

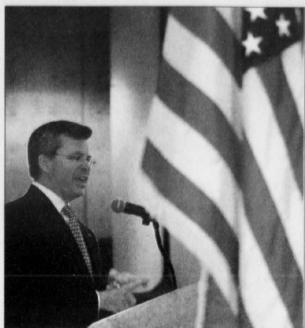
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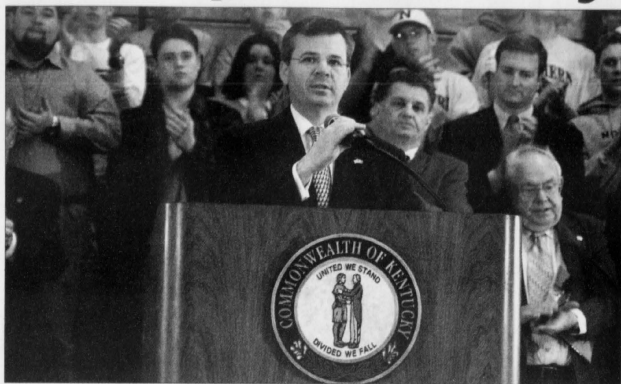
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Tony Redell/Photo Editor  
Gov. Fletcher discussed how his budget will affect NKU April 6.

"This university is growing by leaps and bounds" -Gov. Fletcher

## Fletcher: Budget to help university



Tony Redell/Photo Editor  
Students and Kentucky officials applauded as they listened to Gov. Fletcher detail his budget plans to improve Kentucky's economic future.

## Plan to remedy tax crisis

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Gov. Ernie Fletcher flew in to Northern Kentucky University via helicopter Tuesday, April 6, to inform students, faculty, community leaders, and Kentucky officials how his proposed budget will affect the university and region.

NKU President James Votruha said Fletcher's budget would support the NKU's efforts to improve the university and generate new business in the area.

"Gov. Fletcher was quick to recognize the importance of our region for Kentucky's economic future," Votruha said. "He was also quick to recognize that Northern Kentucky University and Gateway Community and Technical College can and must be primary engines for the region's con-

tinued economic expansion. This belief was reflected in his budget recommendations that included a first step towards correcting the university's historic underfunding, recognition of our enormous facilities deficit, and a commitment to build a new regional special events center right here on our campus."

Votruha introduced Fletcher by thanking him for acknowledging NKU's impact on the growth of Northern Kentucky. He emphasized how much the university needs support from Fletcher's budget, which was rejected by the Ky. House of Representatives March 29 and is currently being reviewed by a committee of senators and state representatives.

"Last fall we welcomed candidate Ernie Fletcher to Northern Kentucky University, and at that time I welcomed him to one of the finest high school gyms in Northern Kentucky," Votruha joked, referring to the limited capacity of Regents Hall. "But seriously, today, on behalf of the Northern Kentucky University Regents, the faculty, the staff and the students, it's a real pleasure to welcome back Governor Fletcher for his first official visit to our campus."

Fletcher discussed changes the Northern Kentucky econo-

my has seen, as well as changes that his proposed budget would bring about to promote continuing improvements for the university and region.

"We need a real change in Kentucky; not that we're not a great commonwealth and not that we're not all very proud of being Kentuckians and what our commonwealth represents, but the fact of the matter is

when we look across this state there's a great deal of opportunity and a great deal of potential that is left largely untapped," Fletcher said. "Now you all have been very successful here, but when we look at the state as a whole we still are a relatively poor state."

Fletcher attributed Kentucky's deficiency partly to an inadequate tax system and

previous debt. He said his budget includes some "tough cuts," but those cuts could help correct some financial situations.

"When I looked at that budget I initially presented, I knew it was a budget that didn't come without some pain, because I inherited a \$1 billion shortfall that I had to fix within the first 18 months," Fletcher said. "We

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## Candidates face charges

Hixson impeached by SGA Senate; Iker removed due to absences

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Chief Justice Dave Caddell announced the impeachment of Vice President for Public Relations Andy Hixson at the April 5 Student Government Association meeting. On the same day, Sen. Jeff Iker, Hixson's running mate, was removed from the Senate on grounds that he violated the SGA attendance policy.

Vice President for Administrative Affairs Joe Myers drafted a petition to impeach Hixson and obtained signatures from two-thirds of the Senate last week. Myers presented it, along with a list of grounds for Hixson's impeachment, to Judicial Council April 1. The petition and list constituted immediate impeachment according to the SGA constitution. Hixson was impeached and may be removed from office, pending a hearing with the Judicial Council. According to Caddell, Hixson's impeach-

ment hearing has tentatively been scheduled for April 9 at 3 p.m.

When Caddell announced Hixson's impeachment, Iker stood up, sarcastically thanked the senators who signed the petition, and then left the meeting. This resulted in his third absence from this semester, which constituted grounds for his immediate removal from the SGA constitution. Iker received an e-mail on April 5, notifying him of his removal.

"They're just trying to get myself and Andy to a point where we can't credibly compete in the election," Iker said.

Hixson is running for president and Iker for vice president in next week's SGA elections. They will compete against Executive Vice President Eric Fegan and Sen. James Pollitt.

Iker had previously been absent from two Senate meetings, and was credited April 5 with a third absence. Iker received credit for half an absence from leaving the meeting early and half an absence by missing his Finance Committee meeting, which was held after the Senate meeting.

Iker plans to appeal his removal, and will go before the ethics committee April 6. The Ethics Committee, chaired by Myers, initially attempted to impeach Hixson on March 5 by presenting a letter to the Judicial Council. The council ruled March 19 that their process was unconstitutional, however, because the committee did not present a petition signed by two-thirds of the Senate, as called for in the constitution.

"I don't have anything personal against Andy," Myers said, "but I felt that it was the right thing to do because he hadn't been doing his job, and the charges needed to be heard."

Sen. Joseph P. Mayer III, who serves on the ethics committee, first brought forth charges against Hixson earlier this semester. He said he believes that Hixson has been in dereliction of his duties.

Mayer claimed that Hixson has failed to serve his required 10 office hours per week, and has also been absent from every regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting this semester, among other accusations.

Myers said he felt he had an obligation to pursue this issue based on the findings of the committee, and the charges they had voted on unanimously during the first impeachment attempt.

Myers was originally concerned that obtaining a two-thirds signed petition from the Senate would present a challenge. To ease this difficulty, Myers chose to approach senators individually to obtain their

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## SGA allocates funds to race

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The Student Government Association allocated approximately \$1,500 from its budget last week to print and mail a promotional election mailer that included campaign letters for the Eric Fegan/James Pollitt and Andy Hixson/Jeff Iker tickets.

Vice President for Administrative Affairs Joe Myers, a member of the Election Committee, said the mailer includes a letter urging students to vote and instructing them how, a complete list of candidates, and letters from both Fegan and Hixson that explain their individual platforms of issues for the race.

The Spring 2004 Election Rules and Guidelines specify that, "The SGA office may not be used for campaign purposes. No materials may

be displayed on SGA property or distributed within the office complex, nor may any SGA property be used in creating campaign materials."

(Article VI, Sect. B) The mailer was sent from the SGA office to the university printer, according to Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs Trey Orndorff, who filed an appeal of the actions on April 6 with the SGA Judicial Council.

Orndorff said that SGA use of funds for campaign-related literature "can be construed as favoritism." "We can't spend money for the Fegan-Pollitt team. We can't spend money for the Hixson-Iker team," Orndorff said. "It's a violation of election rules which we passed."

Orndorff is running independently for Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs.

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## Movie series breaks all the rules

"Cremaster I, II, III, IV, V" a video extravaganza with so much creativity it's hard to swallow. There is no remnant of Hollywood in Matthew Barney's ground-breaking, shock film.

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APR 5 2004

**Monday 11:06 p.m.**  
Classification: TRAFFIC -  
Vehicle Stop  
Location: NUNN DRIVE  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed at the listed location. The driver was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding.

APR 5 2004

**Monday 8:00 p.m.**  
Classification: MEDICAL  
RESPONSE - Squad  
Location: ALBRIGHT  
HEALTH CENTER - POOL  
AREA  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Medical assistance was requested for a subject at the listed location. Officers and Central Campbell County Squad responded. The subject was transported to St. Luke Hospital East for further evaluation and treatment.

APR 5 2004

**Monday 4:50 p.m.**  
Classification: TRAFFIC -  
Vehicle Stop  
Location: KENTON DRIVE  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle traveling on Nunn Drive with expired registration. The registration was found to have been updated. The driver was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for No Operator's License.

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Students will have more responsibility than ever before when voting in next week's Student Government Association elections.

At stake is not only a new executive board, senators and judicial council justices; but also a fresh set of guidelines by which the organization will conduct its business.

The elections will take place April 14 and 15.

Students will vote for a new SGA constitution, five executive board members, 15 senators and two judicial council justices.

They'll also have to choose between either Fegan or Hixson as the new SGA president.

