparo; Batman © DC Comics.

- Josh Blair

Orca: the Killer Whale DVD

Although Jaws is remembered as the toughest screen villain of the ocean, there is another silver screen menace stalking the waters.

No, not Flipper, it's Orca, the killer whale. Orca's plot focuses on an obsessive whale hunter who killed Orca's pregnant mate. Seeking revenge, Orca attempts to destroy the whale's life.

Orca the Killer Whale may just be a Jaws rip-off with some Moby Dick mixed in, but it's still worth watching.

Orca can be entertaining for fans of cheesy, campy '70s horror flicks or those who want to see Bo Derek have her leg bitten off by a killer whale.

- Josh Blair

Ms Pac Man masters compete in round 2

Video game tournament hosted by Sudsy Malone's

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Think you're a master of Ms. Pac Man? Now you have a chance to prove your skills.

Sudsy Malone's is hosting the second Ms. Pac-Man Tournament Sunday, Sept. 19, and any old-school gamers looking to boast their ghost-eating abilities.

The competition in the second tournament will be fierce. Cincinnati gamers are looking to steal the Cincinnati Ms. Pac Man champion title from Northern Kentucky native Will Schroder.

In the first tournament, set

up bracket style, Schroder took it out against four of the 16 competitors.

His talent, concentration and hand and eye coordination helped him come out on top with a score of more than 80,000 points.

If you want to win, you better practice eating those dots.

Let the carpal tunnel syndrome begin.

The event starts about 8:30 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee that goes towards the participant's games, prizes and possibly charity.

Sudsy Malone's is located at 2626 Vine St. in Cincinnati, Ohio. They can be contacted at (513) 751-2300.



Josh Blair | Photographer
David White attempts to beat his high score.

'Cellular' an advertisement

Action film focuses more on selling the product than plotline

By JOHN GAVIN
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The biggest star in "Cellular" is the ever-present Nokia cell phone.

From dialogue about the phone's capacity to remember incoming calls, to praise about its new video recording feature, the product placement is anything but subtle.

Supporting the phone in its starring role is Oscar-award-winning actress Kim Basinger (Jessica Martin), who plays a kidnapped science teacher.

The mysterious kidnappers, complete with baldheads and bad accents, take Martin to a secret location. While there, she takes a page from the MacGyver handbook by splicing together wires from a smashed phone.

She manages to touch the phone's muddled wires together in such a sequence that it

dials the number of a random stranger, Ryan (played by Chris Evans).

While keeping the phone hidden from the kidnappers, Martin tries to convince the skeptical Ryan that she has been abducted, and that her call is not a prank.

It is not until he overhears Martin being beaten by a kidnapper that he is convinced she's telling the truth.

The sequences that follow involve Ryan driving endless miles through the city of Los Angeles while, of course, breaking nearly every law imaginable.

The small amount of time not spent flashing between the two main characters is filled with the typical good cop, Mooney. On the verge of retirement, the lovable underdog Mooney

(played by William H. Macy) is caught in the middle of Martin's kidnapping scandal.

The plot slowly unravels, and it isn't until near the end of the film that the whole story behind the kidnapping is revealed.

Nevertheless, the ending isn't a complete surprise, something atypical of most action movies.

If you're looking for an elegant film with deep moving themes, it's best to avoid "Cellular." It's a stereotypical action movie, complete with the obligatory car chases, bad guys, guns and explosions.

On the other hand, people interested in explosions and car chases may enjoy it.

Although it most likely won't bring home an Oscar, "Cellular" can be entertaining at times.

"Cellular"
(Rated PG-13)
Starring Kim Basinger,
Chris Evans and
William H. Macy.
Rating: 6 out of 10



Sports Scene

→ with Kyle Brown

Fans have Larkin woes

The Cincinnati Reds acquired new management this season, and the new hires have effectively alienated fans time in and time out.

From the trading away of pitchers who strengthened the relief corps, to the treatment of Joe Mauer's retirement, to the handling of Barry Larkin's conflict between playing or going, new General Manager Dan O'Brien has upset fans all over the Greater Cincinnati area.

Many of the decisions that have been made are the wrong ones, however, in the Larkin situation management might be making the right move by looking to replace him. Although it may upset Reds fans, building for the future is imperative to the team.

