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SGA to renovate recreation center

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News Editor

The Student Government Association designated the renovation of the Campus Recreation Center their number one priority for the 2002-2003 academic year, at their Sept. 9 meeting. By unanimous vote, the SGA agreed to use funds from the Student Union Reserve Fund to finance the project. The Student Union Reserve Fund was initiated over 10 years ago to provide a new student union on campus, but at an estimated cost of \$27 million, the university needs state funds to help finance the project.

According to Katie Herschede, SGA president, "a new student union is an NKU and student priority, but, it is not a state priority."

Herschede believes it will be at least four years before a new university center will be underway.

"Students have been paying into the Student Union Reserve Fund for over a decade with no return on investment," said Herschede.

The renovation of the fitness center will provide a tangible and immediate return on investment for students. "The fitness center gives immediate gratification at only one year of fees," Herschede said.

The SGA approved up to \$400,000 of the current \$2.2 million reserve to fund the renovations. It is a small amount of money compared to the great benefits the renovation will provide for the students, faculty, staff, alumni and their families, Herschede said.

The CRC, which is located in the Albright Health Center, is available for use by students and faculty at no charge. However, many students pay \$40 or more for gym memberships off campus simply because the CRC is not adequate, according to Herschede.

The SGA "has heard over and over from students that they want the fitness center renovated...it is desperately needed," Herschede said.

The CRC was built in 1984 and still has the original nautilus machines. The equipment is "severely out of date," according to Steve Tibble, Director of Campus Planning.

The renovations will include creating a large weight room by tearing down a wall that separates the current weight room from a multi-purpose room. The new weight room

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SAMANTHA WARNER
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"We are a people who, when confronted by challenge, always seem to stand up, never stand aside," Northern Kentucky University President Dr. James Votruba said at a campus memorial ceremony on the one year anniversary of Sept. 11.

New security measures address campus theft

JOHN H. KEATHLEY III
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Have you ever left your backpack in the hallway while you went to the restroom? Ever left your car windows down while you went to class? Ever left your doors unlocked? If you answered yes, you may be well on your way to becoming a victim of theft.

Since August 1, 14 thefts have occurred on campus, according to Lt. Col. Jeff Martin, operations commander for the Department of Public Safety. Martin says that students should realize they can

take steps to prevent themselves from being victimized.

"The majority of thefts have really been avoidable," Martin said.

Since the items most commonly stolen on campus are backpacks and parking decals, he recommends that students avoid leaving backpacks unattended and avoid leaving car windows down.

Jeff Butler, director of public safety, agrees and urges students to be cautious.

"Don't make yourself an opportunity for a thief," said



A crowd gathered outside Steady Library, Sept. 11, 2002 to remember the events of one year ago.

Stacey Sutton/Photo Editor

Ceremony Memorializes Sept. 11

NKU and the community remember the day, one year ago, that changed America.

Symphonic Winds and Concert Band conducted by David Deirick. The American flag was then raised up. As Chuck Korzenborn, Sheriff of Kenton County played Taps, the flag was lowered to half-mast.

President Votruba introduced the first speaker, Richard Patterson, Executive Director of Disabled American Veterans.

Patterson received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for serving his country in the Vietnam War and he wished to express his sympathy and prayers.

Everyone must voice "never again," Patterson said. That Americans paid the price so that future generations may live in peace," he said.

Gary Toebben, President of Northern Kentucky Chamber of

Commerce also spoke to the large crowd. As he recited, "America the Beautiful," students, professors, faculty and community members watched and listened quietly, many with tears in their eyes.

Adriana Galarza, Freshman Business Major, was working for American Airlines on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. She remembers people calling to find out about loved ones. She had a passenger list but wasn't permitted to give them any information. "It was horrible," she said.

Adam Fuller and Mary Clair, Lieutenants for Central Campbell County Fire Department, said the ceremony was emotional and they were glad to see everyone coming together.

"This sends a powerful message for us [public service officials] to do what we do," said Jeff Dektas, sergeant and assistant police chief for the City of Wilder. The job really pays off with the citizen's support, he said.

Votruba addressed the crowd urging them to value and redefine themselves to the "American Dream." America's strength is to be found in its people," he said.

Tom and Kate Williams, NKU alumni, lost their son, Brian Williams, in the WTC attacks. The Williams' attended a memorial service in New York City. NKU welcomed Brian's grandparents, Tom and Florence Burke, and other family members to the ceremony.



Photo Illustration

Butler.

While students can take some simple steps to protect themselves, DPS is also taking some steps to protect the campus from

theft. "We have patrols out all hours of the day," Martin said. Also, the cadets employed by DPS help by reporting suspicious activities.

Recently, DPS applied for a grant to fund new security features across campus. Unfortunately, the grant had already been used, so DPS must now wait for future grant sessions or seek other funds.

"We will keep looking," said Martin.

Once the needed funds are secured, DPS hopes to install many new security features

throughout the campus. One important aspect of the DPS plan is the installation of a new campus-wide camera system.

Currently, there are a couple cameras installed in certain high-tech rooms on campus, like computer labs. DPS also has a couple surveillance cameras they can temporarily install if needed.