Elections will take place on the Internet from 7:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. on both days, according to Election Committee chair Michael Vaughan. Polling stations will also be open in the University Center lobby, Nunn Hall and Norse Commons from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on both days.

Links to the voting Web site will be posted on the NKU homepage ([www.nku.edu](http://www.nku.edu)), on the SGA Web site ([www.nkusga.org](http://www.nkusga.org)), and in a special edition of the Norse News Network to be sent to all students on April

14.

The election committee will hold a debate between the presidential candidates on Monday, April 12 at 2 p.m. in the University Center's Otto Budig Theater. A three-person panel composed of one student and two faculty members will interrogate the candidates. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates, according to Vaughan.

Vaughan said he expects to post candidates' information on the SGA Web site by this weekend so that students can research candidates online. The elections committee has already mailed information to students.

Running for SGA president and executive vice president are Eric Fegan and James Pollitt on one ticket, and Andy Hixson and Jeff Iker on another. The two tickets have also endorsed candidates for the executive board and Senate. Additional information can be found on each ticket's Web site: [www.fegan2004.com](http://www.fegan2004.com) and [www.hixson4sga.com](http://www.hixson4sga.com).

This is the second year that presidential and vice presidential candidates have run on tickets. Fegan and current SGA President Chris Pace were the first team to do so in last spring's election.

2004 Vote:  
Constitution

Students will also vote to approve or reject a proposed SGA constitution that would make significant changes to the administration and its responsibilities. It would allow SGA to:

- implement a policy of "shared governance," which would create more collaboration between SGA and other student organizations

- establish a Student Fee Allocation Board to allocate student fee revenue to student organizations

- control funding for the Activities Programming Board, the Student Organization Council, the Legacy Fund and 75 percent of the Programming and Activities Grant

- require the student leaders of APB and the Residential Housing Association to be elected by the Senate and serve as senators

- restructure the executive board, eliminating the positions of vice president for administrative affairs, vice president for public relations and vice president for academic and student affairs. It would create a new executive board, composed of the president, executive vice president and vice president for student organizations. It would create the positions of chief of staff, press secretary and speaker pro-tem, which would serve as ex-officio members of the board.

- create the finance, ethics and students' rights committees

- review any university financial affairs deemed to be "of interest to students"

Copies of both the current and proposed constitutions are available on the SGA Web site, [www.nkusga.org](http://www.nkusga.org).

## Fegan/Pollitt

Eric Fegan  
Executive Vice PresidentSen. James Pollitt  
Chief of Staff

- Promise to "fight against unfair tuition increases"
- Would work to reform campus food service
- Would work to make NKU a "wet campus"
- Would work with DPS to improve campus safety by increasing the amount of lighting and scheduling campus safety walks
- Promise to develop a Student Organization Council and increase resources for minority students
- Would keep the SGA office open 40 hours per week and hold forums to gain feedback from students

Source: [www.fegan2004.com](http://www.fegan2004.com)

## Hixson/Iker



- Promise a commitment to protecting access and quality at NKU in the face of a tuition increase

- Would establish "emergency tuition grants" to give SGA funds to students in need of tuition assistance
- Would implement online professor and course evaluations
- Would work to make more textbooks available on reserve in Steely Library

- Promise to "rebuild bridges" between SGA and student organizations

- Promise to increase student access to SGA through an "open door policy" and monthly lunches with SGA officers, NKU administrators and students

Source: [www.hixson4sga.com](http://www.hixson4sga.com)Andy Hixson  
Vice President for Public Relations

Sen. Jeff Iker

# Student Government

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

## SGA Presidential Candidate Debate

Candidates: Andy Hixson &amp; Eric Fegan

Monday April 12th, 2004 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm in Budig Theatre in the University Center.

## Spring Elections

Wednesday April 14 7:30am - 10pm

Thursday April 15 7:30am - 10pm

Student ID Required to vote

SGA Election Committee website: [www.nkusga.org/election](http://www.nkusga.org/election)

# NKU Logo will be licensed for sale

Retailers off campus will have the opportunity to market NKU products. The move could bring revenue and interest.

By PAUL BURACK

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Northern Kentucky University recently hired a marketing firm to have NKU's marks and logos officially licensed.

This means that vendors outside of NKU will be able to sell NKU products endorsed.

The three-year agreement with Strategic Marketing Affiliates provides the university with a chance to improve school spirit, increase enrollment and heighten interest in the community, according to

Deirdra Fajack, director of NKU Alumni Programs. Fajack previously worked at the University of Cincinnati, where she said there was an "amazing difference" after UC allowed its marks to become officially licensed.

The goals of the agreement include brand building, protection of the marks and revenue generation, according to John Mybeck of SMA.

"In this day of increased competition for new students, it is extremely important for any institution to make sure that their brand is as strong as it can be," Mybeck said.

"A solid licensing program is

an important cog in that marketing wheel." SMA also serves as the licensing agent for five conferences, including the Big Ten and

Continental Conferences, the Horizon League and 13 other colleges and universities.

"We are tremendously excited about the opportunities that Northern Kentucky presents for us and look forward to working together with university personnel to help

them achieve their goals," Mybeck said.

"We feel very confident that the reputation of NKU coupled with the strong support of their alumni, students and fans will lead to great things for the licensing program."

Currently, NKU merchandise is hard to find outside of the campus bookstore.

Adam Smith, manager of Cincy Shop at the Florence

Mail, said he does get some requests for NKU apparel. Cincy Shop only sells an NKU hat. Smith would be more inclined to stock NKU merchandise. But "the problem is we can't sell it because we can't really get to it."

Al Stigers, owner of "I Love Sports" at Eastgate Mall, said the biggest problem isn't getting the logo licensed.

Stigers also gets requests for NKU merchandise, but he says the factories that manufacture licensed apparel have production restrictions.

"You can get licensing, but to get the product you have to reach minimums," Stigers said.

Stigers provided an example using the NKU flag. To sell an NKU flag, the manufacturer must create 144 flags, which can be shipped to the store in monthly increments. The store has to commit to selling 144 flags before ordering the product, or it risks taking a loss.

Mybeck said, "Many times retailers are more likely to bring new items in once there is a perceived demand for the item."

NKU just needs demand. By raising this question to the store managers, we can plant the seed for that retailer to carry NKU merchandise in the future."

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signatures. Myers said he was "impressed" with the Senate's ability to remain impartial when considering the validity of the charges against Hixson.

Iker said it would have been nice to introduce the petition publicly at a Senate meeting, to include the entire Senate in the decision. Myers said he did not approach every senator with the petition, because he said he knew some senators would not sign the petition.

Hixson said that he believes this impeachment stemmed from his stance at the Feb. 9 Senate meeting against SGA's controversial proposed constitution. He said that many senators have been strong-armed into accepting the new constitution.

"The only difference between me and them is they weren't able to strong-arm me, so they had to get downright dirty," Hixson said. "If I went

along with them, I guarantee you this wouldn't have happened."

Fegan said that there is no "strong-arming" in the Senate, and it is "horrible" that Hixson and Iker are making such claims about the SGA administration.

"[I] makes me think that they're just trying to take everything away from the issues and make us look like the big, mean guys on SGA," Fegan said.

According to Fegan, Hixson's dereliction of duties has been a problem since last semester. Fegan said he kept telling the Executive Board to give Hixson another chance.

"I really thought we could work things out, because to me that's better conflict resolution," Fegan said. "But it didn't happen, and he's been one hell of a thorn in my ass all year now."

Fegan said that he was advised by many colleagues to try and stop the impeachment process, because it could leave some students with the wrong impression of SGA. Although Fegan admits the timing may look bad to some, he is confident this is the correct action to take at this point.

"When it comes down to it, SGA should do what's right," he said. "We should've done this in September."

Hixson believes this impeachment might actually help his chances in the election. "I think it's gonna have a positive effect on my campaign and election," Hixson said. "The students know what's

going on."

Myers said that he does not care what effect this has on the election, for either side.

"What it comes down to for me, is doing what's right," Myers said.

By allowing Hixson to stay in office and be paid for his position, Myers said that SGA will not be on the right track for the future.

"I can't let that go. I can't allow something like that to happen."

Myers said, "For me, it has nothing to do with any campaign."

Hixson is still confident that this process is simply a personal attack.

"It is my privilege and honor to be hated and attacked by this

administration, because when I look at them, and the way they do things, I'm glad they're not my buddies," Hixson said.

Hixson and Iker also claim that the current Senate has been "stacked" due to the appointment of senators recommended by SGA President Chris Pace, who have replaced other senators removed due to absences. Hixson believes they are simply filling in vacancies with students who will support Fegan and his ticket.

Myers said that if Hixson and Iker truly believed the Senate was being "stacked," they should have voted against the appointment of said senators.

"I don't see how you can claim that [the Senate] has been stacked or rigged if you haven't been voting against these appointments that you think are stacking the Senate," Myers said. "It doesn't make any sense to me."

Iker said they realized too late that these newly appointed senators were "brainwashed Fegan/Politi supporters."