Larkin simply cannot be counted on to be an every day player. He has been effectively shut down this season, and the Reds are looking to find his predecessor. If Larkin is re-signed, he should be counted on as a mentor to these younger players, as he has been in the past. His role would be decreased on the field, but a veteran player who has put up Hall of Fame numbers would be invaluable with the advisory he could give.

Larkin and the local media seem to be upset with O'Brien re-negotiating manager Dave Miley's contract, while he had previously said he doesn't work on contracts during the season. Pitcher Paul Wilson has not been re-signed, although it seems as though his return would be a major boost to a young staff that struggles at times.

Larkin is in the same boat as Wilson in some ways. But Larkin probably shouldn't receive a contract as good as Wilson's, if re-signed in the off-season.

Larkin is 40 years old, like many players in the same age range, like Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, still command high salaries. Larkin has not been able to stay as healthy as these players.

Replacing Larkin with a young shortstop seems to be the hardest part of the situation. Young players like Felipe Lopez, Ray Olmedo or Anderson Machado could possibly inherit the position Larkin took over nearly 20 years ago.

Veteran backup Juan Castro is another possibility, but his contract expires at the end of this season.

A constant criticism of these players is that they either don't put up the offensive numbers Larkin does, or they are just not ready.

The problem with making Larkin the every day shortstop next season is the possibility that he won't be able to make it through a whole season. If he were to get injured midway through the season, one of those players would probably replace him and be forced into a situation where they cannot truly develop their skills for an entire season.

The worst that could happen would be Larkin entering next season in a smaller role and one of the alternate players failing. If the heir shortstop falters, Larkin would be more than able to replace him. Barry Larkin is an icon for the Cincinnati Reds, but the time has come for the next great shortstop to step up. With Larkin as a mentor, his replacement would be put in a great situation for success.

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norsports

Koralewski valuable player

Senior All-American leads Norse both on and off the volleyball court

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Norse volleyball coach Carlos Chia has been fortunate enough to have recruited a long list of outstanding offensive players at Northern Kentucky University. Chia can add Kristin Koralewski to his list of great players.

Koralewski, a senior outside hitter and native of Muskego, Wis., has put herself in the NKU record books by joining the 1,000-kills club earlier in the season. She becomes the 10th player in Norse volleyball history to reach 1,000 kills.

Before graduating from Thomas More High School in 2000, Koralewski led her team to the 1999 Wisconsin state championship. She finished her prep career as the school's all-time career leader with 1,073 kills, 515 digs and 209 service aces. She credits her coaches for developing her success at a young age.

My high school coach (Rob McLaughlin) and club coach (Joe Lynch) really trained me into the athlete that I am today."

She began her collegiate career at Northern Michigan University where she earned Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year honors in the 2000 season after leading her team with 354 kills and 351 digs. She also had a team-leading 49 service aces.

After the 2001 season, Koralewski decided to move on to play for the Norse.

"I was real excited with the style of play at NKU and the type of coach KNU had the reputation to be," Koralewski said. "I also knew NKU was very good and that they bring in really good players."

Because of NCAA rules for transfers, Koralewski was ineligible for the 2001 season and so began her career at NKU in 2002. She played in 31 matches, recorded 346 kills and racked up 315 digs. She led the team with 46 aces and was named All-Great Lakes Region Honorable Mention.

Chia feels Koralewski has improved her overall game while at NKU. "She has really learned to play our type of offense and defense. Our style isn't like any school in the country."

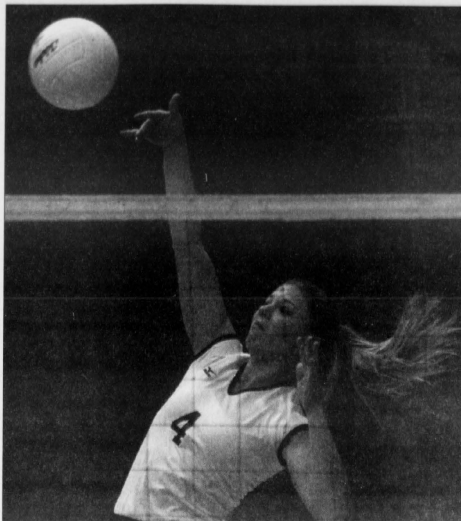
In the 2003 season, Koralewski was named First Team All-American and GLVC Player of the Year. She started all 38 matches for the Norse and led the team with 580 kills and 487 digs.