According to Martin, these surveillance cameras are installed in areas DPS determines are "problem areas" - areas in which multiple thefts have occurred. Over the

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Students voice concerns at safety presentation

JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

Officials from the Department of Public Safety addressed student concerns at the third annual Public Safety presentation Sept. 9.

"There have been some incidents of fighting. There have been some incidents of alcohol abuse...and disturbing conduct, particularly back in the dormitory area," said Jeff Butler, Director of the Department of Public Safety.

On Aug. 27, around 1 a.m., DPS

officers responded to reports of numerous fights around Woodcrest apartment's open circle area.

According to the police report the groups scattered when officers approached.

Later on that morning DPS officers took a report from a female subject who said a male sexually assaulted her on the first floor of Woodcrest.

The subject also said the fight was in response to the assault.

Lt. Col. Jeff Martin declined to elaborate on the reports saying both incidents were related but under

investigation.

He did say, though, he thought the assault incident might come to a "non-criminal" outcome.

Students at the presentation asked what DPS was doing to prevent such incidents.

"Working together with Student Life and Student Government we have initiated programs that bring a police presence to the areas during the times [of the difficulties]," said Butler.

Lt. Col. Martin said some officers are working overtime to patrol the dorms.

Todd Duncan, Director of Residential Life, said DPS has been patrolling the fire lane near the dorms in an attempt to keep people, including residents and guests, from parking and hanging out in that area.

Martin said students have been cooperating with DPS and have requested extra patrols and other precautions.

Duncan said despite the increased patrols, residents are encouraged to bring guests.

"We don't want to harass [anyone]"

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Officer Robert Yelton 'pulls over' group of student volunteers at the Safety Presentation

DPS Reports

SEP 6 2002-Friday-11:00am

Location: STEELY LIBRARY
FIFTH FLOOR - THEFT-Theft By Unlawful Taking-Over
\$300 Dispo: Male University employee reported that subject(s) unknown removed a university owned Dell Laptop Computer from the listed location. Subject advised that the Laptop was last seen in July 2002. The Laptop was referred to the LINK/NCIC Computer System. Under investigation....



SEP 6 2002-Friday-09:45am

Location: PARKING LOT L - THEFT-Theft By Unlawful Taking-Under \$300 Dispo: Female reported that subject(s) unknown removed her 2002-2003 N.K.U. Parking Permit from her vehicle while it was parked at the listed location. Subject was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement. Under investigation....

SEP 6 2002-Friday-08:42pm

Location: PARKING LOT M - DRUG & WEAPON RELATED INCIDENT/ARREST - Arrest-Subject in Custody Dispo: Officer observed a subject sitting in a vehicle at the listed location. When the Officer approached the subject quickly exited the vehicle and appeared nervous. Officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. During questioning, subject admitted that they were marijuana in the vehicle. A weapon was also located in the vehicle. Subject was arrested, Issued a Kentucky State Citation for: trafficking in marijuana, possession of marijuana, trafficking within 1000 yards of a school and unlawful possession of a weapon on school property. Subject was transported and lodged in the Campbell County Jail. Case closed....

SEP 10 2002-Tuesday-01:38pm

Location: ALBRIGHT HEALTH CENTER - MEN'S LOCKER ROOM - THEFT-Theft By Unlawful Taking-Under \$300 Dispo: Male reported that subject(s) removed his wallet and its contents from the listed location. Complaint advised that the incident occurred on 9/9/02. Under investigation....

SEP 12 2002-Thursday-04:17pm

Location: PARKING LOT P - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF-Criminal Mischief-3rd Degree Dispo: Male subject reported that his vehicle had been damaged while parked at the listed location. Upon arrival, Officer spoke with the subject and observed a hairline crack in the windshield. There are no suspects at this time. Under investigation....

SEP 13 2002-Friday-07:39am

Location: SCIENCE CENTER - THIRD FLOOR - FIRE-Fire Reported After The Fact Dispo: On 9/12/2002 at 10:57am, the NKU Environmental Safety Officer advised NKU DPS Office that he had received information that a fire had occurred on 9/11/2002, at the listed location. Neither the NKU DPS Office or the NKU ESO's Office was notified of the fire when it occurred. A note, reporting the fire, was left on the NKU ESO's desk following the incident. The fire began when "oil being heated on a hot plate" caught fire. An unidentified student extinguished the fire with a fire extinguisher. No damage or injuries were reported, as a result of this incident. The Kentucky State Fire Marshall's Office was notified of this incident. Case closed....

Presentation: Increased patrols

one]," he said.

"Quite honestly it's not the students who live or come to school here who have been our problem," Butler said. "The problem has been presented by folks visiting from other universities and from non-university visitors."

On Sept. 6, DPS officer Jay Baker approached a man sitting inside a vehicle in Lot M. Baker found marijuana and a gun inside the car.

Lt. Col. Martin said the man was

from Louisville and had planned to attend a campus event.

The man was arrested and cited for trafficking in marijuana, possession of marijuana, trafficking within 1000 yards of a school and unlawful possession of a weapon on school property.

