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Professors love, hate cell phones in classes

Calls disrupt lectures, help with group work

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The Orlando Sentinel

When cell phones started ringing during Peter Telep's classes at the University of Central Florida, the English instructor came up with an unusual solution: He gets to answer the call.

Telep has taken messages from boyfriends and girlfriends, telling his students' significant others, "This is the English teacher, and we're busy right now."

On the first day of class, Telep said, he warns students about his policy.

"Believe me, after seeing that happen once in class, every cell phone is switched off," Telep said.

The widespread use of cell phones on college campuses has left many teachers searching for the right way to help reduce what they see as a classroom disruption.

Like Telep, some instructors take a creative approach. But others have more serious rules, such as asking students to leave class or taking points off their grade if their telephone rings.

Instructors aren't the only ones irritated by the nonstop ringing.

Andrea Lockhart, a junior at UCF, said she gets "extremely annoyed" when her peers don't turn off their cell phones.

In one class, she said, a student not only answered his phone, but he proceeded to talk on it. In another class, a phone rang while the students were taking an exam. Lockhart said she thinks some students don't care about being courteous.

"I am paying good money to sit in my classes, and one of them, I try to stay focused on what is going on in the classroom," Lockhart said.

"When someone's phone rings, not only does it disturb me, everyone in the room," she said. "Even more so, it distracts the professor, who then usually comments on it and throws the lecture off."

Neither UCF nor VCC has a policy on how to handle the issue, so instructors are allowed to set their own guidelines.

Professors at Rollins College say cell phones haven't become a problem on their campus.

Greg Gardner, chairman of the Department of Communication at Rollins, said phones rarely ring in his classes.

Rollins Professor Connie Hudspeth agrees and said phones ring "every once in a while."

But, unlike most professors, Hudspeth sometimes asks students to bring their phones to class.

"For us, it is vital students have them for group projects," she said.

Hudspeth's students work on projects involving the community and are allowed to contact their sources during class.

Cliff Morris Jr., dean of mathematics at VCC's west campus, said no matter what approach an instructor takes, it is important for all professors to clearly present their policy in the class syllabus.

He said a warning should be offered before harsh actions are taken.

Morris said he knows professors who give no grace period and immediately ask the student to leave class if their cell phone rings. That's something that some students say is too harsh.

Cell phones are distractions in the learning process, Morris said, and it is up to the teacher to limit class disruptions. He also said it is the students' responsibility to put the phones on vibrate or turn them off.

Warm coffee and the arts

'Coffee House' will provide an opportunity for people to express themselves in a 'non-threatening' environment

EMILY CHALFANT
Staff Writer

Students and faculty members are invited to attend a Coffee House Sunday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. in Norse Commons room 117.

University Housing is sponsoring the event which will feature poetry readings, performances, and art.

The Coffee House came about when Dr. Nicole Grant of the Sociology Department found that students in her classes had a lot of things they wanted to share con-

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- Wendy Warm

cerning the anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11 and thought others should be able to share pieces that relate to society.

Two of her students, juniors Jennifer Rison and Wendy Warm, offered to help organize the event.

"I really like the idea of people

expressing themselves through poetry, more specifically, spoken word poetry," Warm said.

"Giving people the chance to be heard in a non-threatening environment is crucial to their development as active citizens. I decided to work on the committee so I could make

sure this event would actually take place," Warm said.

Rison is a Resident Assistant in the dorms and arranged for the Coffee House to be held in Norse Commons. University Housing is also providing coffee and snacks.

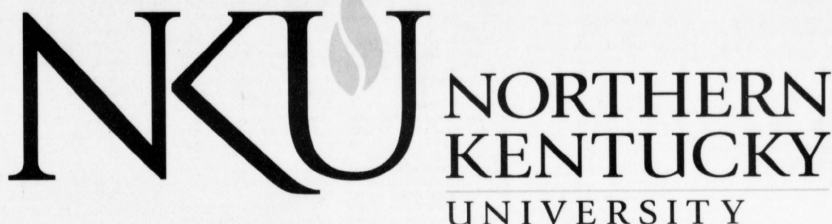
So far the Coffee House is only

scheduled for Nov. 10, but if it is successful it may be continued in future semesters.

"The main focus is to provide a space for people to showcase their own poetry, art or to perform a piece that is both meaningful to them and sociologically significant," Warm said.

For more information, or if you would like to present something at the Coffee House, contact:

Jennifer Rison at rison@nku.edu or Wendy Warm at wendywarm@hotmail.com.



New logo for a changing university

New design will represent the university's 'momentum'

JEN VOHRIOT
Staff Writer

A new addition to Northern Kentucky University has been formed, although it is not another campus building, an academic course, or sports team. The current NKU logo has been modified and will soon be introduced to the university.

The fresh logo, selected from over forty designs, was clearly depicted as the favored choice from all student, faculty, and administration votes.

Approved by the Board of Regents in September, the logo is a step forward in promotion for the university and

the creation of an official, standard emblem for NKU.

Vice President of University Advancement, Deborah Read, organized much of the planning and design of the revised logo.

"We didn't create a new logo, this is a variation of the university's seal, which was previously used as the logo," Read said.

"We believe NKU is progressing and wanted the logo to represent this university's momentum."

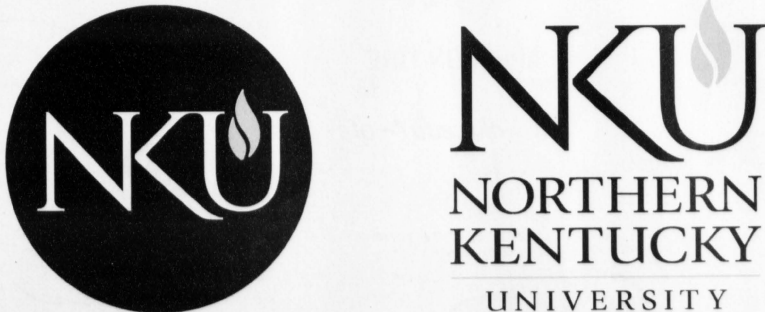
The flame from the lamp of learning, a part of the university seal, will be incorporated in the new logo. The flame will be gold and placed above the U in the initials NKU.

The current seal, a lamp of learning encircled by the name of the school and 1968, the year NKU opened, will not be replaced by the new logo.

The redesigned emblem, which will be added to the athletic teams' symbol of a dragon rising from water and to all NKU marketing and publicity, will continue to use black, gold, and white when in full color.

Planning the updated logo involved the efforts of the NKU Alumni Council, NKU Foundation Board, graphic designers from university printing and the marketing and communications staff, the President's Executive Team, the Board of Regents, Staff Congress and over 100 students.

The logo is another forward step in the future of NKU, and is set to debut in the next several weeks.



NKU Swim club sets pace for next semester

Club hopes to bring students to the pool and in the future expand to a competitive team

CHAD CLIFT
Northerner Contributor

The NKU swim club is set to begin as soon as next semester.

According to Facility Program Coordinator, Kim Linkel, Lauren Tuttle thought of the idea for the swim club which will be open to all students of NKU.

According to Linkel, the reason that the swim club is now being started is because of a growing interest in a swim club over the past

three years.

Primarily, the students who have been interested in the program enough to help bring about its birth are the lifeguards and students who use the pool for swimming.

Linkel says this club will give students who otherwise would not use the facility an opportunity to come over and go swimming.

There has "always been interest (in the club), but it has never quite gone through," Tuttle said.

Linkel said the short-term goals of

the club are "to get more people involved in the aquatic area because they feel there [are] a lot of swimmers out there that might just not know about it and with the swim club they might use the facility."

Tuttle said they "hope to eventually become a team and compete against other sanctioned teams."

"They hope to become a team by spring."