"My proudest moment was when we beat Northern Michigan in the NCAA Regional Tournament on their home floor and they were 26-0 on the season."

Chia feels Koralewski's attitude is a major reason she is so successful. "Her demeanor on and off the court is very good. She can go compete against the highest level or lowest level and her demeanor never changes," he said.

The 2004 season has given Koralewski an opportunity to become more of a team leader. "Being the captain on the floor, I really try to lead by example, always giving 100 percent and just hoping everyone follows that effort," she said.

Sophomore teammate Andrea Lanham feels Koralewski is a true leader for the team. "She is very hardworking, and she is always concerned about the well-being of our team," Lanham said. "She is a very serious player who cares about the team more than her individual accomplishments."



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Senior Kristen Koralewski recently recorded her 1,000th kill while playing volleyball for NKU.

Koralewski was already named the GLVC Player of the Week in August. She has 93 kills and 101 digs to lead the team, while also contributing five service aces.

Koralewski is a sports business major at NKU and hopes

to attend grad school to study more about business and sales promotions. She also plans to begin coaching volleyball either at the club or high school level.

Koralewski will leave NKU with many memories. "I will

miss the teammates I have played with and the accomplishments we have made together, and also what I have learned from Carlos on and off the court."

Men's soccer improves with time

Freshmen contribute significantly to team's success as offensive plays get stronger



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Defense has been a team strength for the men's soccer team.

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In the early 2004 season, the one constant for the NKU men's soccer team has been the swarming team defense.

The team didn't allow a goal in the first four games and has a 4-0-1 record. The only blemish came in their season opener when they tied Saginaw Valley State 0-0.

NKU coach John Basalyga credits the defense for the fast start. "We have been extremely consistent on defense, especially in the back line."

The back line is anchored by senior goalie Nate Madden, who posted four shutouts early in the season.

"Our defense is playing pretty good right now. We just have to continue to work together and play tough," Madden said.

Basalyga has been very impressed with Madden's play so far this season. "Nate is our most experienced player on the team. He's doing a tremendous job of leading the team on defense."

The team is playing with 14 freshmen on the roster, and as many as seven freshmen have been on the field at one time this season.

"I don't think the freshmen really know what's going on yet and what they are accomplishing. They are just going out there and playing hard," Basalyga said.

The freshmen that have contributed heavily to victories are Andy Bacon, Jason Larkin and Chris Berberich.

The team has a good mixture of young players and veteran players who will contribute to the team's success. On the defensive side of the ball, junior David Liles returns as a

two year starter while junior Randy Walters and sophomore Tony Cullum return as mid-fielders with college experience.

Liles knows the upcoming Great Lakes Valley Conference will test the youth of this team. "We have to beat the teams that we are supposed to and try and sneak out wins against teams who are nationally ranked."

"At the beginning of the year we wanted to win more games than last season, now we are playing for the best possible seed in the tournament," said Liles.

"We have to continue to fight on defense and start scoring goals. That will come with game experience for our young players," Madden said.

"We just have to find a consistent offensive flow right now. We also have to continue to be consistent on defense," Basalyga said.

Norse dominate Cross Country Classic

NKU women finish in first place, Tracy Carskadon posts best women's time a new competition

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The Northern Kentucky University Cross Country teams placed well this weekend in the inaugural Norse Cross Country Classic at A.J. Jolly Park.

Tracy Carskadon won the women's five-kilometer race in a time of 19:26.

Norse runner Julianne Hoekzema finished 10 seconds behind Carskadon to take second place.

The women's team won the overall title with a score of 44 points. GLVC for Indiana pulled

finished second with a score of 45.

In the men's eight-kilometer race, Norse runner Ken Knapp finished ninth with a time of 26:55. He was the best finisher for the Norse. Great Lakes runner finished 12th overall as he crossed the finish line in 27:13.

Lewis University won the men's team title with a score of 24. Lewis had five runners finish within the top ten. Five Norse runners finished in the top twenty.

The Norse finished second overall, with a score of 66.

The Norse travel to Greensboro, N.C. on Sept. 25 for their next race.