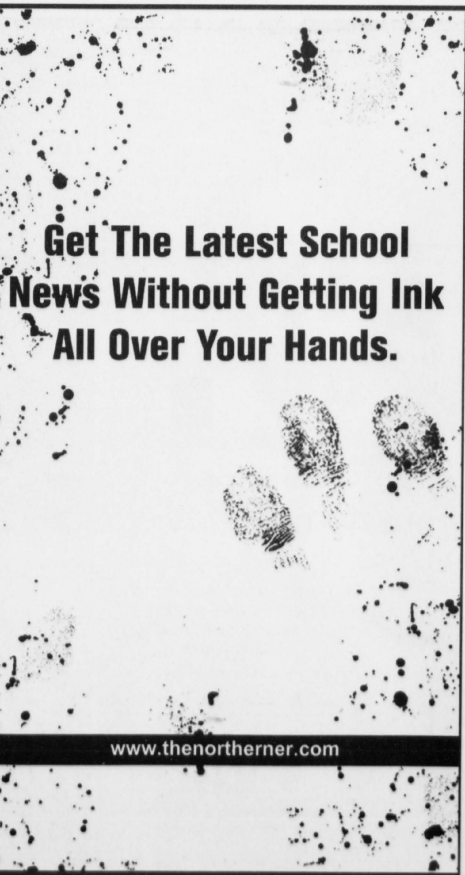
"If the Senate really thinks that this isn't dirty, then God help the student body with these people representing them," Hixson said.

Fegan said that Hixson and Iker may be "trying to start the storm and ride [the] wave."

"You've got a candidate that's up for impeachment, and a candidate that's not eligible," Fegan said. "What are they thinking? Is what I'm wondering."

Hixson said that he believes his "nice guy" approach to situations in SGA will pay off in the long run.

"The nice guy always finishes last, but it's just funny how he always ends up winning in the long run," Hixson said. "My victory will come on the 14th and 15th."



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had a remedy system that doesn't grow with the economy — neither does it reflect the economy. I had to make some cuts and I know Dr. Votruba and some other universities felt those cuts very deeply.

"But the fact of the matter is we had to make some reductions that were not painless. But that pain reminds us that the remedy that's needed in the future makes sure that we don't arrive at a place like this again where we have to make those difficult choices. But when I presented that budget, I said something we can do is to make sure we provide the kind of opportunities for economic development and technical training that we need to insure that we have the groundwork and the foundation for attracting new jobs in this dollar-based economy."

One way Fletcher hopes to attract more business to Northern Kentucky is by funding the new special events center that would increase capacity for athletic events, as well as bring in new activities such as concerts and graduation cere-

monies.

"When people look at a community as to whether they're going to move their business there or whether they're going to expand their business, they do look at the environment of the community. They look at the universities," Fletcher said. "This is the only university — and I wasn't going to say it this way — it's the only university that has a high school gym. And it's the only university that we have in Kentucky that doesn't have a special events center that it requires."

Fletcher noted he was actually concerned that the initial amount proposed to build a center with 10,000 seats may be too low because the community is continuously expanding.

"This university is growing by leaps and bounds, and I don't want you to outgrow this facility in just a few years," Fletcher said.

Senior Sean Rowland, who has one season left with NKU's basketball team, attended the presentation because he said he thinks Fletcher's budget will benefit the university and local

communities.

"I think it's important to show that we support the governor, not only in what he wants accomplished, but also for the special events center. That's something that needs to be done," Rowland said. "It needs to be built because when you compare this gym to the other teams that we play, it is like a high school gym."

Sophomore political science senior Ben Harrison also attended the presentation and said he thinks Fletcher's budget will help Kentucky's economy grow.

"I saw a lot of community leaders out here today so we were just here to hear about the special events center and about his tax plan that he lined out very well," Harrison said. "The special events center will certainly help the economy because we'll get more events here and businesses will see that this university is commit-

ted to economic development and move their businesses here."

As for the rest of Kentucky, Fletcher hopes that a new tax system will lessen financial burdens.

"We also need a tax system that matches our economy," Fletcher said. "Our tax system doesn't grow with our economy; neither does it stimulate the growth that we need."

Secretary of State Trey Grayson came specifically to hear Fletcher speak at NKU.

"As a Northern Kentuckian, I thought this was pretty important. He's doing these presentations all around the state and this is the only one I'm going to," Grayson said. He believes Fletcher showed a lot of interest in the welfare of NKU and the Northern Kentucky region.

"Clearly [Fletcher] has a commitment to this university and this community that is

broader than specific dollars or bricks and things like that. He understands the importance of this university and the need to improve it for the students, for the community, for the faculty, for everyone."

Fletcher encouraged everyone in attendance to contact legislators to make sure their opinions were heard. He even provided a phone number for concerned citizens to call at 1-800-372-7181.

"Call them and encourage them to support the modernization of the tax system so that we can attract more jobs to Kentucky so that we can end up providing more money for the things that are needed like higher education, Northern Kentucky University and our K-12, because we'll be able to do that," Fletcher said. "And believe me, this plan actually reduces the taxes on 2/3 of Kentuckians."

Fletcher said there is no reason for Kentucky to be a poor state, and that with the support of the people, Kentuckians could see the economy flourish. "We have wonderful people

with a great work ethic and an abundance of natural resources, and with your help, we will move Kentucky forward," he said.

Fletcher visited the Job Expo in the Albright Health Center to reinforce the importance of a strong relationship between education and the work force.

"I was just talking to Dr. Votruba about how post-secondary education is interwoven with economic development. I think this job fair kind of points in that direction — that is about building careers and building opportunities," Fletcher said. "That's why I think it's important when we look at the disparity we have in funding over the region's universities that we begin an initiative to correct that."

"It's great that you all are doing more work up here, but there's a fairness issue that's involved. If you're doing more with less, just think of what you could be doing with a fair, level playing field."

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"(What) we were authorizing also had the names of every single candidate on there, and not just the slates, or tickets," said Election Committee chair Michael Vaughan. "We made sure that they weren't slanderous and they weren't unprofessional."

Vaughan said that he authorized the mailing of the flyers and Myers authorized the funding, which came to approximately \$700 for the printing costs of Fegan and Hixson's letters.

Orndorff said that neither the Senate nor the Finance committee ever approved these funds to be allocated.

Myers said the main reason they gave the two slates the opportunity to include letters was because they are running for the top offices.

"I think if we're gonna send out a letter, it makes sense to run something about who's running for president," Myers said.

Myers and Vaughan both said they do not consider the mailing to be a campaign initiative for the candidates, but simply an advertisement for the election.

"We used money to advertise the election, [and] we used it to highlight the top two candidates," Vaughan said. "There's a fine distinction between the word advertise and the word

campaign."

Vaughan said endorsing an individual candidate would be considered campaigning, but the mailer simply gives equal time and space to the top two slates running.

"This is free advertising for their campaign," Vaughan said. "We're not campaigning actively for them."

Orndorff argues that the mailer clearly a campaign initiative for Fegan and Hixson's teams, and it puts many other students running in the election at a disadvantage.

"Any individual candidate or somebody who decides not to run on a slate or anybody who's

even a senator — they're spending their money to publicize the other person, and they don't get anything in return for that," Orndorff said. "Basically, we're just running over the individual because we have two big tickets who have some powerful positions."

Myers and Vaughan said that Orndorff had already placed himself at a disadvantage by not joining a team or creating his own.

"They started out at a disadvantage by not being on a team," Myers said. "I don't think that there's any intention of putting him at a disadvantage [through this mailer]."

Myers said he had considered asking the candidates to reimburse SGA with \$350, the cost of one page copied 14,000 times, but later decided it was "unfeasible." He said that if one campaign decided not to pay, tickets would be sending out a mailer with just one letter, and it would appear as if SGA was endorsing a candidate.

Orndorff said he believes each individual student running for any position on SGA should have been given the opportunity to include a letter in the mailer.

"It doesn't matter who you are, you should have equal time, equal space and equal chance," Orndorff said.

## CORRECTIONS

• Jon Divita's byline was omitted from the "Get the best from job fair" article in the March 31 Job Expo insert.

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# viewpoints

## Letters to the editor

### Students divided over election

#### Editorial full of mistakes, inaccuracies

Dear Editor,  
Among the things that can make me nuts are attempts by leftist commentators on staffs of college newspapers to slip their agendas to the unsavory young readership wrangled in a patina of unavailability—especially when that knowledge is really quite assailable by anyone who pays attention to just about anything.

To the staff of the University of South Florida's "The Oracle," I would like to point out that it's Madeleine, not "Madeline." Albeit and that Clinton's National Security Advisor was Sandy, not "Samuel," Berger.

I don't think 9/11 taught The Oracle's staff much of anything. If it had, they'd be questioning the testimony of Richard Clarke, not championing it.

Take their reporting that Clarke "issued some sobering statements that may haunt the Bush re-election campaign..." for instance.

One might—and should—question just how it is that Bush should be haunted when Mr. Clarke was on duty as the president's terrorism advisor during a decade of attacks on the U.S. that resulted in no action whatsoever.