According to Linkel, "What they eventually want to do is do a 'Swim Across America' or 'Swim the

Atlantic' and log how many miles

they swim."

If you are wondering what the chances of the club actually becoming a team are—well, Linkel says that some of the other teams on campus started out as clubs.

The plans are for members of the club to meet about once a month as a group, in order to get new ideas and also do several fundraisers.

The fundraisers are going to help generate income to provide swim-

suits and jackets for the members of

the club.

In addition to the fundraisers, Tuttle said there will probably be a small membership fee in order to help pay for the costs of the club.

Linkel gives much of the credit to Tuttle for the start of the organization because she "has a lot of leadership qualities and she has a lot of interest in the aquatic area."

Linkel feels that lack of interest or the knowledge that students could start a club has lead to NKU not having a swim club until now.

DPS Reports

OCT 30 2002-Wednesday-11:05am Location: PARKING LOT T - THEFT - Theft By Unlawful Taking-Under \$300- Female reported that subject(s) unknown removed her Red & Black Book Bag and its contents from her vehicle while it was parked at the listed location. Under investigation....

OCT 30 2002-Wednesday-10:44am Location: PARKING LOT 1 - RESERVED PARKING SPACE - TOW-Tow Vehicle-(Black) 1999 Nissan was towed to impound for parking in a reserved parking space without authorization at the listed location. Case closed....

OCT 31 2002-Thursday-08:26pm Location: NUNN DRIVE AT U.S. 27 - TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop-Vehicle was observed being operated at a speed in excess of the posted limit. Vehicle was stopped at the listed location. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding and No Insurance. Case closed....

OCT 31 2002-Thursday-04:10pm Location: KENTON DRIVE AT CAMPBELL DRIVE-TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop-Vehicle stopped at the listed location, after subject fled the scene after verbally abusing a DPS cadet. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for No Insurance. Case closed....

NOV 1 2002-Friday-12:05pm Location: PARKING LOT 1 - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF FORGED INSTRUMENT-3rd Degree-A White 1997 Mercury was found displaying a forged N.K.U. 2002-2003 Parking Permit. The vehicle owner was located and questioned. The subject was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument. The permit was confiscated and secured in the Police Property/Evidence Room. Case closed....

NOV 1 2002-Friday-10:34am Location: LANDRUM BUILDING - SECOND FLOOR - MEDICAL RESPONSE-Squad-Male subject reportedly suffering a seizure at the listed location. The Central Campbell County Squad responded to the scene. The subject refused transportation to a hospital. Case closed....

NOV 2 2002-Saturday-11:59am Location: PARKING LOT P - THEFT-Theft/Larceny From A Motor Vehicle-Over \$300-Male reported that subject(s) unknown broke into his vehicle and removed stereo speakers, and his wallet and it contents from the vehicle while it was parked at the listed location. Under investigation....

NOV 2 2002-Saturday-11:53pm Location: UNIVERSITY CENTER - BALLROOM - DRUGS-POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA/ARREST-Male subject was found to be in possession of several bags containing marijuana at the listed location. Subject was arrested for Possession Of Marijuana and was transported to and lodged in the Campbell County Jail. Case closed....

NOV 2 2002-Saturday-03:56pm Location: KENTON DRIVE AT LOT L - TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop/SPEEDING-Vehicle was found to be exceeding the posted speed limit at the listed location. Driver was Issued A Kentucky State Citation for Speeding. Case closed....



THELISHA A. WOODS
Knight Rider

Alison Sikora knew she wanted to attend Fairfield University to study science. Her father had graduated from Fairfield with a degree in chemistry, so she thought the school would offer plenty of classes on her favorite subject.

"I used to go on college trips with my father, and I really fell in love with the campus, so I pretty much knew my sophomore year that I wanted to go here. It was my top choice," said Sikora, 18, of Middleburg, Conn.

Like many students, she had concerns about paying for her education. At Fairfield in Fairfield, Conn., tuition and fees average about \$23,000 a year.

"My parents knew I wanted to go (to Fairfield), and created a savings for me, but when you think about it, that is a lot of money for my parents to send," Sikora said.

Sikora needed to find financial aid. After a suggestion from a friend, Sikora began looking online at Fairfield, where she came across FastWeb (www.fastweb.com), a scholarship search site.

FastWeb has had about 18 million users since its launch in 1995, and its database has over 800,000 scholarships that total more than \$1 billion.

Online scholarship searches can help students who are dealing with the rising cost of college. For tuition at four-year public colleges, students pay an average of \$4,081, up 9.6 percent from a year ago, according to a report released last week by the College Board. At four-year private colleges, students pay an average of \$18,273 a year, up 5.8 percent from last year.

Sikora said she "spent a lot of time, sometimes 30 minutes to an hour each day, searching through the various scholarships (FastWeb) had," but it was time well spent. As

a result of her search, she won the Connecticut Innovations Science Technology Scholarship for \$12,000.

Now a freshman at Fairfield studying biology/pre-med Sikora is glad she searched online.

"I was really surprised because I just applied and I wondered if I would even get it," she said.

Several other scholarship search sites, such as SuperCollege (www.supercollege.com), SRNexpress (www.srnexpress.com) and BrokeScholar (www.brokescholar.com) also have free searches.

While these sites are legitimate, some are not.

The Federal Trade Commission and Congress passed the College Scholarship Fraud Prevention Act of 2000 to prevent online scams.

"In 2000 we did a surf of the Web called Scholarcam and found 37 sites that had suspicious claims," said Robin Spector, an attorney for the Bureau of Consumer Protection. "As a result, we sent out warning letters to these companies, and they either changed their claims, and some even shut down, so we did not have to bring in any law enforcement."

The FTC continues to monitor Web sites that offer student awards.

"It is possible that we are going to do another scholarship surf in the future, but what we tell consumers is that the number of people who get substantial money is pretty small, so they should watch claims that promise thousands of dollars," Spector said.

Many college advisers also warn students about the possibilities of fraudulent sites.

"To help students avoid scams, we send out scholarship information to them and recommend sites," said Brian Leesang, director of financial aid at American University in Washington, D.C. "We make sure that the sites are reputable, and we have them on our preferred list

because with the amount of scholarships and the amount of scams, it's important that we get the word out to students and point them in the right direction."

Many corporations that provide scholarships are pleased with the results of search sites.

"We receive close to 100,000 applicants each year so (being online) is definitely doing a good job of getting the word out to students," said Carolyn Norton, program facilitator of Coca-Cola's scholar program, which is listed on FastWeb.

"We have been online for about three or four years, and we are

encouraging students to go online as well because we are progressing toward being strictly online," Norton said.

College advisers can also see the unique benefits of online scholarship searches.

"In the past, students had to go to the library and search through mounds and mounds of books just to find awards that fit them," Leesang said. "Now all students have to do is go to these sites and type in things such as their major or state or if it's a minority scholarship their ethnicity, and the site will just pull up all the scholarships that match their profile."

BE CAUTIOUS OF ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

The Federal Trade Commission offers these tips for students searching online for scholarships:

Guarantees: If the site "guarantees a scholarship or your money back," it is probably a scam. No site can guarantee a scholarship, and with so many students applying there is tough competition for even the smallest award. If the site is asking for a small fee, chances are it's not legitimate.

Exclusives: If the site tells consumers that they have exclusive scholarships that cannot be found anywhere else, that site could be a fraud. With all the data on the Web, it's highly unlikely the site has something that others do not.

Personal information: If the site requests your credit card number or bank account information, be careful. Scholarships are free awards so in general most searches for these awards are also free.