"It's a supply and demand type of thing," said Martin of one of the reasons why the man was on campus.

"It's important for the student body not to accept that," he said.

Recreation Center: Beneficial

will expand from the current 950 sq. feet to over 4,000 sq. feet and contain state-of-the-art equipment.

The weight room is the centerpiece and the draw for students, so it needs to have sufficient space, Tribble said.

Three of the current six basketball courts will be made into a new multi-purpose room with basketball courts, a gymnastic area and a climbing wall.

"It will be a much more desirable place to be," Tribble said.

In addition to providing an inviting workout space, the renovation will allow the health, fitness and physical education

departments to offer new and diverse courses such as, cardio and climbing classes.

While students and faculty need only swipe their All Card to gain admittance, alumni and family members pay membership fees to utilize the fitness area. The cost of membership ranges from \$84 to \$175 and membership is expected to increase "big time" once the renovations are complete, Tribble said.

According to Herschede, a renovated center will increase the revenue for the university as well as, "keep alumni coming back to campus."

The SGA believes the renovation

will encourage more alumni to utilize the facility which, in turn, will create stronger ties to alumni, increase public engagement.

The proposal has been approved by the SGA. Next, it will go through the Administrative Council, University Space Committee and, the Board of Regents for approval.

According to Tribble, they hope to have the project underway within the next 12-18 months. Once it is has final approval, forums will be held to get student input.



Brittany Contois/Photographer
Treadmills are a feature in the center.

Theft: New security cameras

summer DPS arrested a suspected thief using these surveillance cameras. That case is pending.

The camera system DPS wants to install will cost just under \$500,000. DPS wishes to install the cameras in high-tech classrooms, most hallways in campus

buildings, as well as, other areas.

The system allows live viewing via the Internet and will record the video feed from each camera.

In the event of a theft or other disturbance, DPS would be able to review the tapes to determine

what happened and, most importantly, who was responsible.

Also, Martin said having the tapes would help immensely because there would "not be a need for someone to observe the cameras at all times."

"I think the system is an oppor-

tunity for us to move forward," Butler said.

In addition to a campus-wide camera system, DPS hopes to install other security features in the future, including a swipe-card system for all campus buildings.

Swipe-Card protects campus

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Visitors to the new Natural Science Center may notice a small box on various doors throughout the facility.

This box, a magnetic-stripe card reader, is part of the new swipe-card system on campus.

Currently in place in limited use at the Natural Science Center, the swipe-card system allows the Department of Public Safety to prevent unauthorized access and to monitor access by persons

inside the facility.

While the Natural Science Center doors are open all day, persons wishing to gain access after hours or on the weekend must use a card that has been programmed to allow them access to the facility.

According to Lt. Col. Martin, DPS operations commander, swipe-cards can be programmed "with whatever is needed for your access."

Students possessing a valid NKU All-Card will also be able to

have their student card programmed to access the buildings.

Currently, two outside doors at the Natural Science Center have the swipe-card system. Inside the building, several classrooms, which have high-tech, expensive equipment, also have the swipe-card system.

In addition to the Natural Science Center, there will soon be another building with the swipe-card system in place.

"The new dorm being built will have all campus swipes," Martin

said. The new residence hall, which is scheduled for completion in July of next summer, will have a swipe-card system in place for each dorm room as well as the lobby.

While already in the Natural Science Center and already planned for the new dorm, DPS hopes to receive enough funds to eventually expand the swipe-card system.

"We'd like to see it throughout the university," Martin said.



Scott Houp, a TKE chapter advisor, and Eric Surder, a third year pledge, sit back and have a soda at one of the many display tables at this year's Safe Sex Party. Display tables were decorated in condoms and lubricant.

"[We are] trying to promote safe sex in general whether it be abstinence, contraceptive use, or any other safe practice," said Andy Carr, the philanthropy chair for community awareness.

People who attended the Party played games such as Family Feud where they answered survey questions on Sexually Transmitted Diseases and their prevention.

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No. 10, Kristen Noakes, drives past Christian Brothers goalie to score in the first half Sept. 15. A referee called Noakes off sides reversing the score 0-0. The Lady Norse later scored a penalty kick to win the game.

NKU stuns No. 1 Christian Brothers

ROBERT JONES
Northerner Contributor

The NKU women's soccer team remained unbeaten on Sunday with their biggest win of the season, 1-0 over Christian Brothers University. Christian Brothers was ranked No. 1 in the nation coming into the game.

Junior forward Allison Callaghan scored on a penalty kick at the 82:32 mark in the second half to give the Norse the victory. Senior Stephanie Sandfoss was held up on a breakaway that forced the penalty kick call.

The game was a hard-fought defensive struggle where scoring opportunities were very hard to come by. NKU's outshot Christian Brothers 10-5, but overall the two teams were very evenly matched.

Coach Bob Sheehan called the victory a team effort, but he was particularly impressed with the team defense. "It all starts in the back," he said, "and I thought our keeper Megan Zalla and our defenders were really solid." Freshman defender Ashley McCuffey in par-

ticular kept Christian Brothers off the scoreboard in the second half when she made a terrific sliding stop against forward Margaret Saurin, who was on a breakaway. Callaghan, who transferred to NKU from Ireland, scored her fourth goal of the season and admitted that the team had been waiting for this game. "We try to take every game as it comes, but we definitely kept one eye on this in particular," she said.