Clark reigned during the bombings of the World Trade Center in 1993, the barracks in Saudi Arabia, a U.S. embassy, the USS Cole, and other targets that took hundreds of lives; to which we gave no response, allowing al-Qaeda's power to grow.

Just what was he "advising" during his tenure, and why should he be considered an authority now, when the obvious lesson of 9/11 was that he and his president were abysmal failures?

But failure seems to be the name of the game. The Oracle also failed to do the fourth grade math required to see through the Albright/Beiger smokescreen that December of 1999 was "the end of the Clinton presidency" and too late to take action. Mr. Beiger had 13 more months in office, plenty of time to respond to these attacks, if he'd possessed even a fraction of the guts and concern for American lives our current president display.

Dennis Fiesel

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• Letters must be 400 words or less.

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## editorialboard

# Board of Regents

Staff feels Fegan, Hixson equally qualified, equally flawed

### STAFF EDITORIAL

The editorial board of The Northerner decided earlier this semester to endorse a presidential and vice presidential candidate in the Student Government Association election. After extensive research and discussion, the board decided to support both Eric Fegan and Andy Hixson equally for SGA president.

The board researched and discussed the merits of each candidate and their platforms. Members then voted via secret ballot for the ticket they felt could best represent the interests of the student body. Five members voted to endorse the Fegan/Politt ticket. Five members also voted to endorse the Hixson/Clark ticket. Three members abstained from voting.

It is the decision of the editorial board that Fegan and Hixson are equally qualified, equally flawed.

torial board that each of the tickets is equally qualified to represent the student body as leaders of SGA next year, although each ticket has serious flaws that also cannot be overlooked. We would like to present our arguments in favor of each candidate and allow the student body to draw its own conclusions when voting in the April 14 and 15 SGA elections.

**Fegan/Politt**  
We feel that Eric Fegan and James Politt have more than adequate experience as SGA administrators and would be effective in lobbying university administrators to consider student concerns. The candidates have taken a professional approach to the campaign, which demonstrates the seriousness with which they take the responsibility of student government. Its wet campus reform initiative could be a

good source of revenue for the university. This ticket seems organized and diversified in reality, not just ideals.

We also feel, however, that the Fegan/Politt team does not seem as student-oriented as it could. Its platform seems overloaded, as if it focuses more on initiatives than student concerns.

**Hixson/Clark**  
We feel that Andy Hixson and Jeff Clark's goals are realistic and attainable, and we support their promise to increase communication between SGA and students. We feel they would bring fresh faces and ideas to SGA. Their promise to place more textbooks on reserve in Steely Library and to implement online professor evaluations would increase the value of education for students. Hixson also demonstrated a great deal of character by standing up for his beliefs even

when they contradicted the popular opinion in SGA, and we believe he has the moral character necessary for the job of SGA president.

It is our opinion, however, that it could be dangerous to have two fraternity brothers and close friends in the most powerful offices in student government. We fought against such concerns about the candidates' lack of previous administrative experience.

Board members who abstained from voting said they did not feel strongly about either ticket and did not feel comfortable with the idea of potentially influencing students' opinions.

All board members feel that students should know the facts of the candidates and the issues, and also the board's opinion of the candidates, and then draw their own conclusions when voting next week.

### STAFF EDITORIAL POLICY

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# npr

## norse poll responses

Compiled by Mark Bennett

### Should NKU cut academic programs to keep tuition low?



Karen Lunn  
Sophomore, marketing

"No. I don't think our academics should suffer to keep tuition low. If programs are cut, it affects students more than paying more in tuition."



Jeremy Mize  
Freshman, undeclared

"No. It gives the campus a more diverse outlook by having more choices."



Katie McNeill  
Sophomore,  
radiology technology

"No. Tuition is not that high."



Alex Hayden  
Junior, political science

"Yes. Tuition keeps going up every year."



Tisha Williams  
Freshman, business

"No. They would have less people coming to school because there would be fewer programs that people want."



Ali Marvin  
Freshman,  
secondary education

"Yes, if they don't have a lot of interest [in the class]."

## slimbone

by mike maydak



## horoscopes

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

### Aries (March 21-April 20)

Over the next few days, family members may feel compelled to clarify home roles. Early Tuesday, expect loved ones to discuss recent emotional or financial decisions. Long-term romance, daily obligations and shared duties are accentuated. Remain attentive; family disputes are best resolved with patience and understanding. After Friday, social interest and bold flirtation are on the rise. Respond honestly to romantic introductions; your reactions will be closely studied.

### Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Personal questions and subtle romantic comments may be ongoing themes over the next three days for friends or lovers to clarify past events, outline new promises or challenge key decisions. Confidently state your long-term goals. Loved ones will respond positively to bold statements of loyalty and affection. Later this week, forgotten debts and missed payments may be bothersome. Ask for written documents and remain attentive to small details.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

This week is an excellent time to search for reliable answers from loved ones. At present, deep fears or past social doubts may strain romantic or family relationships. Refuse to be dissuaded by negative attitudes. Before the end of next week, friends, lovers and close relatives will follow your lead. After Thursday, almost nine weeks of minor ailments and disrupted sleep patterns will fade. Remain active and listen to the body's natural wisdom.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Romantic optimism is returning. Over the next few days, let new attractions and light social encounters develop naturally. Newly begun relationships will greatly expand in the coming months. Watch for steady emotional gains and renewed sensuality. Thursday through Saturday, accent family promises and complex discussions with loved ones. Friends and relatives will challenge poorly defined expectations. An equal division of duties will bring the desired results.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Creativity and intuition are due to increase. Late Tuesday, expect a mood of inner reflection and calm acceptance to arrive. Areas affected are past romantic or family decisions, social ethics or lost time in key relationships. Loved ones may press for bold affirmations. Don't disappoint. At present, your comments and actions are vital to the success of long-term relationships. After Friday, passionate invitations may be difficult to resist. Avoid emotional risk.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Early this week, workplace negotiations will require added dedication. After Tuesday, expect key officials to limit new projects or offer only restricted permissions. Muddle through and find creative solutions. Although controversial, fresh ideas and group participation are extremely worthwhile. Thursday through Saturday, loved ones may ask for extra private time. Quiet thoughts will bring lasting insight. Wait for close friends or romantic partners to announce vital decisions.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Act as workplace mediator, if possible. Over the next few days, collagues, or new officials may dispute trusted policies. Avoid the brooding, silent types and all will be well. Some Libras will also experience a brief financial disagreement between loved ones. Plan revised budgets and fresh family activities. Change and group discussions are needed. Friday through Sunday, romantic invitations may arrive without warning. Remain open and wait for clear signals.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Friends or lovers may deny their past actions, words or decisions. Before midweek, respond honestly to draining social triangles and allow loved ones added time for contemplation. New romantic and social rules will be put to the test over the next few weeks. Expect revised promises. Friday through Sunday, unusual financial delays, legal documents and yesterday's payments may be sources of concern. Stay focused and opt for newly defined contracts.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Sentimental reflection has a powerful influence. Watch close relatives or loved ones for delightful signs of affection and long-term support. Enjoy private moments with friends or lovers. This is a strong time for rekindled trust and shared family goals. After Thursday, unattached Sagittarians may experience late romantic introductions. If so, expect new relationships to be brief, fascinating and highly sensual. Pace yourself and wait for emotional clarity.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Colleagues may pose unusual questions or request detailed descriptions of past projects. Avoid discussing key facts, figures or amounts, however. Over the next six days, practical information may be easily misinterpreted. Go slowly and remain true to original values. After Wednesday, loved ones may need financial guidance. Complex debts, legal requirements and revised payment schedules are accentuated. Encourage new creativity.

### Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Social relations or family triangles will be complicated by new group plans. Use this time to settle longstanding disputes, introduce fresh activities and clarify outline future goals. Although difficult, a public review of shared goals may be needed. Friday through Sunday, business records and financial obligations require careful scrutiny. Loved ones may need extra time to adjust to workplace changes, new debts or revised job expectations.

### Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)

Honesty between loved ones will encourage emotional commitment. Before Wednesday, expect close friends or lovers to reveal their past history or offer a rare glimpse into their private world. Take all as a compliment and watch for powerful romantic overtures. At present, newly shared information will help move key relationships forward. Friday through Sunday, insightful dreams are accentuated. Remain alert to subtle but meaningful romantic impressions.