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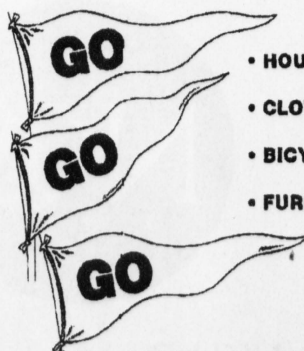
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NEWS

Stress rising for college students

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It's only midyear, but counselors at Texas Christian University have been busy since early in the semester, helping students who have threatened suicide, mutilated themselves or displayed eating disorders.

"We recognize that a college campus is a pretty stressful place," said Don Mills, TCU vice chancellor for student affairs. "It is not supposed to be stressful to the point that you can't complete your work."

Administrators, counselors and students are having to work harder to guarantee that relief. Stress among college students is at the highest level many counselors have seen in their professional careers, said Gregory Snodgrass, Ph.D., head of the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors.

"Stress levels are up on campus," said Snodgrass, who is also assistant vice president for student affairs and director of the counseling center at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. "We had a suicide this year. St. Mary's (University in San Antonio) 3/8 had one the first day of class."

Most stressed students don't commit suicide, but growing financial pressures on students and the presence of more students taking prescription psychotropic (mood altering) drugs are among the factors driving the trend.

"Eighty-seven percent of counselors are seeing more severe psychological problems" according to the 2001 national survey of counseling center directors, Snodgrass said. "That's been on the increase for the last four or five years."

Though the number of reported college suicides dropped from 122 in 2000 to 80 in 2001, 30 percent of 274 responding colleges in a 2001 survey reported suicides on campus, compared with 29 percent a year earlier, Snodgrass said.

The number of colleges reporting a suicide has risen steadily since 1998, he said.

The suicide rate at Southwest Texas State hasn't changed much, but Snodgrass said, "We did have an increase in the number of attempts this year."

Campus mental health experts report increases in other stress indicators among students across the country as well.

First-year college students, for example, report feeling overwhelmed more often, according to University of California at Los Angeles researchers who compile results of a national survey.

About 13 percent of male first-year students reported feeling overwhelmed in 1985; by 2001, that increased to about 17 percent, according to an annual study by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program at the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA.

The same study showed the sense of being overwhelmed was even stronger in females, rising from about 22 percent in 1985 to about 36 percent in 2001, according to Jennifer Lindholm, a visiting assistant professor of higher education and organizational change at UCLA who is associate director of the research program.

Among those responding to the survey, the percentage rating their emotional health as above average or better declined from 64 percent in 1985 to 53 percent in 2001.

The findings are part of a survey that has been conducted annually since 1966. It draws responses from more than 700 colleges and universities, polling first-time, full-time students who are typically 18-19 years old.

Leaving familiar surroundings, relatives and friends for school has traditionally been a big, often traumatic move. But these days the changes can be compounded by other factors.

"It's not just college itself that's changing, but who's going," said Christopher McCarthy, an associate professor of educational psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. More students come from single-parent homes or homes where both

parents work, Snodgrass said. In those cases, students and parents often haven't had much time to discuss dealing with the sorts of stressors that drive students to distraction.

"It's the lives students are living who are coming to college," Snodgrass said. "Life is just a lot faster and more complex."

Because of funding cuts to higher education, more college students are working. And with less funding coming from grants and more as loans, students are faced with debt after graduation.

This comes in an economic environment where job prospects might have diminished significantly since the boom days of the late 1990s.

"Financial pressures have increased significantly," Snodgrass said.

Also increasingly, students who in the past might not have entered college because of psychological problems are attending.

Of the students advised by college counselors, the percentage who are taking medication to treat psychological problems has increased from 7 percent in 1992 to 18 percent in 2001, Snodgrass said. The medication in many cases has helped them succeed in school but can't always prepare them for college life.

"They've learned to function in a classroom environment," said Mills of TCU. "They haven't necessarily learned to live in an independent living situation."

Educational aspirations are also skyrocketing, with 43 percent of the class of 2001 planning to pursue a master's degree; 17 percent set their sights on a doctorate degree, Lindholm said.

Those percentages are up dramatically from the early 1970s, particularly for women, but the rise in aspirations can bring added stress levels for those worried about admissions pressures and finances, Lindholm said.

Plus, there are more females on campus. More than 55 percent of first-year enrollments are women, Lindholm

said.

"Generally speaking, women are more likely to report higher levels of stress," said Lindholm of UCLA. "But we are more likely to seek counseling."

As a busy college student, University of Texas at Arlington senior business management student Laurie Uehling knows something about dealing with stress.

The 21-year-old is taking 15 semester hours, working 14 hours a week on campus, participating in two student organizations and occasionally squeezing in some social life.

Time management is a frequent concern for her. To unwind, she occasionally heads to the mall for a little therapeutic shopping, she said.

"I try to just get away for a day,

even though everything is still here," she said.

Kenneth L. Farr, UT-Arlington counseling services director, said walk-in counseling is available Mondays through Fridays. Officials and counselors are discussing ways to make more after-hours counseling available, Farr said.

TCU offers a range of programs and personnel designed to heighten sensitivity to stress and deal with its effects, said Mills, the vice chancellor for student affairs.

At the University of North Texas, counselors are on call 24 hours a day, said John Hipple, a senior counselor at the Denton campus.

Hipple and five fellow professional counselors train residence hall personnel to raise awareness of danger signs. Expressions of suicidal

impulses are taken seriously.

"There is no such thing as confidentiality when someone is thinking about killing themselves or someone else," Hipple said. "If we hear that someone's moved thinking to action, intervention jacks up."

If deemed necessary, counselors will refer students to psychiatrists at the campus health center, Hipple said.

Counselors can't make stress disappear, but they often can make all the difference to overwhelmed undergraduates — and to administrators such as Mills.

"It's been four years" since he had to deal with a student suicide, Mills said. "I never want to have another one."

STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING STRESS

Physical Strategies:

- Get adequate sleep (eight hours preferable)
- Eat a balanced diet
- Engage in regular exercise
- Reduce caffeine and alcohol intake

Behavioral Strategies:

- Break large projects into manageable parts
- Create daily task lists and check off tasks as they are accomplished
- Try to spend at least one hour of quiet or private time each day
- Spend regular time socializing with friends and loved ones
- Engage in activities that make you laugh
- Avoid overeating, drinking alcohol or using drugs

Source: Gregory Snodgrass, Ph.D., Southwest Texas State University

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International student headed to med school



Samantha Warner/Northerner
Bruhan Mohamedali, first international student from NKU to be accepted to Medical school, sitting at his desk in the SOA office.

SAMANTHA WARNER
Features Editor

Bruhan Mohamedali is the first international student from Northern Kentucky University to get into medical school.

He received his acceptance to the University of Kentucky on Oct. 15, 2002. He is still looking at other schools.

It has been a lifelong ambition for Mohamedali to become a doctor. He said he wants to be a good doctor and help people wherever there is a need for medical attention. Getting into medical school is a great achievement for him and he is absolutely delighted about this opportunity.

Mohamedali is from Arusha, Tanzania. He is the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs of Student Government, President of International Student Union, and also external relations officer of African Student Union. He found NKU by using a random Internet

search about four years ago.

In January of 2003, it will be Mohamedali's third year at NKU. He will graduate in May of 2003 with a Bachelors of Science in Biology and minor in chemistry.

"I chose NKU because of its tuition, its locality, the state, and it's close to a city but not in a city," Mohamedali said. "I love Kentucky because of its physical geography." "I would like to thank Dr. Geisman for his continuous advising, support, and faith that I could make it into med school," Mohamedali said.

"Dr. Geisman has been there for me, putting me before his family when I desperately needed his help on my personal statement," Mohamedali said. "He showed me how dedicated you should be to your studies."