Coach Sheehan agreed that the victory gave the team an idea of how good they can be. "It's important from a self-confidence aspect in that we know we can compete with the best teams in the country," he said. Next for NKU is conference play, which begins Friday against Southern Indiana. The Norse improved to 6-0 on the season, but still plan to get practicing hard and continue to get better with each game.

"We're pleased with the progress and development of the team, and hopefully we'll continue to improve," Coach Sheehan said.

Running Norse fight hard

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Systems Manager

Yes, you've seen them. They toil everyday on the road and track to better themselves and their team. They're hard to miss. Maybe you look at them, remembering those laps some coach made you run as punishment or just how hot it is, and you think: "Man, crazy people." Maybe you sense an inspirational kind of kindred spirit, of the heart and of the goodness of the pack, stirring a guttural: "Go Norse!" Whether Crazies, Wowers, or Norse, these folks deserve their props.

Both the men's and women's teams are coached by former NKU and University of Cincinnati runner Steve Kruse and assistants Jill Tranter, Michael Moyer and Joe "The Scar" Zeimer, dynamite local runners. Both teams train, travel and compete together. Neither is satisfied without the success of the other. I've seen NKU runners run their hearts out to exhaustion, then get up, wiping sweat and vomit away, just to run and cheer on the other team.

The sport has little limelight and they're each other's number one fans. Maybe Cross Country takes their special kind of knowing to be spectator friendly.

The teams should know they're fighting hard this year. Thus far they've run three meets. At the Bellarmine Invitational the women placed third of four teams and the men a well-earned second of seven teams. The Miami Redhawk Invitational was tough. Against solid Division I competition the women placed sixth of six and the men fifth of five, but each made great individual gains. This past weekend they ran at the Cedarville Invitational; in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and the women finished a hard fought third of six teams and the men fifth of eight teams.

The women are led by veterans senior Elaine Koenig, junior Anna Moore and senior Erin Engel. Koenig clocked a 19:18 for a second-place finish at Bellarmine—the second fastest women's time ever on the difficult course. Moore, seventh-place in 20:14, and Engel, eighth place in 20:37, ran with her in the

top 10. At Miami, Moore placed nineteenth in 19:08 and Koenig finished twenty-sixth in 19:34, struggling to crack the top 30. Moore improved her time from last year by over four minutes. At Cedarville Koenig, seventh in 19:05, and Moore, eighth in 19:13, Koenig says, " (Koenig and Moore) are working so hard in practice that they're running tired and the best is definitely yet to come."

The women have good front-runners with promise, but to be competitive they still need others to field the remaining scoring spots. In Cross Country the top five finishing runners for the team set the score. Freshman Tracey Inman, sophomore Lori Goetz, freshman Lisa Sand, senior Emily Sand and senior Jenny Wert are trying their best to fill this void.

The men's first is young. Sophomore Doug Fulmer and freshman Denny Kramer are running well and leading the way. Fulmer and Kramer were fifth and ninth at Bellarmine, respectively, twenty-first and twenty-seventh at Miami, and ninth and thirteenth at



Cedarville.

Behind them there is young, talented depth ripe for development in freshman Gresham Naeimer, freshman Josh Lane and sophomore Mark Teismann, who is finally overcoming injury. If these runners continue to improve and if NKU's third runner, senior Ryan Carskadon, can run up to his potential, they have a chance to do a lot this year. Carskadon is a potent veteran, who at his best, was ranked eleventh in the GLVC conference.

On Sept. 28 the team hit the Greensboro Invitational in North Carolina. This meet has taken on special significance to the teams. In 2000, a strong NKU men's team won the meet, with one of only two perfect scores in NKU Cross Country history where five NKU runners finished placing 1-5. The women won very powerfully too. Can the team defend their victories and establish a legacy? Go Norse!

Lady Norse edge out No. 15 Tusculum

CHAD CLIFT
Northerner Contributor

the first 45 minutes of play. Tusculum was unable to keep control of the ball for long periods of time and was held by NKU to only three shots in the first half.

Coach Bob Sheehan says that the front-runners of NKU "kept the Tusculum defense off balance and the mid-fielders really making quality runs and getting some nice services across the box and I thought our defenders really stepped up and denied the front runners the ball." According to Sheehan, the team performed well and as a unit were able to keep control of the ball and limit the shots that Tusculum was able to get off. Overall he was pleased with

the way the team performed.

NKU struck first at the 32:05 mark in the first half with a goal by senior Bessie Black who was assisted by Stephanie Sandfoss. Tusculum returned with a goal from freshman Amber Ferchaud, who was assisted by Tara Henderson at 41:49, just over nine minutes after NKU started the scoring. Carey Hebbeler then scored the game-winning goal with a 40-yard direct kick at the 52:54 mark, seven minutes into the second half.