Norse Cross Country Classic

Women

1. Tracy Carskadon
2. Julianne Hoekzema
12. Lisa Sand
14. Rachel Steohr
15. Sarah Eggleston

Men

9. Keith Knapp
12. Graham Niemer
15. Adam Stoppelwerth
18. Brad Bullock
19. Eric Cranacher



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Tracy Carskadon was a winner at the first Norse Cross Country Classic.

hotseat



with John Rasp

In this week's hot seat, John interviewed Sam Westerling of the women's soccer team. Westerling starts for the Norse at defender despite playing goalie for the previous two years.

John Rasp: What kind of team goals has the team set for this year?

Sam Westerling: One of the team goals was 100 percent commitment. A lot of the other goals were things such as posting 17 shutouts and scoring so many goals or getting so many shots.

JR: Kendra Zinser by far led the team in yellow cards in 2003, but has since graduated. Who's going to lead the team in yellow cards this year?

SW: Probably Kristen Votapek because she averages about five fouls per game. She also probably has a couple cards under her belt.

JR: Last year a couple of the postseason games came down to a shootout. Last year, you were in the shootout as goalkeeper, but this year, as defender, do you have any desire to take a shot?

SW: No, too much pressure.

JR: Who's the toughest NKU women's soccer player?

SW: I'd say Robyn Withers is probably the toughest. She took a cleat to the face and got back up, so she's pretty tough.

JR: What areas are this team better in than last year's team?

SW: I think our offense is better. We have good shooters and a lot of speed up front.

JR: What is it like to play defender compared to goalkeeper?

SW: It's okay. It's a lot of work and a lot more running. I definitely respect the field players much more now than I play defender. Like it.

JR: Is there anything you know from being goalie that helps you out being defender?

SW: From being a goalie, I have a better idea of what the offense

player is going to do. I have better reads on the offensive player from my experiences at goalie.

JR: If you could pick one men's player to play on the women's team who would you pick?

SW: I'd probably pick Randy Walters because he's a pretty solid all-around player.

JR: What's the most fired up you've seen Head Coach Bob Sheehan?

SW: Last weekend he was pretty fired up because the referee wasn't making any calls. It was pretty funny.

JR: With only two seniors on the roster, who are some of the underclassmen that have stepped up as leaders?

SW: Amy Martini and Katie Hanck have stepped



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Sam Westerling is valuable to the Norse as a goalie and defender.

Volleyball, soccer teams see wins on the road

Men's soccer team defends undefeated record while NKU women hold on for a win; Volleyball team fights back from deficit

Chris Thompson and Randy Walters each scored first-half goals Sunday as the Northern Kentucky University men's soccer team remained unbeaten with a 2-1 victory over the University of Missouri-Rolla.

NKU, 4-0-1 and ranked 25th nationally in the latest NCAA Division II poll, took a 1-0 lead 24 minutes into the contest when Thompson broke free and scored an unassisted goal.

Walters gave NKU a 2-0 lead seven minutes later when he converted a penalty kick, and the Norse held the two-goal advantage at halftime.

Missouri-Rolla cut the lead to 2-1 at the 52:46 mark when Asvane Drouf headed in a shot. That was also the first goal allowed by the NKU defense this season.

NKU goalie Nate Madden recorded four saves, including three in the second half, as the

Norse held on for the victory. It was the fourth straight one-goal victory for NKU.

The Norse will begin Great Lakes Valley Conference play September 17 at 5 p.m. against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside at NKU. The Ferris State University women's soccer team scored twice in the final eight minutes of the second half Saturday and held on for a 2-0 win over 12th-ranked Northern Kentucky University.

Anslie Stuber-Powell scored on a header off a pass from Britta Dahlberg at the 82:25 mark to give Ferris State a 1-0 lead.

Three minutes later, Lindsey Pawloski sealed the upset victory for the Bulldogs when she found the net off a pass from Andrea Moma.

Carla Gilbertson posted the shutout and recorded eight

saves for Ferris State, which improved to 3-3-1 with the victory. It marked the first meeting in history between NKU and Ferris State in women's soccer.

Norse goalie Lauren Piening made six saves for NKU, which dropped to 3-2. The Norse held a 17-13 advantage in shot attempts and a 6-4 edge in corner kicks.

NKU will return to action September 17 at 7:30 p.m., to open the GLVC season when the University of Wisconsin-Parkside visits.

The Rangers ended NKU's five-year reign as GLVC Tournament champion last season by edging the Norse in a penalty-kick shootout during the finals.