On the first day of regular decision, Mohamedali was accepted by UK into medical school. He is undecided about what specific degree he would like to pursue. He said he feels a sense of internal satisfaction.

"I would do different rotations and decide them," he said. By pursuing a premedical track, he feels he has paved the road for other international students.

Mohamedali said his culture is very different from the United States culture. He said his country is a very conservative society. In his culture it is not common to smile at strangers, he said. The culture has a great value and respect for food and there is not a lot of waste, he said. He said he likes the free society in America.

In Tanzania, Mohamedali lived on the equator. Even though it is very hot, he lived in the coldest region of the country near Mount Kili Manjaro (the highest in Africa). "It was a natural setting," he said. "I lived close to national parks and saw a lot of wild life."

Although Mohamedali already knows five languages, he is currently working on Spanish, his sixth language. He speaks English, Swahili, Hindi, Urdu, and Gujarati.

Dating wisdom from writer Thomas Wolfe

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The Orlando Sentinel

When Thomas Wolfe wrote, "you can't go home again," it's almost certain he didn't intend the words to show up more than 60 years later in a column about dating. Perhaps by the time I'm through interpreting that sentence, he'll wish he had taken up tobacco farming instead of writing.

He'll certainly wish he were alive so he could slap me around a little. But I digress.

Anyone who actively participates in the time-honored tradition of dating knows that it is a sport with a lot of built-in setbacks, those setbacks being a natural part of the endless learning curve of dating.

Dating, of course, is based on personal interaction. Because people pride themselves on being different from everyone else, most are experts at being inexplicable and confusing.

But as dating progresses past the initial awkwardness into truly meaningful and personal territory, people shed their protective scales and begin to reveal what makes them special. That's when we start to learn who they are. When we choose to say goodbye to someone we've come to know, we may close the door on her, but inevitably we leave open some windows of opportunities.

We do this because separation is

"Anyone who actively participates in the time-honored tradition of dating knows that it is a sport"

taxing, and the mathematics of romance make quantum physics seem simple by comparison.

What if things had been a little bit different?

Maybe if you had been a little softer; maybe if she hadn't been so moody. If the timing or the weather or the tides had shifted a little in either direction, then you wouldn't have said goodbye.

Looking back on a landscape full of past relationships, it's interesting to wonder which would be worth rethinking. Which might warrant a second chance or a third or a fourth?

Most people have experienced the rubber-ball relationship; the one that got off to a great bounce but slowly lost energy when each ensuing bounce met with more and more resistance. Eventually, it came to rest on the ground in a somewhat melancholy state, almost begging to be bounced again.

Like any fun thing that comes to an end, the initial response is to pick things up and start again. But when it comes to relationships, it's hard to start over. Most people will give it another bounce. Some spend their lives trying to keep the ball in

motion; others move on.

Maybe when a relationship has run its course, even when it was an enjoyable course, it's best to not spend too much time wondering what might've been.

It's hard to tell if giving things another crack would result in a whole new ballgame, because, in most relationships, the boundaries and ground rules are difficult to redraw because they were there for a reason.

This isn't to say that sometimes tenacity isn't the best course of action. There's a lot to be said for learning from past errors and moving on with a friend you feel close to. And it's not entirely uncommon for people to call it quits with every intention of starting over once they've caught their breath.

After all, every relationship takes an effort.

But in most cases, Thomas Wolfe was probably right: You can't go home again because you're searching for something else. And although there may be adventures to be found in the past, you can be certain there are adventures in the undiscovered.

Through the Looking Glass

MIKE PINGREE
KRT Campus

IS IT CROWDED IN HERE, OR IS IT ME?

A German policeman obtained the mobile phone number of a fugitive, from justice, called him up, flirting with him and arranged a blind date.

The man, who was wanted in the town of Recklinghausen, came to a bar in downtown Berlin. "all dressed up" and unaware not only that his date was a girl, but that all the men at surrounding tables were undercover police officers, too. The date ended in his arrest.

HONEY, NOTHING CAN STOP US NOW:

An Albanian drug dealer was deported from Germany but slipped back in, and made the mistake of registering to marry his girlfriend in Cologne.

He was arrested a half-hour before the ceremony was to begin.

BUT OFFICER, THE HORSE WAS SOBER

Police arrested a man for drunken driving when they discovered him riding his horse down the sidewalk in Carson City, Nev., after having consumed 12 beers.

IT WAS, UM, A SECURITY MEASURE

A Southern California high school water polo coach was fired for his role in secretly videotaping girls undressing and taking showers in the locker room.

I JUST FELT LIKE IT, OK?

A man going up an escalator to work in a Brisbane, Australia, shopping mall was squirted on the back of his pants with two packets of soy sauce by the man behind him. The victim told police he did not know the man, but, incredibly, it was not the first time the guy had done this to him. The squirts were arrested, but refused to explain why he did it.

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'The Credeaux Canvas' Ensemble Theatre produces big hit comedy play

HOLLY HAYDEN
Northerner Contributor

"The Credeaux Canvas," a comedy by Keith Bunin, opened last Wednesday night to a packed house at the Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati.

"The Credeaux Canvas" is the story of three people who put together their talent, beauty and cunning in an attempt to scam an old art collector for a lot of cash.

After the death of his father, Jaime, played Andrew Burkhardt, devises a scheme to have his roommate, Winston, played by Mike DiSalvo, create a painting in the style of an obscure, but emerging artist using Jaime's girlfriend, Amelia, played by Carrie L. Ragsdale, as the subject of the painting. Throw in some mixed up emotions, deceptions gone wrong and friendships torn apart and you have "The Credeaux Canvas."

This play is amazing in its simplicity, yet totally entertaining and hilarious. It captures the humor in

everyday banter between friends while also pointing out the raw emotion experienced by these characters. The characters remind you of someone you know and strike you as people you could meet anywhere.

Mike DiSalvo is superb as Winston, a nervous, but talented artist who shuns himself off from other people. From the quirks of tugging on his shirtleeves to his cut, cruel words to Amelia, DiSalvo is an amazing talent.

Andrew Burkhardt, as Jaime, is also wonderful. Although, because of his abrasiveness and somewhat sly behavior, he isn't as likeable as the other characters, Burkhardt still brings him to life in a raw, emotional way. He fills the mold Bunin cast for Jaime.

Amelia, played by Carrie L. Ragsdale, is a character with so much emotion and such feeling, that Ragsdale's performance is breathtaking. Through the emotions of destroying a love and kindling a new one and through the heart-

breaking scenario of an abortion, she comes off a completely real. There is never a discernible moment when her heart isn't completely in her character.

As Tess, a character that appears on stage for a maximum of twenty minutes, Dale Hodges wowed the audience with her performance. She even received her own ovation as she exited the scene. She is delightful as an older art collector who illuminates not only the forgery of the painting, but also some of the feelings between our trio. She is absolutely fantastic. Her credits also include "Death of a Salesman," "The Vagina Monologues" and "A Christmas Carol."

"The Credeaux Canvas," directed by M. Patrick Deavy, absolutely sparkled during its run at the Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati. It wouldn't be at all surprising to see any of the names associated with this play go on not only to more plays within Cincinnati, but also to plays on a national level as well.

FEATURES

Helpful tips for students buying new or used cars

JERRY PADGETT
Northern Contributor

Being a Northern Kentucky University student, at a largely-community school, one cannot help but notice the abundance of cars as you arrive and leave your parking space on campus each day. Everywhere you look: cars.

With transportation playing such a key role in obtaining a higher education, you have found yourself contemplating a replacement—something more reliable, something easier on the eyes, or something just plain newer. Because being a college student goes hand-in-hand with having a thin wallet, finding a new car may have fallen to the wayside with tuition, books, and rent piling up.