The Norse came out aggressive in the second half, firing four shots on goal early in the half, but failed to get another shot off the rest of the

game. According to Sheehan, the team lost some of the momentum in the second half and "they (Tusculum) picked it up another notch."

The Norse have been tested in back-to-back games against top 20 teams and have come out victorious in each of them. Sheehan feels that the team has progressed in the four weeks they have been together, and they can continue to progress and become better as a team as the season moves on. The Norse begin their quest for another GLVC crown this Friday against Southern Indiana at home in their first conference matchup of the season.

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FEATURES

Get to know Tricia Macke NKU Alumni

ANNE GREENE
Northern Contributor

Every night on Cincinnati's channel 19 News, you will find Tricia Macke.

Macke attended NKU and earned a degree in Communications, Radio/Television/Film with a minor in Public Relations and Journalism. She graduated from NKU in 1992. The road for Macke was not always an easy road. She earned her spot on Channel 19 News through hard work and dedication to something that she knew she wanted since she was about 8 years old.

Macke and she watched on television the Beverly Hills Super Club fire in which some of her parent's friends were killed in the fire. She said she wanted to be the person who asked all the questions when the news events happened. Adding in that her other choice career being the first female Harlem Globetrotter fell through.

Macke did not just walk into her career in Cincinnati. Before she landed her job as a news anchor she worked many internships, late nights and full hectic days. While in college, Macke had several internships, her first was Storer Cable in Covington then onto WLW Radio and WCKY radio.

Her internships at WCKY radio turned into her first paid job. All at the same time, she was a producer, board-op and anchored the midday newscast at the WCKY from 5:30 a.m. to noon, then worked at Fox 19 from 1:30 p.m. to midnight. Macke had this schedule five to seven days a week, every week, until Fox 19 hired her full time on a "sweet" day, February 14, 1994.

Since being hired by Fox 19, Macke has done about every on-air shift, being a reporter, weekend

anchor, morning show host and now the main anchor of 10 p.m. news.

Just recently Macke signed another multi-year contract at Fox 19. She wants to stay in Cincinnati because her family lives here and they are really important to her. Macke is a mother of two.

Q: What advice would you give someone graduating?

A: My advice would be don't give up. It's tough getting started in your profession. Everybody works long hours for low pay in the beginning. Everyone faces rejection in their line of work at some point. Just get your foot in the door, then work hard and prove to everybody that you can do it. Put your mind to it, do it and don't look back.

Q: What was your favorite thing about NKU?

A: The best thing about NKU was the cost. Because I was working my way through college, I didn't have many choices. NKU offered a very affordable education that was close to home.

Q: What advice did you receive from a teacher or advisor that has stuck with you?

A: The advice that has stuck with me isn't very flattering. I was told, along with everyone else in one of my classes, that there was no way I was going to start my career in Cincinnati. The teacher said the market was too big. I proved that teacher wrong. I'm happy to say.

Q: If you had a choice, would you rather get up for work or be at school?

A: I love my job. Everyday is a challenge and I learn something new all the time. I actually look forward to coming to work, how many people can say that about their profession?

Q: What was the hardest thing to adjust to in your career?

A: Public scrutiny is the toughest thing to adjust to. I did some modeling while I was in college and I got used to being picked apart. I always considered myself thick skinned, which has come in handy in this profession. Someone always has an opinion on my hair, lipstick, outfit, necklace... you name it. But I must admit 99 percent of the feedback I receive is positive. Still, it's tough to hear the unflattering things.

Q: Did your grades have any effect on getting your job?

A: My grades really did not factor into my career at all. I believe that hard work and a lot of long hours got me to where I am today.

Q: Honestly, how much did you study?

A: When I first started out in college, I studied pretty hard. When I realized I wouldn't be penalized for not showing up for certain classes, I would slack off from time to time. I got so-so grades in my first two years, but I really studied hard the last two years in my major and minor. I really enjoyed most of the RTF classes, believe it or not.

Q: Do you think that NKU prepared you for the "real world"?

A: NKU helped prepare me book wise. But I learned what I needed to know about my career during my internships and through actually having a job.

Q: What advice would you give someone considering your chosen career?

A: Call someone in your chosen profession that you idolize and ask them if you can spend the day with them at work. If you like what they do, ask if you can come back the next day. If you still like it, do an internship at that place of employment and get a feel for what the job is all about. Then, once you get a real taste of it, motivate yourself to be the best you can be... and excel at it.

Q: Did you have a favorite place on campus?

A: Whenever I had some time in between classes, I like to study in the foyer of Stealy Library. Even though most days the warm sun beating down on me through the roof would cause me to doze off.

Q: Do you participate in NKU's alumni activities? Why or why not?

A: I am on the alumni council. I try to do as much for NKU as possible, but my schedule is quite hectic. I am on call 24 hours a day and seven days a week. So, I don't have a lot of time for alumni activities.

Q: What is the best thing about your job?

A: The best thing about my job is



Photo Contributed

Tricia Macke news anchor for Fox 19.

the access. I have been allowed access to Presidents and first ladies. I have traveled to Bosnia, Germany, Israel, covered the O.J. Simpson trial, John Glenn blasting off to space and interviewed countless movie stars. But, I also have the power to make people think. I can report a story that may change someone's mind on an issue. Or maybe after hearing my story, they will think twice before acting

on an impulse.