The Norse have not lost to a GLVC opponent since Oct. 9, 1999, when Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville posted a 3-1 win over NKU.

In volleyball, Kristin Koralewski capped off a 21-kill performance Saturday by hammering down two consecutive attacks to win the fourth game as Northern Kentucky University knocked off previously unbeaten Ashland University, 33-31, 24-30, 30-28, 30-28.

NKU trailed 23-19 in the fourth game, but the Norse used a 7-3 run to forge a 26-26 tie. After Ashland regained a 27-26 advantage, NKU's Liz Holmes converted an attack to tie the game at 27-27.

The teams traded points and were tied at 28-28 when Koralewski finished off the match and Ashland's unbeaten record (6-1) with two straight kills. The NKU All-American recorded a double-double with 21 kills and 13 digs, and she ended with a .396 hitting percentage.

Holmes, a freshman middle hitter, led NKU with 22 kills and a .425 hitting percentage. She also had seven digs and two blocks.

NKU's Lynne Fischesser keyed the defensive effort with a career-high 27 digs, and she added 12 kills. Julie Lewis notched a career-best 17 digs for NKU, which held a 78-57 edge in digs.

Norse setter Andrea Lanham collected 56 assists and seven digs. Ashland held a 19-9 advantage in blocks, but 16 service errors proved costly to the Eagles on their home floor.

NKU completed the two-day tournament with a 4-0 record later Saturday with a 27-30, 30-26, 30-24, 30-16 victory over Edinboro (Pa.) University. Koralewski and Holmes combined for 35 kills and 32 digs to lead the Norse.

Koralewski now has 1,088

career kills at NKU, and she is ninth on the Norse's all-time list in that category. She also needs just 43 digs to become the sixth player in NKU history to record both 1,000 digs and 1,000 kills.

Maggie Pugh recorded 14 kills and a .435 hitting percentage as NKU won its fourth straight match and improved to 7-4. The Norse won the blocking battle by a 21-18 margin.

Lewis collected a double-double with 11 kills and 11 digs for the Norse, while Lanham just missed a double-double with 57 assists and nine digs. Amber Timmons finished with 20 digs and two service aces.

The volleyball team plays host to Bellarmine University Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.

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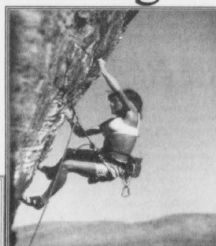
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ARIES

(March 21-April 20)

Early this week, friends and lovers may propose expanded family activities or group commitments. Over the next few days, an intense mood of restlessness, romantic interest and social curiosity will arrive. Remain open and respond honestly to highly creative ideas. Loved ones will expect your full devotion. After Thursday, job promotions are accented. Watch for authority figures to offer unique educational programs or extended team assignments.

Taurus

(April 21-May 20)

Late Tuesday, a close friend may reveal unusual social information or request delicate advice. Private love affairs, past history between friends, or romantic power struggles may be accented. Go slow and encourage serious decisions. Loved ones may soon need to abandon yesterday's expectations. Late this week financial opportunities arrive in the form of career partnerships or shared investments. Take time to finalize all outstanding paperwork. Small details are important.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 21)

Public reputation and workplace confidence will soon lead to valuable job opportunities. Over the next 2 days, bosses and offagars may rely heavily on your leadership skills, creativity or social charisma. Remain focused on minor details, however, and expect colleagues to be temporarily silent. At present, co-workers may feel misunderstood or isolated. Wednesday through Sunday, romantic proposals are delightful and serious. Expect long-term invitations and rare promises.

CANCER

(June 22-July 22)