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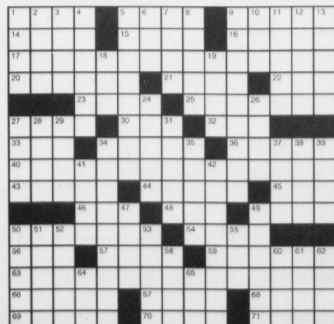
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- 45 Protest vote
- 46 To the \_\_\_ degree
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- 49 Ecclesiastical court
- 50 Overnight flights
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- 67 Prepare copy
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- 70 Refute
- 71 Past spouses
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- 3 Niagara Falls feeder
- 4 Live wire
- 5 Hold on tight!
- 6 Turncoat
- 7 Fine drops
- 8 Extended gaze
- 9 An arm and a leg
- 10 Past one's prime
- 11 Luster
- 12 Lively dance
- 13 Affirmative responses
- 14 Magnon
- 19 Waiting-room call
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- 28 Closed circuit
- 29 Goad
- 31 Subordinate to
- 34 Welder's gas
- 35 Clemens nom de plume
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- 38 Billy or nanny
- 39 "Only Time" singer
- 41 French painter Magritte
- 42 Omnipotent
- 43 Listen to
- 49 Live



- 50 Wood files
- 51 Moral code
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- 55 Harbor craft
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- 65 Foil material

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

# Testing limits, breaking rules

Artist and filmmaker Matthew Barney defies the traditions of Hollywood's big studios, creating a unique and often frightening realization of the role of art and cinema in ...

## THE CREMASTER CYCLE

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It is almost impossible to go the movies and not be inundated by certain Hollywood traditions.

Studios will often invest in big-budget explosions, rely on linear storytelling, and slather the screen with beautiful celebrities to perpetuate the widespread appeal of the popular, and profitable, contemporary movie culture.

Despite the growing popularity of so-called independent cinema, somewhere along the way the concept of art in cinema has disappeared.

But there are some filmmakers that exist and operate outside of Hollywood boundaries, and there are a growing number of supporters who appreciate the artistic nature of cinema.

The city of Cincinnati was able to play host to a series of films that test the limits of art, cinema, and story.

As part of the Intermedia series, sponsored by the Cincinnati Arts Association and the Cincinnati Film Society, internationally acclaimed artist Matthew Barney's "The Cremaster Cycle" was shown in the Cincinnati Art Museum's newly renovated auditorium throughout March.

"We're not the first in the Midwest to show the

"Cremaster" films," said Steve Ramos, film editor of City Beat, "but we are the first Midwest city to show the entire 8-hour cycle in a marathon format."

The full marathon last ran at the prestigious Guggenheim Museum in New York.

"We didn't reinvent the wheel," said Ramos. "Films like this have been around for awhile and we're trying to expose audiences to new film experiences."

"The Cremaster Cycle" consists of five films produced over a period of 10 years. The films range in length from 45 minutes to the 3-hour epic finale.

The Cincinnati Film Society screened the films in the order Barney produced them.

And these aren't the type of movies that viewers will be able to find at the neighborhood multiplex.

Barney's films distort the lines created by contemporary movie studios and audience expectations.

The films are dense and layered with surrealist imagery. Most are filled with images that can frighten, confuse, and even humor an audience all in one single frame.

Dialogue is nonexistent. Barney uses his carefully choreographed images as the primary storytelling vehicle.

Broad, sweeping shots of famous landmarks (the

Chrysler Building in New York and Ireland's breathtaking Giant's Causeway for example) are juxtaposed with the surreal images of corpses and mythical beasts. The imagery alludes to themes of gender roles, sexuality, and reproduction.

In fact, the title refers to the muscle that raises and lowers the testes and has been shown to play an integral role in the formation of the sex of a fetus.

The cycle begins with "Cremaster 4" (1994) and the depiction of the mythical creature The Loughnagannagh, played by Barney and based on one of his sculptures.

As the Candidate is preparing for a journey, he slowly

begins to tap dancing a hole in the white marble floor of his room at the end of long pier.

The Candidate's scenes are mixed with a fast-paced race and sweeping shots of the dramatic Irish landscape.

Barney sets the stage for the format of the cycle by introducing central themes of his work in this chapter.

Next in the cycle is "Cremaster 1" (1995). A choreographed team of dancers form numerous shapes on the bright blue Astroturf of a football field in Barney's hometown of Boise, Idaho. All the while two Goodyear blimps float overhead.

In each of the blimps, there are four hostesses and a table with Barney's Vaseline sculp

tures surrounded by ripe grapes. Underneath both tables, the character of Goodyear struggles to break through her cloth-covered cell and reach for some of the grapes.

As the grapes spill down they begin to form shapes and the choreography on the field mimics Goodyear's grape patterns.

The cycle continues with "Cremaster 5" (1997), which is a surreal opera set in Budapest. More so than the previous films, "Cremaster 5" is rich with mythological imagery of queens, magicians, and sprites.

Much of this film references the escapistologist Harry Houdini, who was born in the city of Budapest.

The character of Magician is bound and then takes a tremendous leap into the Danube seeking a divine transcendence. As Magician slowly sinks to the bottom, Queen of Chain-performs a dramatic air before succumbing to death herself.

"Cremaster 2" (1999) is based on the execution of Gary Gilmore, who was convicted of murdering a gas station attendant in Utah.

The trial is staged in the Mormon Tabernacle and features allusions to numerous themes prevalent in the gothic "spaghetti" westerns produced in Italy during the late 1960s.

There are even references to Johnny Cash, who was

rumored to have called Gilmore on the eve of his execution. The execution is portrayed as a bizarre rendition of the Texas two-step and a prison rodeo.

The final and most dramatic chapter of Barney's cinematic vision is "Cremaster 3" (2002). This film is also the longest—whereas the previous four films averaged 50 minutes each, "Cremaster 3" clocks in at slightly over three hours.

Barney uses the final chapter to connect the entire cycle. Most of the film is set in New York's famed Chrysler Building and the Isle of Man.

Graphic disembowels and murder provide an unsettling and highly existentialist conclusion where both Barney's character of the Entered Apprentice and Richard Serra's Architect are ceremoniously destroyed by the building itself.

This chapter draws heavily on Masonic rights and rituals. Therefore, the architecture of the Chrysler Building also plays an integral role in these themes of "Cremaster 3."

The entire marathon dipped into the wee hours of the morning after the 6 p.m. start time.

"We try to give the audience plenty of breaks to get some fresh air or dinner," said Ramos.

"Still only about 80 of the 150 or so people made it through the whole thing."

Photo and illustration courtesy of Palm Pictures  
[Right] The Entered Apprentice of the surreal 'Cremaster 3'



### Upcoming films presented by the Cincinnati Film Society:

- "The Weather Underground" 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 7; 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday April 10.
- "Oscar Shorts 2004" 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday April 9; 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday April 11
- "Juliet of the Spirits" 5:30 and 8 p.m. Wednesday April 14
- "Riffiti" 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 28

### For tickets: Cincinnati Art Museum Ticket Line at 513-721-ARTS

All films are shown in the newly-renovated auditorium at the Cincinnati Art Museum, 955 Eden Park Drive, use the DeWitt (rear) entrance for all CFS features and box office purchases.

For more information visit CFS' Web site: <http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/>

# Earth Day's roots run through NKU

By SUSAN NELTNER  
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They call themselves the stewards of the world, and on Wednesday, April 21 they will give students from Northern Kentucky University the chance to join their ranks.

Who are they? They are the Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students (ECOS) and for the first time they are holding an Earth Day Festival on campus.

"Obviously Earth Day is an important event to celebrate," said Heather Mayfield, faculty advisor to group.

"We were hoping to make it not just a university event, but a community event as well."

The community will be represented in the event with 21 exhibitors who will set up tables around the University Plaza, Mayfield said.

If the weather permits,

Some of the organizations include the Boone County Solid Waste Management, Rumpke Compost, the Split Rock Conservation Park to name a few.

Also, throughout the day the festival will offer a series of presentations and lectures who will cover a variety of environmental issues.

Mayfield said that having the organizations and presenters come will give students a chance to learn about ways they can help their local environment.

"It will be an excellent opportunity for students to get involved with local environmental issues," she added.

As to why students should be interested in the environment around them, Mayfield replied, "No matter how we look at it, it's all environmental."

"Issues affect our quality of life, our families and our health," she said.

Not only do environmental issues affect people on a local level, but on a national and international level as well.

All around the world people celebrate Earth Day.

Typically people celebrate Earth Day on April 22, Mayfield said. The reason for having

this designated day took root in the history of the celebration of the Earth.

It all started in 1963 when Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisconsin) tried to find a way to get the public interested in the environment.

He persuaded President John F. Kennedy to include in his speeches information about the

environment. But, his efforts received little attention.

His ideas about public outreach came to fruition in 1970 when he established a day to celebrate the Earth and foster awareness about how human beings impact their environment.

That day, held on April 22 of 1970, is what we now know as Earth Day.

Even though NKU will have the chance to celebrate Earth Day for the first time, that does not mean that people should care about the fate of our planet all year around.

Some things you can do to keep the tradition alive throughout the year include car pooling, recycling, or volunteering your services clubs like the Sierra Club.

If you are interested in NKU's Earth Day Festival, more information can be found on the ECOS Web site at <http://studweb.nku.edu/ecos>.



Tony Redell / Photo Editor  
On April 21 NKU will welcome Earth Day with outstretched limbs.

## campuscalendar

To place an event : contact Amie Vogt at 859-572-5859

### wednesday

- There will be a Norse Visitation day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library welcome Center. Reservations required with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.
- A Master Advisor Workshop will be held in Steely Library 240 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- The "Soirée Baroque" opera will be in the Black Box Theater from 8 to 9:30 p.m.
- The Communication Department's Cabinet of Popular Culture presents "Baseball, Past and Present," a display featuring an eclectic media mix of items relating to the national game. The cabinet runs until April 17 in Landrum on the first floor near room 103.