But maybe things have made a turn for the better. You have decided you can work extra hours while you take classes; you made the big grades and got some extra scholarship money; you're finally finishing up your degree and are ready for the big, new car to go along with the big, new life. However, it happened, you have enough money to think

about replacing the clunker you drive to school everyday. Now, after making so many sacrifices to free up that money, you want to spend it wisely. The following are some tips that can help you get the most car for your hard-earned dollar.

First and foremost, do not determine a good deal by judging a monthly price figure. The popular, "so what are you looking to spend per month?" play is common amongst car salesmen. Other factors need to be considered before determining a figure to be a "good deal," such as the length of the financing term and the decision to buy or lease. Always go by the total price of the car.

Depending upon the demand for that car, you should look to pay close to what is reported as invoice price. Even invoice price leaves room for a dealer to make profit as they often receive other discounts, such as for ordering their cars in bulk. You can take that total price and calculate monthly payments on your own before going to the dealership. This will allow you to have an honest idea of what you can afford on a monthly basis and what is a

good deal on the car.

Financing is another significant component of the sale. Especially when buying a used vehicle, your own homework and try to find your own financing. Dealers usually have a hot list of banks and lending institutions that they partnered with for the benefit of both parties. By calling the banks and credit unions, you are no longer at the mercy of what the dealership's finance guys have decided will be a good rate for you. This is a very important step as you may be paying thousands of dollars in interest over the term of your purchase.

Along with any cash, you may also be trading in your old vehicle as a down payment. The mantra here is that you will get more for your car if you sell it on your own. This is undoubtedly true and it may not be as painstaking as you think. Ads on web sites such as AutoTrader.com and Cars.com can be an effective means for selling your car, especially when coupled with a fair, realistic price. One insultingly low trade-in estimate may be all it takes as a prompt to explore this option.

Leasing versus buying is another

decision. Leasing is not as black and white as buying, with more variables to consider including the car's mileage and condition upon being returned. It does allow for you to get more car for your money, but obviously at the cost of having nothing to show for that money at the end of the term. While it may be enjoyable to drive a different car every few years, your financial demands may change to where you wish you had a car that was already paid for and yours to own. Of course, you can always make the decision to buy the car you are leasing. In this case, the quicker you change your mind, the less money you will be throwing away. Waiting until the end of the lease and then buying will be very costly. For most, a traditional purchase of a vehicle makes more sense than a lease.

Remember not to get stuck on any one particular car. If you are in a situation where a dealer is not willing to negotiate, there is surely one out there that will. Don't be afraid to drive a little out of your way too, if necessary.

Extending the vehicle's warranty

is always a nice plus, if you can work it into the deal. You should also search the Internet for available rebates and promotions for the model you are looking at. Many dealers will offer first-time buyer or recent graduate discounts. Keep all discounts in mind and use them in conjunction with, not in place of, negotiations for the vehicle's price.

Finally, do you really have to buy new? You can always get a more for your money by buying a used, let someone else take the big initial hit of depreciation. With all of the zero percent incentives since the fall of last year, dealerships have an abundance of quality, used cars that they are eager to move. A car a year or two older may allow you to get more for your insurance dollar, too. Used car buying also provides the opportunity of buying from an owner, which may or may not be an easier task. This is where it pays to know what you are looking for and what the trouble areas are for that specific model. Again, the Internet provides a valuable research tool.

A purchase the magnitude of a car is not something to take lightly and go into unprepared. A lot of money

can be saved or lost when negotiating price and setting up financing. It can also be easy to think you're getting a good deal when you're not. Whether buying or leasing, going new or used, it is critical to put the time into investigating that vehicle's pricing and history. All of this said, you should test drive as many different models as you can find that meet your own, specific criteria. There is no substitute for evaluating the car first-hand. Shop wisely and you can find something more dependable, stylish, and current to suit to and through the parking lot with.

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Fun facts about Krispy Kreme doughnuts

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

- Stores across North America produce more than 5 million doughnuts a day and more than 2 billion a year. A typical store produces more than 3,000 doughnuts an hour. Larger stores can produce up to 12,000 an hour.
- Krispy Kreme produces enough doughnuts in a week to make a line

from New York City to Los Angeles.

- Talk about a glazing trail.
- In two minutes, Krispy Kreme stores can produce enough doughnuts to make a stack the height of the Empire State Building.
- Krispy Kreme uses enough chocolate each year to fill two Olympic-size swimming pools and a million pounds of sprinkles, equivalent to the weight of 145 elephants.

- Krispy Kreme's is a hot commodity at weddings. Brides and grooms serve the doughnuts at their receptions.

- Krispy Kreme doughnut rings are formed by using air pressure to force dough through an extruder. No holes are cut; therefore, alas, there will never be Krispy Kreme doughnut holes.



What's better for breakfast, lunch and dinner than a Krispy Kreme? Not much if you are a lover of doughnuts.

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Campus Calendar

6 Wednesday	7 Thursday	8 Friday	9 Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Votruba meets with students at 5 to 7 p.m. in Norse Commons 117 FREE PIZZA. Students options allow the University to help form the strategic agenda for the next five years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLS Gatlinburg Retreat • NKU Brass Choir in Greaves Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Conducted by Jonathan Gresham. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kentucky Academy of Science 88th Annual Meeting in SC at 6 p.m. which continues to Nov. 9. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 6:05 p.m. men's basketball team first game of the season plays • University of Cincinnati Bearcats at the Shoemaker Center. Student tickets are \$10, pick up tickets at the Student Life Office UC Suite 10 and for non-student tickets call 859-572-6639.
10 Sunday	11 Monday	12 Tuesday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cincinnati Pops Orchestra world premiere of guitar soloist Tim Berens' transcription of "Rhapsody in Blue" at 7 p.m. at Music Hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensemble Theatre continues "The Theatre of the Mind" series with a professional playing reading of "Greek Holiday." Tickets are \$5 and available at the ETC box office. For more info call 513-421-3555 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Group Tri-State Center for Financial Planning 6 to 9:30 p.m. in NS 210. 	<p>Are you planning an NKU social event?</p> <p>Send your event listings to northerner@nku.edu</p>

Trick-or-Treaters came to NKU dorms for candy and games

MICHAEL FESMAN
Northern Contributor

The Halloween Haunted Hall Preschool-Third Grade Party kicked off in Northern Kentucky Wesleyan's Commonwealth Hall Thursday October 31, 2002 from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

The Kentucky and Commonwealth Residents and Assistants put the Halloween party on for third graders together.

"We put this together for local children just to come in and trick or treat and have fun and play games and get prizes," said Jen Jackson, a student at NKU.

"We did this so they don't have to trick or treat in the cold," said Penny Weddley, another student at NKU.

The reason that Commonwealth Lobby was chosen was because it has 3 different wings. Kentucky Hall has only 2 wings. There is also

a loft here, which makes it good for a movie. It was more roomier here than in Kentucky Hall as well.

"I am doing 'pop the Halloween creature,'" said Allison Althorn. "It's either orange or black dots and according to what dot we get, you get a certain type of prize when you throw a little beanbag at it."

Danielle Bradford, who is 6 years old, came dressed up as a leopard. Bradford played the "Gone fishin' game," and put the skeleton together, as well as playing many other games. "I had a lot of fun," said Bradford. "I felt the 'eyeballs' and 'intestines' in the morgue."

Dustin Hensley, who is also 6 years old, came dressed up as GI Joe. Hensley played all the games. "I had a good time," said Hensley. Hensley came with his mom.

Anthony kinyaluts and Alex West came dressed as themselves. "It was pretty exciting," they said.

"We got a lot of candy." They are both from Wilder and both go to Campbell County School.