Emotional outbursts from loved ones may be an ongoing theme for the next few days. Early Tuesday, expect romantic partners or close friends to ask for clarity concerning housing issues, family roles and long-term commitments. Respond with honesty and calm reassurance. Before mid-week, tempers may be high. Thursday through Sunday, authority figures may provide misinformation or vague instructions. If so, take the initiative. Private creativity will prove helpful.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Delayed financial or business requests will this week work to your advantage. Loan applications, job inquiries and legal compensation may be key issues. Study small details for faulty agreements. Before October, fast career progress may arrive through unusual mistakes. Wednesday through Sunday, a unique romantic and social introduction may bring a new relationship into your life. Late this week, distant and distant travel are accented. Stay balanced.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Group events and team assignments may soon bring surprising business contacts. Before mid-week, respond quickly to promising leads, ventures or social invitations. Outdated loyalties now need to fade. Remain open to sudden advancement or complex work places. After Thursday, minor throat irritations or headaches may be bothersome. Study new dietary or exercise regimes. A revised daily routine will help increase energy and build confidence.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Loved ones may this week press for sudden decisions or fast home changes. Late Tuesday, a recent power struggle between relatives will fade. Expect positive proposals and reaffirmed affections to be an ongoing theme soon. Stay alert, however. Revised romantic or family roles will soon bring vital breakthroughs. After mid-week, a previously silent colleague may announce controversial plans. Ask for detailed explanations. Private information will soon be revealed.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Monday through Wednesday, an older colleague will rely heavily on your wisdom and past experience. Workplace triangles and social power struggles will soon require constant attention. Expect escalating tensions concerning seniority or public responsibility. After mid-week, respond quickly to a needs of a close relative. Loved ones may now feel misunderstood or doubtful of their recent social decisions. Emotional support is needed. Stay focused and offer precise words.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Before mid-week, workplace assignments may be derailed by financial limitations or failed agreements. Business confidence, however, will be temporary. In the coming weeks, corporate revisions will create new team alliances. Stay alert and wait for bold announcements. Thursday through Sunday, long-term relationships may begin a complex phase of emotional negotiations. Family promises, traditional roles and home expansion may be a key theme. Remain attentive.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Business partnerships may soon reveal important opportunities. Joint financial ventures, unique investments or late-arriving team assignments will all work to your advantage. Don't avoid complex money discussions with colleagues. There's much to be gained. Wednesday through Saturday, a friend or lover may be moody ones to introduce revised daily schedules or new social obligations. Accommodate all as best as possible. In the coming weeks, changing home routines will demand almost constant attention. Thursday through Sunday, minor financial restrictions will fade. A close friend or relative may now offer loans, detailed advice or unique budget solutions. Stay focused. New ideas will be complex.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Minor health irritations are highlighted over the next six days. Some Aquarians, especially those born later in January, may also experience mild infections or blood disorders. Serious consequences are highly unlikely, so not to worry. Do, however, pamper the body and avoid disrupted sleep patterns. Physical vitality is now changing. After mid-week, yesterday's family or romantic promises may require public discussion. Loved ones expect honesty. Don't disappoint.

PISCES

(Feb. 20-March 20)

Home planning may soon trigger rare family difficulties. After Tuesday, expect loved ones to introduce revised daily schedules or new social obligations. Accommodate all as best as possible. In the coming weeks, changing home routines will demand almost constant attention. Thursday through Sunday, minor financial restrictions will fade. A close friend or relative may now offer loans, detailed advice or unique budget solutions. Stay focused. New ideas will be complex.

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crossword

- ACROSS**
- Manhattan Project project
 - Glenn of the Eagles
 - For both sexes
 - Liquify
 - "Dum Yankies" siren
 - Up to the task
 - Sitcom group
 - Explorer Zebulon
 - L. Michaels' show

- DOWN**
- Sphere
 - Stood by
 - Wildbeest
 - Standing tall
 - Lifted
 - Rivulet
 - Western lily
 - Suail trail
 - Eager
 - Miscue
 - Mongolian desert
 - Rescues
 - Nap
 - One
 - Baldwin
 - Personal points of view
 - Summer drink
 - Monopoly
 - Piece
 - Mo. for
 - Pitcher
 - Banned insecticide
 - Dribble
 - Catcher
 - Time period
 - Golf course
 - Parroted
 - Finish out

LAST WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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BERG NAE DEW
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- of the money
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DOWN

- NYPD alerts
- Bank too much
- Spoken
- Part of MD
- Surpassing
- Muff
- Actor Ely
- Data of "Baretta"
- God of the Hebrews
- Political roundtable group
- Final notice, briefly
- Actress Sommer
- Act
- Injury showing discoloration
- Crack shots
- Mongolian group
- Chinese appetizer
- Word with hand or ring
- Adversary
- 1964 A.L. Rookie
- Of the Year
- Geek
- Larger and deeper fiddle
- Fish securely
- Clear frost
- Seepage
- Created anew
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