### thursday

- Possibility of Inner Peace video program from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Budig Theater. The event is free and open to all.
- Art Seniors Exhibitions opening ceremony from 5 to 8 p.m. in Fine Arts 322 and 324. Exhibitions displayed until April 16.
- "Secrets to Starting a Successful Small Business" workshop from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in BEP 461. Open to all.
- The Delta Gamma Sorority Ninth Annual Anchor Splash in the Albright Health Center at 7 p.m. Admission is \$2.
- NKU Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

### friday

- There will be a Norse Visitation day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library welcome Center. Reservations required with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.
- The 2004 Leadership Symposium, a session on preparing for the job market, from 2 to 7:30 p.m. in the University Center. Open to juniors and seniors. \$10 fee. Seating limited. Contact Student Life for information.
- Delta Gamma Anchor Ball from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Receptions in Erlanger.

### saturday

- The Kentucky Philosophical Association will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in SC 207.
- The Third Annual Service on Saturday will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will start by meeting in the University Center TV lounge. Then students will go to the off-campus community service spots.

### sunday

Easter!

### monday

- The Blue Apple Players in Greaves Hall from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Performances at 10 a.m. and noon.
- Student Support Services Celebration of Achievement recognizes outstanding students from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the U.C. Ballroom.
- Faculty Brass Quintet will celebrate its 20th Anniversary by performing in concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Free, open to public. For information call 572-6399.

### tuesday

- AIDS Awareness Day. River Houston will speak at 9:35 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Workshop at 6:30 p.m. in the Budig Theater. Free and anonymous HIV testing in UC 300 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Norse Visitation day from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Welcome Center. Make reservations with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.

## Man of fashion offers advice on timely fads

By TODD RUDE  
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Wondering if you need a new wardrobe for the warm weather? As a self-proclaimed fashion expert, I'm here to help.

It's finally time to put the sweaters and boots back in the closet and break out the shorts and sandals.

If you don't want to be left out in the cold, follow my "dos" and "don'ts" for this spring.

All right fellows: one thing I've noticed at Northern Kentucky University is the amount of sleeveless shirts worn to class.

Sleeveless is great for doing yard work, but no one wants to see your hairy armpits hanging out while they're in class.

Visors are officially a fad of the past. You can flip them upside down, turn them sideways or wear them backwards, and you'll still look foolish.

I've also seen the socks-and-sandals combo being rocked a couple of times. Seriously, I shouldn't have to explain. Some things you just can't do.

Do go ahead and get yourself a trucker hat. They are staying 'in' for the spring. I know, I hate them too. But they're stylish and you can find one to fit your lifestyle.

Cargo shorts are still the preferred style for the springtime. But wait: Don't put all of your old jeans away yet!

Worm-looking jeans are in, especially expensive ones like Diesel brand jeans. Splurge on a pair, and I guarantee the chicks will notice.

Polos remain a popular choice for the spring, but mix it up with some vintage looking t-shirts from department stores, or find some bargains at a thrift store.

The biggest mistakes I see out of the ladies at NKU are the grungy sweatpants worn to class.

Don't get me wrong, a lot of sweatpants look great on girls, and I'm sure they're comfortable. But I see the four-year old pairs with holes and stains, which is a no-no.

Do not have your things pulled up on the sides to be seen by the whole world. This isn't a flat-



Susan Neltner / Photographer  
 Chad Bertke follows the man of fashion's advice and trades sweaters for cargo shorts and polos.

tering look, especially for school.

You're not working the streets here, so have some modesty.

As with every spring, colors are in. Pinks are always popular, but mix it up. Experiment with black pants and skirts for hot looks.

Designer purses are still a great look for the spring. However, cheaper finds picked up at the thrift store can be your best bet.

The biggest "do" — accessorize. Accessories make or break outfits, but don't overdo it. Watches are a perfect look for both sexes.

Remember to keep your own style, but keep in mind what's in and out. Incorporate some trends to fit your existing wardrobe, and be confident.

## Understanding is key to prevention

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At least one American under the age of 22 becomes infected with HIV everyday.

Worldwide, about 250 people between the ages of 15 and 24 became infected every hour, according to Clint Ibele, a Northern Kentucky Health Department educator.

Ibele recently joined up with the Northern Kentucky University Student Health Office and other organizations to educate students on the seriousness of HIV and AIDS, and how to prevent contracting the deadly disease.

To accomplish this task, the coalition chose to host an AIDS Awareness Day on Tuesday, April 13.

Ibele said he first decided to contact NKU after hearing River Huston give a speech at the University of Cincinnati.

"She is just a very entertaining person," he said. "I was hooked over," Ibele added. "She's very funny and honest."

After hearing the speech, Ibele said he wanted Huston to come to northern Kentucky.

Huston is an award winning poet, journalist, public speaker, performer and activist from eastern Pennsylvania.

She's also a living example of one of those statistics that Ibele works so closely with: she acquired HIV during her last year of college.

Even though she lives with the virus, Huston spends her time traveling the country speaking to students, community organizations, seminars and other events about her experiences.

She also lectures about the closely related self-esteem and body image issues involved with HIV.

During her speeches, Huston wants people to downplay the fact that she has HIV and just



Photo contributed by Student Health  
 River Huston to speak at NKU.

talk naturally at her forums, Ibele said.

There will be three sessions throughout the day on April 13 to promote AIDS awareness.

All sessions will be held in the Otto Budig Theater. Huston will speak at the first two events.

The first will be from 9:25 to 10:40 a.m., and the second session is from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ibele and Debbie Burston, an AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati worker, will hold the third session, which is a safer sex workshop, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Learning about safe sex is important, because a common-place transmission of HIV is from the transfer of bodily fluids through intercourse: oral, anal or vaginal.

Another possible way to contract the virus is through the sharing of needles.

However, Ibele said, the virus cannot be transferred through saliva alone.

"The primary thing is that if you are sexually active, you are putting yourself at risk," Ibele said.

Only one person has to be infected to begin the chain.

Also, many people who are infected with HIV don't even

know they have it, he added.

When properly used, a latex condom has a 98 to 99 percent successful protection rate from HIV, Ibele said.

Ibele said that it only takes one incident of unprotected sex to become infected with HIV. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

AIDS is the group of illnesses that result from the virus. The AIDS condition occurs when healthy cells in the immune system are killed by HIV and the body can no longer fight off infection from various illnesses.

Some of the symptoms you may experience are flu-like symptoms, fever, headache, fatigue and the swelling of the lymph nodes, which is often the most noticeable.

These symptoms will disappear in a week to a month in most people.

Even though the symptoms are gone, the person still has the virus, Ibele said.

If you have had unprotected sex and want to be tested, the university will offer free and anonymous oral HIV testing in UC 300 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 13.

The test takes about two minutes.

The test is not painful, and you will get results within two or three days.

The antibodies that are a result of HIV take anywhere from three to six months to be produced in a readable quantity, Ibele said.

Therefore, to get an accurate reading, you should take the test at least three months after one incident of unprotected sex.

The test is 85 percent accurate three months after being exposed.

Then, after four months, it is 90 percent accurate.

After six or more months, the results will be 98 percent accurate.

For more information, attend the AIDS Awareness Day.

## Christmas in April!

That's what is hoped the NKU campus community will provide for 4 area agencies via the 5th annual NKU Spring Share Can Drive on Wednesday, April 21 from 11 - 1.

Bring nonperishable food and personal care items to the plaza near the University Center.



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## MOVIE REVIEW

# Hanks 'kills' in remake of 1955 film

'Ladykillers' is new, entertaining version of decades-old comedy: complex, thought-provoking, diverse

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For those of you, who believe Tom Hanks' best work was in "Forrest Gump" or "Castaway," hold your vote until you view "The Ladykillers."

"The Ladykillers" is a remake of a 1955 comedy originally directed by Alexander Mackendrick. Joel and Ethan Coen direct the 2004 remake.

The film tells the story of a gang of crooks who rent a house in London from a seemingly-innocent, elderly landlady. The crooks think she'll be an easy kill.

Alec Guinness played the role of the professor in the original film.

The 2004 version of "The

Ladykillers," which opened nationwide on March 26, revolves around a Southern professor who puts together a group of thieves to rob a casino.

Hanks portrays the professor who leads the band of thieves posing as "Renaissance musicians."

Hanks brings together four unusual thieves, who meet at the home of their new landlady, played by Irma P. Hall.

Hanks' band is made up of a dynamite packer, a chain-smoking donut maker, a failing football player, and a hip-hop wannabe.

These "musicians" plot their scheme to tunnel from the landlady's root cellar into a casino's money-counting room and steal the winnings.

Just when they think they're home free, an unexpected visit

from the old lady forces them into trying to dispose of her.

This thought-provoking film was written with the veteran moviegoer in mind.