Logan and Morgan Clark came dressed up as army guys. Logan is 6 and Morgan is 3. Morgan likes the G.I. Joe commercials. "I feel good playing all the games tonight," said Morgan. Morgan went up to the morgue and busted the balloons. Both boys got to see where their sister lives.

Barritini and Taelor McMillin came dressed up as clowns. Barritini is 6 years old and Taylor is 4 years old. "We had a good time," they said. "We felt the brains up at the morgue."

Gabriel Lupinski, who will be 4 years old this Christmas, came dressed up as Batman. "I had a great time and I want to play again," said Lupinski.

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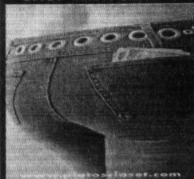
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ENTERTAINMENT



Members of the Ventura, California based band, Army of Freshmen. The band is working on getting dates set up the Cincinnati area.

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Upcoming movie releases

CHARLES EAILY
The Dallas Morning News

OPENING NOV. 6:

FEMME FATALE A con woman tries to go straight, but her past keeps getting in the way. Rebecca Romijn-Stamos stars, and Antonio Banderas plays her lover. Brian De Palma directs, but the buzz is bad.

OPENING NOV. 8:

8 MILE Buzz is red-hot for the big-screen debut of rapper Eminem. It's about a Detroit loser who tries to make something of his life. Kim Basinger plays his mama.

ALL OR NOTHING On the international film scene, few directors are as revered as Mike Leigh. Once again, he turns his camera toward the British working class and tracks the ups and downs of a family. Timothy Spall and Lesley Manville star.

ROGER DODGER Campbell Scott stars as a cynical advertising copywriter who thinks he's an artist when it comes to manipulating women. New Yorkers are hailing its urbane wit.

SLAP HER, SHE'S FRENCH A French foreign-exchange student comes to a small Texas high school, befriends a classmate and practically takes over her life.

EQUILIBRIUM In the future, all emotions and art are banned so that social control can be maintained. Christian Bale, however, gets a chance to overthrow the system. Taye Diggs and Emily Watson co-star.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

This week's website of the week is live365.com. If you want to hear all different types of music from your computer, then this is where you need to be. You can find everything from alternative to talk shows and all that stuff in between. You can even find NKU's own WRFN broadcasting on live 365. This site also features music from other colleges around the country. So, if you're into music go and check it out.

Buried Alive: Covering lesser knowns

This weeks column features Chris Jay, lead singer of the band Army of Freshmen talking about influences and much more

JOSH FLOWERS
Assistant Entertainment Editor

This week I take a look at the sunny side. No east coast this time but a look at the underground of California. Chris Jay is the lead singer for the band Army of Freshmen. If this name means nothing to you perhaps the names of some of the bands they have played with will. Sum 41, They Might Be Giants, Reef Big Fish and Fountain of Wayne to name a few. Chris is also actively searching for a venue to play here locally sometime in December. They go anywhere for their fans and pick up on the way. But enough of the talking about Chris let's let Chris introduce himself.

Who are you?

My name is Chris Jay and I am in

a band called The Army of Freshmen out of Ventura, CA. I moved here from New Jersey after I graduated school. Lived alone for a year, wrote 500 songs, lost my mind, started a band. Couple years later here we are. Sorta kinda known in remote corners of the rock n roll world.

What are you striving for?

To pay the rent and assorted bills by making records and touring and it is a struggle!

What was your personal greatest moment with Army of Freshmen?

There's so many little things that make it all worthwhile but the few dates we've gotten on the Warped Tour have been really overwhelming. Playing in front of 1,000 people in a state you've never been

to before and having them go nuts, meeting bands you admire, making friends with new people...well that's pretty much what I live for.

Who's been your favorite band to perform with?

It's usually the best when you play with your friends. So in that case, Split Habit in Chicago, Psycho Cafe in Ventura. Most of the bigger acts don't really kick it with the openers. There's exceptions though. We try and be cool with whoever we play with.

Who would you like to perform with?

Personally, I'd give an arm to play on the same stage as Tom Waits but for the sake of the band and making fans-one of the big all ages bands like Blink or Good Charlotte. Not that I'd rush out to buy either of their

albums but the fan base is similar.

Influences?

Speaking for the band, The Hippos, Weezer, They Might Be Giants all influence our sound a lot but we're still I think one of the more original bands out there. We've got 2 keyboards so that really sets us apart.

What's your creative fuel?

Beef Jerky. Planet of The Apes. What are you working on now? As we speak I am trying to put together a low budget tour of the Mid West, a process that is much harder than it sounds. I guess the big news is a record company in Japan is going to put out our record there next year! Which means we get to tour over there and that's always been one of our biggest goals.

What song would you love to

cover but your handmates would never let you?

The 70s classic, "Brandi, You're A Fine Girl". Amazing song. Go ahead and laugh but it kicks ass, hopeful and sad all at the same time. Which of your songs mean the most to you?

"Paradise" cause it's about a friend who got into some really bad trouble. For some reason it seems to always go over live too, I guess it strikes a chord and that is a real honor. I just wish there was a different reason why it was written.

Favorite thing to do when not performing?

Anything to do with the band. I am addicted to it. I'm pretty sure it will be the death of me.

Your epiphany:
www.armyoffreshmen.com

Sandler shows different side in 'Punch Drunk Love'

CHAD CLIFT
Northerner Contributor

Adam Sandler has always been known for his morose humor and wacky voice.

For those of us who have seen and loved him in movies such as Billy Madison, The Waterboy, Happy Gilmore and The Wedding Singer, you will be seeing a different side of him in Punch-Drunk Love.

The movie could be considered somewhat of a coming-of-age movie for Sandler who is now beginning to get a little older and may be trying to gradually move into a more mature role as an actor.

This transformation began with Big Daddy and Mr. Deeds and has now possibly come full circle in Punch-Drunk Love.

To date, this does not appear to be Sandler's best performance. The movie has been receiving mixed

reviews thus far from film critics.

Roger Ebert gives the movie 3 1/2 stars and Peter Rainer of the New York Metro says that the movie, "unsatisfying as it often is, it's still the kind of oddity that could only come from a real talent."

Personally, the film was not anything of what I expected it to be. It is lacking some of the child-like humor that we have come to expect from an actor such as Sandler and has tried to move him into more of a mature role.

Barry Egan (Sandler) is an executive of a toilet plunger company in Los Angeles. He has seven sisters who are always trying to butt into his life and are constantly making fun of him. Barry tries to be social at a family gathering but after enough tension builds up, he explodes and begins kicking out the glass patio doors.

Barry is at home one evening and decides to try out a phone-sex line.

Georgia (Ashley Clark) answers the phone and talks to Barry. The next morning, before he goes to work, Georgia calls Barry back and asks if he would be able to help her pay her rent.

Barry of course declines and cancels his credit cards once he arrives at work. Georgia calls back and warns him that he should not have canceled them. The phone-sex company then sends four thugs to try and extract money from Barry and intimidate him.

Meanwhile, Barry's sister, Elizabeth (Mary Lynn Rajskub), is trying to fix him up with one of her coworkers, Lena Leonard (Emily Watson) and Barry begins to have mutual feelings for each other and when she goes to Hawaii for business, Barry surprises her by showing up in Hawaii.

One of the ongoing aspects that are going on throughout the movie is the lophole that Barry finds in a

Healthy Choice promotion involving "Sky Miles." Healthy Choice began a promotion that would earn someone 500 "Sky Miles" by collecting a certain number of proofs of purchase. Barry found that there are four proofs on each four pack of pudding. He buys stacks of pudding and when he tries to cash it in for his trip to Hawaii the operator tells him that it takes six to eight weeks to process. Barry is then forced to pay out of pocket for his trip.

Punch-Drunk Love is a movie with too many aspects going on at once.