Q: In one sentence describe what you think of NKU?

A: What comes to mind when I think of NKU... hmmm... exams, no sleep, exams, no sleep. In all honesty, I think that NKU is a well-kept secret. It's affordable, close to home it kick started my career.

NKU All Card discounts for students on and off campus

BRITTANY WILLIAMS
Northern Contributor

The Northern Kentucky University All Card holds more than just your smiling face. There are many discounts on and off campus.

For those of you that drive there is 50 percent discount at the parking garage. Without your card those extra savings can always go in your gas tank.

Whenever you need a thirst quencher, the vending machines on campus offer a slot where you can insert your NKU All Card and receive 10 percent discount, which translates to 10 cents since each soft drink. You could use your savings with your all card to put

towards copies or laundry (that is if you live on campus).

Speaking of laundry and copies, this deal may be for you. Do you ever get tired of lugging around that heavy bag of change in the neck task of copying each page or your English essay for class reading? Well put your money on your NKU All Card and you can save 5 cents on each load that you put in the washer and dryer. On the copiers, with your NKU All card, you get a 50 percent discount making them 5 cents instead of 10 cents.

There are many discounts offered off campus as well with your NKU All Card. Discounts include \$1 off at Subway when you buy a foot long sub with a drink,

chips, or cookies. The same discount applies with a six-inch sub but it is only for 50 cents. Goldstar Chili offers 10 percent off of your order with your NKU All Card as well.

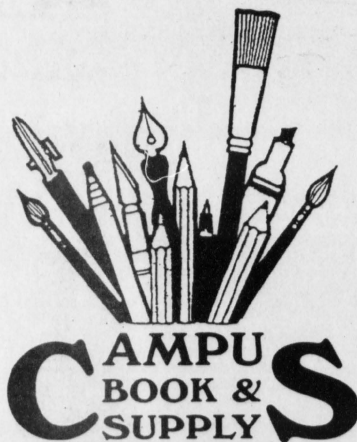
Your NKU All Card it not just good for practical things like food or laundry but you can go see a show with it too. At the Great Escape, a movie ticket is \$6.50 instead of \$7.50 with your NKU All card. A discount is also offered at the Newport on the Levee AMC Theater with your NKU All Card, you can get tickets at the Aronoff Center for half off during their Fifth Third Series Broadway Productions Student Rush with your NKU All card.



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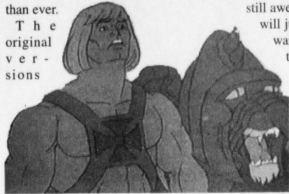
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Old school cartoons return with new style and flair

 JASON ELLIS
 Entertainment editor

"By the power of Grayskull." "Transformers roll out." I bet you are asking yourself what is going on here. If you watched cartoons as a child, then you know exactly what is going on. For those who lived under a rock, these are quotes from two of the greatest cartoon shows of all time, He-Man and Transformers. Your next question has to be, what does this have to do with anything now. The answer to that is simple, both shows are back, and better than ever.

The original versions



of He-Man and Transformers were great in their own right, but the redone versions are even better. Both are done in a more modern anime style, and look absolutely gorgeous.

The better of the two remakes is He-Man. They stick pretty much to the original story line. A plus to the series is that the gang is all here, He-Man and his friends and Skeletor with all the bad-dies. The new show actually goes a little farther back in the story line. In this we get to see how Skeletor's face came to look as it does.

Although the new show is only two episodes old, it is still awesome. We

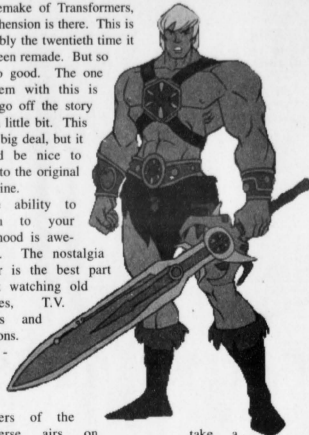
will just have to wait and see the other 23 episodes before the final judgment is made.

As for

the remake of Transformers, apprehension is there. This is probably the twentieth time it has been remade. But so far so good. The one problem with this is they go off the story line a little bit. This is no big deal, but it would be nice to stick to the original storyline.

The ability to return to your childhood is awesome. The nostalgia factor is the best part about watching old movies, T.V. shows and cartoons.

He-Man and the Masters of the Universe airs on Cartoon Network on Fridays at 6 p.m., and Transformers Armada airs the same day at 6:30 p.m. Cartoon Network has given us another chance to



take a trip down memory lane, enjoy.



Jed Davis with Joey Ramone.

Photo contributed

Buried Alive

A column deicated to artists not recognized by mainstream media

 JOSH FLOWERS
 Assistant Entertainment editor

Thousands of artists in this country are buried alive. You walk right over them everyday and not hearing their pleas because you have been turned deaf by radio and television. Buried behind the Eminem shirts, the Britney displays, and the Insane Clown Posse shirts. Who's burying these artists?