The five opening scenes introduce each character portrayed in the movie.

It demands the viewer's full attention if one wishes to understand how the five pieces fit once Hanks begins to conduct his heist.

Throughout the movie, Hanks and Hall bond over family and share poetry. Hall approves of the gang's music, and believes they are nice, helpful boys.

When she discovers the stolen money, she leaves them with only two options. These limitations lead the gang to plot the murder of the landlady.

Hanks plays a character quite

different from any he has ever embarked on, armed with a Ph.D., a moustache, stringy hair, lots of stage makeup, and a drawing monotone.

Hanks orchestrates his heist beneath the landlady's nose. Hanks' slow and carefully dialogue is a difficult feat that only a skilled actor can deliver.

"The Ladykillers" definitely earns a vote for Best Picture of 2004. Hanks delivers a well-honed performance that won't soon be forgotten.

Be sure to devote your full attention to this movie to catch Edgar Allan Poe references, gospel music, feline acting, and framed emotions.

The Coen brothers have directed many movies together, such as "Big Lebowski," "Fargo" and "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

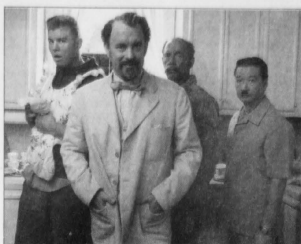


Photo contributed by Touchstone Pictures/Melinda Sue Gordon  
Professor Dorr (Hanks) assembles the members of his team in the latest release from the Coen Brothers 'The Ladykillers.'

## GAME REVIEW

# Horror-hungry gamers will enjoy 'Suffering'

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For video game player who can't wait for the upcoming releases of "Silent Hill 4" or "Resident Evil 4," Midway Games Inc. has created a horror survival game to satisfy gamers' appetites for the time being.

"The Suffering" is a gruesome first-person shooter game with action, puzzles and (of course) monsters.

Warning: The game is full of

blood, gore, and strong language.

The main character, Torque, is an inmate at Abbott State Penitentiary convicted of murdering his wife and two sons. However, he has no recollection of the murders.

As Torque arrives at the island prison, "all hell breaks loose."

Terrifying creatures take over the prison and kill everything and everyone in sight, including security guards.

With no one around, Torque is free to explore the jail and look for a means of escape

from the maximum-security facility. Throughout the game, Torque acquires bottles of pills for healing, several flashlights (excellent for the dark and creepy background), and numerous weapons.

One weapon is a large shiv - perfect for battling monsters. All of this is strangely similar to the old "Resident Evil" games, except for the nonexistent zombies.

"The Suffering" cast of monsters is quite bizarre and grotesque. Several of the horrid creatures look like mummies who have swords for arms,

while others are corpses with hypodermic needles for eyes. Another fascinating monster is the massive bulk, with machine-gun looking tumors projecting from its back.

Adding to the eerie atmosphere of the game is the unique and disturbing setting of the penitentiary.

The lighting is low, and the walls and floors are smeared with blood.

Some of the prison cells contain disturbing messages scrawled across the walls.

As Torque progresses through the game, weird

images flash on the screen while crazed voices argue in his head.

And as he passes through rooms, horrible visions such as murders and executions flash across the screen.

The visual effects are reminiscent of the movie remake of "House on Haunted Hill."

Although "The Suffering" seems to be a pretty decent horror game, it lacks in a few areas.

For example, the small variety of monsters makes for some tedious gameplay, and the controls are a bit difficult to master.

The background also becomes a bit boring after a while. And although the environment of the prison is overall twisted, every jail cell and corridor begin to look the same.

Overall, "The Suffering" is a reasonably good horror/survival game, with some frightening visuals and a terrifying atmosphere.

Although the game may be a bit repetitive in certain areas, overall it is fast-paced, and more gruesome than most video games, leaving those hungry horror gamers quite satisfied.

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## Sports Scene



with Kyle

## Cincy flocks to opener

If you are from Cincinnati, sports fan or not, there are two words that come once a year, that heighten your senses more than any other spoken words. Opening Day.

Opening day in Cincinnati is the most celebrated local tradition for this area, and Monday wasn't anything different.

Even with Carl Lindner refusing to spend money on the team, and the superstar (Ken Griffey Jr.) out of the lineup, the atmosphere and anticipation around the city was optimistic. The fans weren't necessarily optimistic about the upcoming season, they were more optimistic about the day.

The day brings a sign of the summer to the city. It tells us that we don't have to worry about old-man winter breathing down our necks for another six months. It gives us a sign of a new beginning with the Reds still in contention anything can be possible, right?

Barring a miracle not seen since the 1984 winter olympics, the Reds are not going to finish in first place in the Central Division this season. Playing in one of the toughest divisions in baseball they would be lucky to win 80 games.

However on opening day, baseball is Cincinnati. No other city has such a celebrated season opener. In no other city is it overlooked if a student doesn't show up for school on opening day. If it wasn't overlooked, there would be many a sad faced kid sitting in detention Tuesday afternoon.

For Cincinnati, opening day symbolizes a great tradition of baseball that started with the first ever professional team in 1869. It symbolizes the tradition of great players such as Rose, Morgan, Bench, Klitzewski, Lombardi, Larkin and Perez. It symbolizes the great tradition of Cincinnati being a baseball town.

While St. Louis, Boston, Chicago and New York may disagree, Cincinnati is the original.

It starts with a parade where businesses, politicians, boy scout groups and police agencies all take part in. Every year it starts Friday, Family Market in downtown and winds its way through the streets of Cincinnati, eventually making its way to the ballpark. It's as much a tradition as the game itself, maybe even more so.

Parents, who should be at work and kids who should be at school, begin lining the streets at 6 a.m. in order to witness the parade. Why? Because that's what generations of their families have done for years.

Maybe the tradition isn't fully real until the Reds start running the names of people who have been to consecutive opening days in their lifetimes.

This process takes about two and a half innings and contains names of people who have been to games from consecutive years, to 54 consecutive years.

54 consecutive years of making time to go to a game? For what? Opening day in Cincinnati or close.

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## Candidates announced

Four finalists to interview with school, public to replace Shields

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The NKU Athletic Department has announced four finalists in the search for a new men's head basketball coach.

The final contenders are current NKU assistant coach, Dave Bezold; John Brammen; William H. Brown; and Gregory Kamansky.

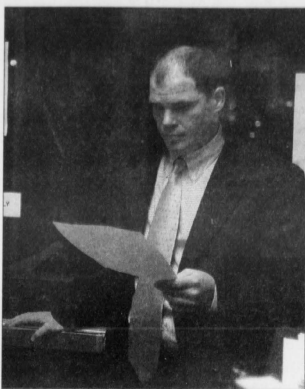
White Bezold has been the assumed front-runner for the position, all four candidates have successful resumes and strong basketball histories.

Brammen, who has a bachelor's from Marshall University, is currently an assistant coach at NCAA Division I school, St. Bonaventure. He also has coaching experience at Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Charleston.

Kamansky currently coaches at Cal Poly Pomona University in Pomona, Calif. He received his bachelor's from the University of California at San Diego, and his master's from San Diego State University. He had coaching experience at Fresno Pacific University and the University of California.

Brown, head basketball coach at Division II California University of Pennsylvania, also boasts an impressive resume. He received a bachelor's from Ohio University. Brown has been head coach at Division I school Sacramento State University, and an assistant coach at NCAA Division I schools like Ohio University, Kent State University and University of Arkansas.

Bezold, an assistant under Shields for the past 14 years, has a bachelor's from Viterbo College and a master's from NKU. He served as an as-



Tim Downer/Assistant Photo Editor  
Assistant Coach Dave Bezold, thought to be the race front-runner.

stant coach at Viterbo College and NKU. He coached NKU women's tennis for two years.

Bezold also has an endorsement for the university community to get to know each candidate.

The sessions will be open to faculty, staff and students and will allow candidates to field questions by those in attendance.

## Times, Locations for Open Sessions

Gregory Kamansky  
Friday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m.  
- UC 108

William H. Brown  
Tuesday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m.  
- UC 108

John Brammen  
Thursday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m.  
- UC 111

Dave Bezold  
Tuesday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m.  
- UC 108

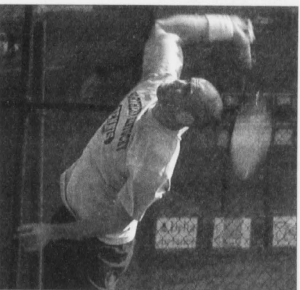


Photo contributed by Joe Ruh  
Benjelloun stands at 6-4 this season in singles play.

## Men's tennis nets 2 wins

The Norse dominate both singles and doubles play, standing at 11-3

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The Norse didn't have too much trouble with University of Missouri-St. Louis, winning by a score of 5-1.

In singles play, Billy Hopkins dominated Max Bugner, 6-0, 6-0.

Hopkins and Benjelloun teamed up in doubles play to take down Matt Vaulkhard and Mike Schaaf 8-6.