It at times was hard to follow and made me think, "What exactly is going on here?" Overall would I recommend the movie? Probably not, because I was disappointed that I was not able to see Adam Sandler in his more familiar role. From an actor standpoint, Sandler does an exceptional job filling the role of Barry. This is certainly a feather in

the cap to his acting abilities. Whether this is the beginning of a new era in the life of Adam Sandler, we are yet to see, but for now we still have Happy Gilmore and Billy Madison.



BOGART's SHOWS

Kottonmouth Kings with Mix Mob and Ill Kid, Nov. 8 at 8:30 p.m.
The Blasters with Laura Minor, Nov. 9 at 8:30 p.m.
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Lords of Acid with D J Redboy, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m.
Circle Jerks, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m.

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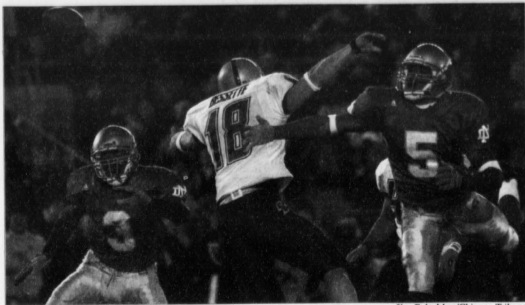
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Boston College's Doug Bessette (18) gets in between Notre Dame's Amaz Battle (3) and Rhema McKnight (5) to break up the pass in the end zone late in the fourth quarter of the Eagles 14-7 upset over the Fighting Irish, Saturday, November 2, 2002, in South Bend, Indiana.

Green jerseys leave Irish feeling blue

REGGIE HAYES

English Rider Newspapers

Tyrone Williams refused to use any excuses for Notre Dame's 14-7 upset loss to Boston College Saturday at the Stadium Rockne Bowl and NBC Incorporated. That doesn't mean the Fighting Irish faithful don't need a few implausible explanations of their own.

Here, then, are the Top Five mythical excuses for Notre Dame's fall:

1. Irish running backs had a pregame meal of barbecue ribs, but there weren't enough wet naps to go around. You trying holding onto the football after a couple helpings of baby backs.

2. Notre Dame picked an inopportune time to salute the Bob Davie Era.

3. When Willingham decided to use throw-back jerseys, confused Irish offensive players thought they had to "throw back" the ball to Boston College.

4. The referees, seeing only ugly uniforms, mistook Notre Dame for Penn State and cheated the Irish out of a clear touchdown.

5. Alien abduction.

Ever since I adjusted the hue on my television trying to compensate for Notre Dame's green jerseys, Tom Brokaw looks like a member of the Blue Man Group.

Super-human undefeated seasons went by the wayside for Notre

Dame, Virginia Tech, Georgia and North Carolina State. In each game, the Kryptonite appeared in different forms.

Notre Dame: green jerseys and butter fingers.

Virginia Tech: The Wreck of the Pittsburgh Fitzgerald, aka Larry Fitzgerald, who had three touchdown catches.

Georgia: Rex Grossman, impersonating himself, circa 2001.

North Carolina State: a dose of reality.

Four undefeated teams remain as the Bowl Championship Series takes shape, but two things appear certain: Bowling Green will not play Notre Dame and Notre Dame will not be bowling green.

Penn State's 18-7 win over Illinois was remarkable on two fronts: Larry Johnson broke his own single-game rushing record with 279 yards and Joe Paterno did nothing to elicit a cringe from the Big Ten director of officiating.

Wisconsin wide receiver Lee Evans, out for the season with a knee injury, was charged on Friday with possession of marijuana and speeding. He faces a maximum of a \$1,000 fine or six months in jail or both. The school is deciding whether to get tough with its punishment and make him sit through a replay of Wisconsin's 20-3 loss to Iowa.

Michigan players, coaches and fans felt cheated last season when a Michigan State's scoreboard clock stopped with one second left on a Jeff Smoker spike and the Spartans staged a final game-winning play.

History repeated itself in a fashion Saturday: Michigan State had about one second of quality play in a 49-3 loss to Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Michigan State has lost four straight games by an average of 28 points per game. The Indiana Hoosiers, meanwhile, managed to lose to hapless Northwestern 41-37 Saturday in Evanston, Ill.

So when Michigan State travels to Indiana this week, the game will not be televised because of an FCC rule against airing programming unsuitable for children during daytime hours.

Purdue freshman quarterback Brandon Kirsch admitted injuring his "driving hand" when a punch aimed at a frat-party antagonist ended up hitting a wall instead. He apologized to his teammates, coaches and Purdue fans last week.

Moral of the story: Never leave your dorm without your brain or at least an offensive lineman.

There is no truth to the rumor that No. 1 Miami fell behind 17-8 before beating Rutgers 42-17 because the Hurricanes were distracted by Notre Dame's green jerseys.

Payne both scored goals Sunday afternoon as the Rockhurst (Mo.) University men's soccer team defeated Northern Kentucky University, 2-0.

Luke Denney posted the shutout for Rockhurst (14-2), which is ranked No. 15 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll. NKU finished the season with a 6-10-2 record.

The Norse pounded Kentucky Wesleyan College, 6-0, on Oct. 27, but were eliminated from GLVC Tournament contention as a result of a loss to Bellarmine college, 3-1, on Oct. 25.

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No. 1 Norse eyeing GLVC Tournament Championship

WILDER, Ky. - Stephanie Sandfoss, Bessie Black and Michelle Kelly scored goals Sunday afternoon as the Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team defeated the University of Indianapolis, 3-0, in the first round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament at the Town & Country Sports Complex.

Sandfoss opened the scoring for NKU at the 29:16 mark by slipping a shot past Indianapolis goalie Maggie Miller. It was the 14th goal of the season for Sandfoss, who leads the GLVC in that category.

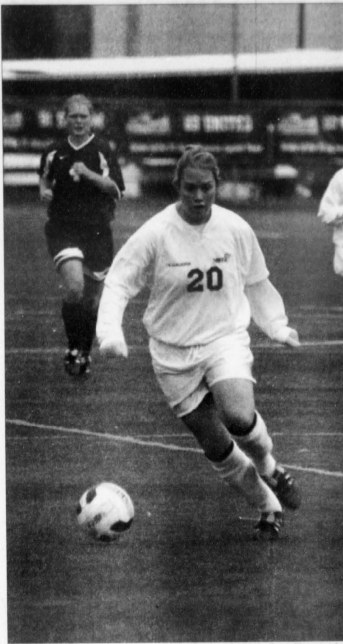
Black and Kelly added second-half goals as top-seeded NKU improved to 17-0-2 overall and advanced to the GLVC Tournament semifinals at 6:30 p.m. this Friday at the Town & Country Sports Complex. It was the 11th shutout of the season for the NKU defense, which limited Indianapolis (7-11) to just two shots.

The Norse will play either Quincy University or the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in the semifinals. The GLVC championship will be played at noon on Nov. 10. NKU, which is ranked No. 1 nationally in the NCAA.

Division II poll, has never lost (11-0 all-time) in the GLVC Tournament.

NKU is 38-0-4 in its last 42 matches against GLVC teams. 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.

NKU 3, INDIANAPOLIS 0
GOALS: NKU-Sandfoss, Black, Kelly. SHUTOUT: Zalla, Westerling.
Utility (1 save). RECORDS: NKU 17-0-2, UI 7-11.



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NKU Sophomore forward Bobbi Meister makes her way around University of Indianapolis defenders, in a 3-0 victory Sunday afternoon.