There are many people with shovels, MTV, Clearchannel, and Warner. No matter what name they wear it all comes down to the money. Why risk money on a true artist when you've found the perfect formula? Pretty face or faces equals chart topper. For the others we will create an angry band or if that doesn't work, The Strokes.

When was the last time you discovered an artist for yourself? Or do you simply let MTV pick your favorite artists for you. Carson Daly acting as MTV's prophet presents a preview of a "brand X" artist's video and like a miracle it charts the next day. No, people acting like Zombie sheep are voting for this. Voting on fifteen videos they have a choice from and not thinking about the thousands of videos not even in the MTV archives.

This is why I'm starting "Buried Alive". A column that interviews the true artists. The people who you won't find in "People". The people you should have already found on your own.

Jed Davis is a man who has wrote more songs in the last ten years than probably every single person on theTRL countdown to date. He has played solo and as lead in his band Collider with the likes of Brian Dessau, Quiet Riot and the late great punk rocker Joey Ramone. Collider is a regular in the New York city club scene and even the legendary CBGB's. Davis is currently working on three different Collider albums and recently wrote and recorded a tribute song to Joey Ramone with the help Tommy, Marky, and CJ Ramone. You can order and listen to his music at www.Collider.com.

So who are you?

I'm Jed Davis! That's who I am and who I think I am. It's also all I

At this second? Answering your question. Today? Deciding whether Collider should put out one album or two and working out how either or both can become possible. At this point in my life? Having committed to one last big lunge for the musical brass ring, trying to figure out if I have time for things like freelance work and a girlfriend (probably yes on 1 and no on 2).

Where are you heading?

Towards satisfaction. Hopefully that will involve success, but as long as I do the best I can I'll be satisfied.

What are you trying to achieve?

I'm trying to be the best, most relevant and vital songwriter, performer, artist, and human being I can be. That's all I can really ask for...if other people like what I do, that's a bonus.

What do the Ramones mean to you?

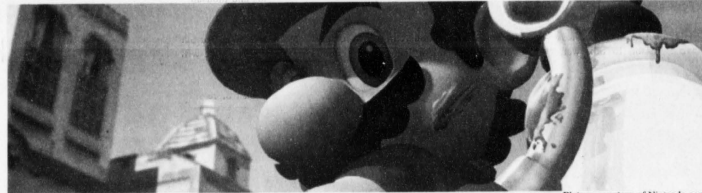
Personally, they are proof that anything can happen. Musically, they are a reminder that sometimes the simplest approach is the best.

Ideologically, they mean that anyone can make music. That's both a good thing and a bad thing, since it makes them unwittingly responsible for the last two decades' decline in musical quality and innovation. Saying that "anyone can make music" is not the same thing as saying that "anyone can be a musician." I mean, you can force music to come out of an instrument, but being a musician takes a lot more than that. The Ramones may not have had any formal musical training per se, but they did have lots of talent and perspective, and they worked very hard. It is too easy to use the Ramones' lack of education as an excuse to not learn or perfect your craft, but the fact is, they did learn and perfect what they did. You may think that learning a power chord makes you a "musician," but chances are you're still not going to operate on the Ramones' level.

Still...I guess the bottom line is, whether you're a guy from Nowheresville who miraculously got to sing for your favorite band, or just some dudes rocking out on power chords in a garage somewhere, no group has ever made as many dreams come true as the Ramones.

See The Northerner online for the extended interview.

What are you doing now?



Mario gets cubed in first Gamecube release.

Picture courtesy of Nintendo.com

Mario cleans up in "Sunshine"

 CHRIS FLOWERS
 Northerner Contributor

"It's a meee Mario," this is the new sound of joy ringing through gamers ears as they see one of the staples of the video game industry come back for another go. Welcome to the world of Mario Sunshine!! As any gamer knows Mario 64 raised the bar on platform games and now it has been raised again.

In this new epic journey you, as Mario, are trying to take a relaxing

vacation on a tropical island. When low and behold something bad happens. In this case a "shadow" Mario has come to ruin Mario's good name.

"Shadow" Mario graffiti's up the town and Mario gets blamed for it, and is sentenced to clean up the whole island.

This is where the adventure starts. This new Mario game is nothing short of amazing. With seven different levels spanning different sections of the isle Delfino and 120 dif-

ferent "shines" to collect, this game has everything covered. In the theme park oriented level you have to fight a mecha Bowser in one of the coolest battles ever.

Graphically it is totally amazing. Just the amount of stuff going on is breathtaking. Looking around you will find up to 30 people on screen at once not only that but you can see the equivalent of up to 2 miles with absolutely no draw in. You will probably sink easily 30 hours on rescuing the princess and saving the

world. You will not ever get bored of this game. If you get stuck on a challenge just go do another one. That is what is great about this game is the variety of different methods you can use to beat the game.

I give this game on a scale of 1-10 an 8. I only give it an 8 because the camera is horrible. It seems to get stuck behind everything. It almost seems they did it on purpose to increase difficulty. Despite this minor flaw Mario Sunshine is a definite buy for any G-mecube owner.