Benjelloun's singles record now stands at 6-4, while Hopkins runs his record to 5-3. The Norse have four games remaining on their regular season schedule, with their season against Division I opponents, Morehead State and Cedarville college, on April 20.

The Norse will then make their way into the GLVC tournament, hoping to advance to the NCAA tournament.

## Pitching the way to first

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Strong pitching has been the backbone for the Northern Kentucky softball team this season. The three starting pitchers, Emily Breitholtz, Krystal Lewallen and Sarah Newland, have combined for a 0.41 ERA, 272 strikeouts and a 34-2 record.

Krystal Lewallen has made a major contribution to those numbers, going 20-1, with a 0.15 ERA and 176 strikeouts in 137.2 innings pitched. Lewallen has already been named Great Lakes Valley Conference pitcher of the week twice, and has been named Louisville Slugger/NECA National Player of the week for the week of March 31st.

"That is definitely the highest award I've received since I've been here," said Lewallen, "and we know that it feels great to get that recognition."

Lewallen is on pace to break her own record, set last year when she finished the season with a 0.82 ERA and 190 strikeouts. She has already surpassed Kim Bina and now holds the all-time strikeout record at NKU, with 343 strikeouts in her career.

Lewallen also ranks fourth on the NKU all-time win list, with 36, which is two behind Lisa Connett for third place.

Lewallen's season really started to gain attention after her strong performance against then 14th ranked, Grand Valley State. Lewallen threw a four-hit shutout, striking out 11 as NKU posted a 2-0 win. The win catapulted the Norse into a stretch where they won four games in two days.

"That game against Grand Valley State was probably my strongest of my career (at NKU)," said Lewallen.

Lewallen credits her off-season development of two additional pitches as being key to her improvement over last year's numbers.

"I'm more in shape this year," said Lewallen, "and being able to develop two new pitches has really helped me." Lewallen, who attended South Oldham high school, also attributes a lot of her success to her father who attends every single Norse game, even though he still resides about 15 minutes outside of Louisville.

"Having him there really helps," said Lewallen. "He still comes to every game."

Lewallen also knows that without a good offense, the Norse wouldn't be seeing near as much success as they are currently having.

"Our offense is very strong," Lewallen, "and we know that whoever is on the mound can do just as good a job as the next person. We are a really good team."

The Norse have 20 games remaining. They expect to see a conference championship or even more. "We are a lot more confident this season," said Lewallen. "We go into each game knowing the other team wants to beat us, it's like we have a target on our back. But our goal is still to win everything."

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PSC	102	13683	Comparative Politics	R	9:00-11:45 am
UNV	101	13015	Orientation to College and Beyond	MW	11:00-12:15 pm
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ENG	090	10809	Writing Workshop	MW	12:30-1:45 pm
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SOC	100	13697	Introductory Sociology	F	12:00-2:45 pm
WMS	150	13663	Intro to Women's Studies	R	12:00-2:45 pm
SPE	220	13421	Interpersonal Communication	MW	2:10-3:25 pm
MAH	095	11633	Beginning Algebra	TR	3:30-4:45 pm
MAT	111	13694	Intro to Linear Math	MW	3:30-4:45 pm
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COB	101	13701	Introduction to Business	W	5:30-8:15 pm
IFS	105	13702	Intro to Business Computing	R	5:30-8:15 pm
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## hotseat



with John Rasp

In this week's hot seat article, John interviewed Amine Benjelloun who is the number one singles player for NKU men's tennis.

**John Rasp:** How fast is your serve?  
**Amine Benjelloun:** My serve is probably around 115 mph.

**JR:** What's your strength on the tennis court?  
**AB:** I would say my biggest strength is my quickness and my forehand.

**JR:** What's the biggest match you've ever played in your life?  
**AB:** The Moroccan championship when I was a Junior.

**JR:** Which NKU women's tennis player would give you the toughest tennis match?  
**AB:** I would say maybe Elizabeth Brunsman because she's very consistent and keeps the ball in play. I'm such a gentleman, I don't know if I could beat a woman.

**JR:** Have you ever lost to a female in tennis?  
**AB:** No, I really haven't played too many females. I beat the 97th ranked women's player in straight sets. There's such a big difference in

how women's and men's tennis is played.

**JR:** Have you ever seen a John McInnis type incident on the tennis court?

**AB:** Yeah, against my opponent this year when we were playing Carson-Newman. I faced him on set point and he tried calling it out. He started cussing and wouldn't shake my hand after the game. Both coaches and the referee had to get involved.

**JR:** Which team will advance farther in the NCAA Tournament- the men's or women's tennis team?  
**AB:** We would... We're ranked 37th in the nation right now. On paper we should be better than them.

**JR:** I've heard that you are an expert at getting girls numbers. What's the most phone numbers you've ever gotten in a night?

**AB:** When you go out, girls want to meet guys, and guys want to meet girls so it's not that hard meeting people. The most numbers in one night is probably five or six.

**JR:** What do you plan on doing after your college tennis career is over?

**AB:** Next year I might try to play soccer in my last semester at NKU. I'm also going to try to get a Master of Accountancy. Then I would like to get an MBA.

**JR:** If you could pick one tennis star to play against who would it be?

**AB:** Pete Sampras. I've hit against Youssef El Aynaoui who use to play at my club. He was the tennis star who played Andy Roddick in the long match last year. So I have had the chance at playing against one of the top ten players in the world.

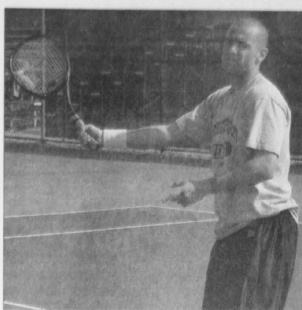


Photo Contributed by Joe Ruh  
Amine Benjelloun has enjoyed a successful season in singles and doubles

# Grizzlies, Nets continue playoff push

## NBA Picks



with Dominick Wise

**Cleveland Cavaliers at Memphis Grizzlies:  
Wednesday 8:00**

This is the second meeting between these two teams this season. The Grizzlies won first with 122-115 in double overtime. The Grizzlies had trailed the Cavaliers by 24 at halftime,

then by 16 heading into the fourth quarter.

18-year-old LeBron James became the youngest player in NBA history to score 30 or more points in a game.

These two teams are heading in two different directions. Almost a month ago, the Cavaliers were in sixth place for the playoffs spot. They now stand three games back of the last playoff spot. Injuries have taken their toll on the Cavaliers.

The Cavaliers have been missing their key guard Jeff McInnis, who has been on the injured reserve list with a bruised right shoulder.

McInnis is scheduled to return for Tuesday's game against the Raptors.

After playing the Grizzlies, the Cavaliers have four games remaining on their schedule. They need to win all four to stay alive for the playoffs.

Can McInnis save the Cavaliers season? We'll see what he's worth in the Cavaliers next four games.

At the beginning of the NBA season no one predicted the Grizzlies to be in competition for the playoffs or the Midwest division.

The Grizzlies have won 50 games for the first time in franchise history. The team has nine games remaining. And they own the season tiebreaker over the second place San Antonio Spurs.

They pushed forward without injured forward Bonzi Wells, who has played a key role in the Grizzlies' season.

I think the Grizzlies bench is more talented than the Cavaliers. I know McInnis will be able to play in this game, but the question remains: How effective will he be? I think he needs to score big in this game if the

Cavaliers are to have a chance against a hungry Grizzlies team.

The Grizzlies are the NBA's hottest and scarier team. This season is just a couple of games away from clinching the Midwest division. I think they won't let the Cavaliers stand in their way.

Lebron and company better bring their A-game for this contest.

**Prediction: Grizzlies 106  
Cavaliers 97**

**New Jersey Nets at Milwaukee Bucks:  
Wednesday 7:30**

The Bucks lead this season series 2-1. They have a good chance of winning the season series against the Nets tonight. These teams have both been

hit by the injury bug as of the last month. Both teams could enter the playoffs without their point guards.

The Nets are desperately missing Jason Kidd's play at the point guard position. Kidd is expected to miss the rest of the regular season with an injured knee.

Before Kidd's injury the Nets were the best in the Eastern Conference.

If the Nets are to advance in the playoffs, they need Kidd to be at full strength. Teammates will have to step up their game.

However, Nets' Kenyon Martin recently returned from a knee injury that sidelined him for a few games.

The Bucks have been playing below .500 basketball, ever since T.J. Ford went down with a spinal cord injury.

Bucks' coach Terry Porter is in the race to be coach of the

year. He has the Bucks believing that they are contenders in the East.

But the Bucks need T.J. Ford off the injury list if they want to win their first round game. They also need Keith Van Horn's ankle to heal.

With Van Horn's ankle limiting his playing time, I think the Nets will pound the ball inside and control the boards.

Kerry Kittles and Luscious Harris will need a big game if the Nets want to tie up this season series.

Michael Redd will also need a big game if the Bucks want to have a chance at winning. I think the Nets backcourt is better than the Bucks right now.

Look for Kenyon Martin to be a dominant force inside.

**Prediction: Nets 91  
Bucks 84**

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