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Leveling the playing field

Homosexual athletes are still not accepted in most sports, but a strong leader may change that

ROBERT DIETZ

The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

Esera Tualo played for five teams in his nine-year career as a nose guard in the National Football League. After being drafted 35th overall in 1991, Tualo played for the Green Bay Packers, the Carolina Panthers, the Minnesota Vikings, the Jacksonville Jaguars, and played in Super Bowl XXXIII with the Atlanta Falcons. In his prime, Tualo was 280 pounds and could run 40 yards in 4.8 seconds. He retired in 1999. He is gay.

While playing football, Tualo wanted to kill himself. He drank shot after shot of tequila every night before going to sleep to drown his troubles. He recently told HBO in an interview for Real Sports that he sank further and further into depression. He retired, not because of an injury but because his sexual preference is not acceptable in male professional sports. He was forced to decide on continuing with the lie he had lived with for years, or to quit the sport he loved and move on with his life. He now lives with his partner of six years and has adopted twin children. His life since leaving football is a success story, but it was a tragedy just three years ago. There is an important lesson to be learned from athletes like Tualo. I say athletes like him because there

are more, yet don't know of them yet. Homosexuals have become relatively accepted in our society. There are, of course, still fights to be fought, but enormous progress has been made in virtually every area of our culture. Every area that is, except male team sports.

Women's sports have gone further than to simply accept homosexuals. Gay women athletes are encouraged just as all women are to play sports. Men, on the other hand, are told sports aren't meant for them if they are attracted to their own sex. Male sports are too macho for homosexuals. For whatever reason, men cannot foresee playing for a team and showering in a locker room with a gay man, yet women don't seem to have a problem with this.

Last year the editor of Out magazine, a national publication for homosexuals, wrote that he was dating a nationally known baseball player on a team on the east coast. This summer Mike Piazza, the All-Star catcher of the New York Mets, went to great lengths to disprove a news story that reported he was gay. He feared being ostracized from the sport he loves.

Both Piazza's and Tualo's sagas prove the intolerance of homosexuals in male team sports. It should be noted, however, that it is only a

matter of time before a major athlete comes out while he is still on the field.

When he does, it will be monumental. The player will be hated. He will be yelled at, taunted and abused by members of his league, city and even his own team. If it is baseball, pitchers will throw at him and players will spike him with their cleats as they slide into a base. If this sounds familiar it's because the same thing happened 55 years ago in 1947 for the Brooklyn Dodgers, but for the gay community, it would have a similar impact. The most obvious difference is that there was no way for Robinson to hide who he was. Tualo played for nine seasons in front of five different cities and was on national television every Sunday and they only found out he was gay last week.

It is also true that the civil rights movement had not even begun when Robinson took the field. Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, the Little Rock Nine and the bus boycott were still a decade away when Branch Rickey signed Robinson. We have no laws prohibiting homosexuals from drinking in all water fountains or eating at restaurants.

For all these reasons it will be easier for the first gay male athlete than it was for Robinson, but the announcement will still be historic. Gay people are becoming more comfortable with their homosexuality in everyday life, yet we have still not found a way to make them feel invited in male sports.

The case of Esera Tualo should be a wake-up call to everyone involved with sports, including fans. If we want our sports culture to be as pure as we claim it is, we need to understand that Tualo played football as well as any heterosexual at his position. We think homosexuals don't have a place in our world of helmet-to-helmet hits, pitchers of beer and cheerleaders. In reality, we are weakening our games by limiting who can play them. For sports fans that are too intolerant and stubborn to accept homosexuals, look at it from the perspective of the game. Football lost a great player when Tualo retired and he will lose more if it doesn't shape up.

From Jackie Robinson to Title IX, sports have been a part of our culture we look at to pave the way for civil liberties. We accept homosexuals in our classrooms, on our buses and as our friends, but not as our athletes. We need someone to step up right now and carry the torch when it comes to homosexuality as well.

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Close the 'prison' and bring on the concerts

JASON ELLIS
Entertainment Editor

Is it just me, or is this campus one of the dullest, drab and boring places to be?

There are hardly ever any fun things to do on this campus. That is, of course, if you're not a frat boy or sorority girl. They have things going on all the time, but what about those of us who are not and have no interest in that?

This is a big problem, and what makes NKU the classic commuter campus. Don't get me wrong, some of the events held on campus are not, but then again, a lot of them are not.

This whole idea came to me when I was reading an issue of EKV's newspaper and saw that they put on a concert featuring Nappy Roots, who are a national act. I started to think, why don't we have things like that going on here?

I'm sure it can't be that hard to get bands to come to campus, or at venues near campus. I'm pretty sure there are many local bands as well as national acts that would

love to come to a college campus and perform. After all, we do buy a lot of their music and we go to their concerts when they come to town. It could be held as a student only event.

Good idea, huh? The school could even team up with Channel Z radio and have one of their concerts in their free concert series on campus. Just think how well that would go over on this campus. What student wouldn't enjoy coming out of a late class and hear a band rocking these stone buildings to the ground.

A concert on campus would even make me drag my butt out of The Northerner office and actually enjoy this campus.

This editorial is mainly directed at the Activities Programming Board. Start planning fun stuff like concerts and the like and make this campus a fun place to be. Otherwise, NKU will forever look and feel like a cold, unfriendly prison. I know you people down there don't want that, and as a person who lives for entertainment, I don't want to see it either.

Black hall of fame right to induct Clinton

AMEY ADKINS

Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

Bill Clinton is black. Well, not really. However, just last month, on Oct. 19, former president Bill Clinton was inducted into the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame. However, only one point of interest was raised by this ceremony.

Bill Clinton is a white man. Regardless, his color did not seem to hinder the event organizers of the ceremony in Arkansas, and thus, it should not hinder anyone else. Bill Clinton has earned his coveted spot among the black hall of fame, once again breaking barriers and thinking innovatively in attempts to bring together communities. No one can criticize the sincere rapport Clinton has built with black constituents. And no one should criticize the decision made by the people of Arkansas to induct him into the state Black Hall of Fame. We

should be happy to see someone who deserves to be recognized for their contributions in spite of color.

What Arkansas has done with the idea and perspective of a "black" hall of fame is expand a limited definition to include people who have made serious contributions to the black community, specifically in Arkansas, even if they are not black. "This honor makes a lot of sense. It is this community's way of saying thank you to him for the work that he has done," said Charles Stewart, the hall of fame's chairman and founder. He further stated that black Arkansas residents and Clinton have had a long relationship of mutual admiration. If Bill Clinton has moved the hearts of those in Arkansas enough to grant him this honor, then perhaps they have set an example for how people should evaluate community leaders — even outside of specifications based on race.

The selection committee chose

Clinton, the former Arkansas governor and two-term president, for his efforts to appoint blacks to high levels of state and federal government, in addition to his work after his presidency to fight AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean.






Clinton, who was once famously described by author Toni Morrison to be "our first black president," is the first non-black to be recognized in the 10-year history of the Hall of Fame. While addressing the audience of 850 people, Clinton stated "I owe you way more than you owe me." You have looked beyond the color of my skin to the truth of my heart." And so it should be.

Is it important that Bill Clinton is not a member of the black community? Absolutely not. He has made a sincere effort to advance minorities and our communities both in and out of office. The induction now forever ranks Clinton as Arkansas among the likes of poet Maya Angelou, Ebony and Jet magazine

publisher John H. Johnson Jr., former Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders, gospel singer Al Green and Dr. Edith Iby Jones, the first black graduate of the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

There are no ulterior motives to this appointment. In response to an inquiry regarding Clinton's attempts to get the black vote, it was implied that his consistent dedication to the people of Arkansas has already secured it. In the 1980s, Clinton was the first white candidate for governor to truly reach out and include the black voters of Arkansas. He went so far as to eat with them on their porches, pray with them at their churches and invite them into the governor's office as valued constituents. Minorities do not often get so much attention from busy political candidates. For this reason, our former president deserves the honor he has received.

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