WNTV MOVIE LISTINGS CHANNEL 15

Wednesday September 18

1:00-2:42 am.	The Freshman	2:00-4:00 am.
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5:30-7:11 am.	200 Cigarettes	6:30-9:30 am.
7:30 AM-9:41 AM	In The Bedroom	9:30-11:43 am.
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12:30-4:00 pm.	WNTV Original Programming	4:00-5:34 pm.
4:00-6:00 pm.	Amelie	6:00-7:36 pm.
6:00-8:08 pm.	The Rookie	8:00-10:36 pm.
8:30-11:30 pm.	Bound By Honor	11:00-12:30 am.
11:30-1:43 am.	One Flew Over The Cuckoon Nest	

Thursday September 19

Amelie
The Rookie
Bound By Honor
One Flew Over The Cuckoon Nest
WNTV Original Programming
Crossroads
Showtime
All
Queen of the Damned

Friday September 20

1:00-2:34 am.	Crossroads
3:00-4:36 am.	Showtime
5:00-7:36 am.	All
8:00-12:00 am.	WNTV will be down for reconstruction of master control. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Saturday September 21

12:00-2:05 am.	The Cider House Rules
2:30-4:00 am.	Serenity
4:00-6:19 am.	We Were Soldiers
6:30-8:38 am.	Bram Stoker's Dracula
9:00-11:05 am.	The Cider House Rules
11:30-1:00 pm.	Serenity
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8:30-10:00 pm.	Serenity
10:00-12:19 am.	We Were Soldiers

Sunday September 22

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6:00-8:18 pm.	Gooford Park
8:30-11:38 pm.	The Green Mile

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VIEWPOINTS

Letters to the Editor

North Poll question inappropriate

Rachel Campbell
Political Science, Senior

I am writing in regards to the topic of the North Poll in the Sept. 4 issue of the *Northerner* and how completely inappropriate it was as a choice for an open ended question.

The question is not one that can be answered in a mere sentence or two, and by asking it in this manner you managed to trivialize the very serious nature of the question.

Also, the responses given, with the exception of Mr. Ayarintola, illustrate a complete lack of objectivity. If the answers to all of life's questions could be answered so easily it would be quite doubtful

that any of us would be here venturing to obtain a higher education.

Perhaps I have been deluded as to the purpose of my education, but I was under the assumption that it was to diversify my perspectives of the world. Yet, as of late I have seen the narrow-mindedness of the general population, as well as the deficiency of human compassion, which should extend to all inhabitants of the earth regardless of race, religion, gender, or ethnicity. It is a quite simple task to apply our own values and moral judgments to others, but at what price? Where do we draw the line? What happens if our own individual liberties are sacrificed

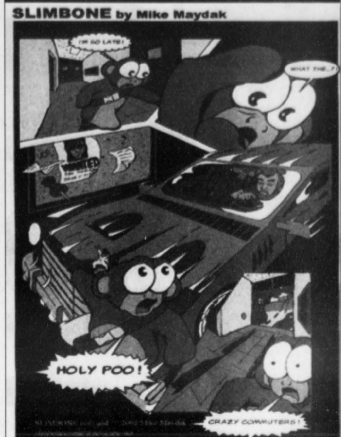
in the face of fear? Who will we blame then? I do not have the answers, but I will not simply digest the sound bytes and headlines of the news as the gospel of the day.

However, the images of the day will stay with me for the rest of my life, and I will mourn the lives of those who passed on the fateful day. I will also mourn the lives of those who were killed abroad. A human life is a human life.

Lastly, as a suggestion to the staff of *The Northerner*, it would have been nice to see an issue in which you engaged the readers in a well-balanced and thoughtful discussion of the broader implications of the events of Sept. 11.

Perhaps, a solicitation of opinion pieces, poems, or essays from some of the many distinguished professors and students would have been more reflective of the university and its diverse composition.

Therefore, if you do seek new and broader perspectives on the world I would encourage [you] to enroll in many of the classes that are offered in the departments of political science, sociology, history, etc. I am thankful that I have been fortunate enough to be exposed to the wisdom of the men and women who take the education process seriously and embrace humanity.



According to the Federation of American Scientists, the following is a list of "states possessing, pursuing or capable of acquiring nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, and missile delivery systems as of 2000. Not every state listed here is actively pursuing or proliferating weapons of mass destruction, nor is the list necessarily complete."

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Bulgaria	Pakistan
Chile	Romania
China	Russia
Cuba	Serbia
Ethiopia	South Africa
Egypt	South Korea
France	Sudan
India	Syria
Indonesia	Taiwan
Iran	Thailand
Iraq	Ukraine
Israel	Vietnam
Kazakhstan	United Kingdom
Laos	United States
Libya	

Invading Iraq a 'mistake'

Elias Hajjar
Sports Editor

My hair almost turned white after reading a student quote in the Sept. 4 edition of the *Northerner*.

"Yes, after what they did to the United States we should blow them away." Is what one student said after being asked the question, "should the United States invade Iraq?"

Now I must ask this student and everyone else here at NKU one question myself. What did Iraq do to the United States?

It really hasn't done anything. Its government hasn't attacked us, and we don't know if they were

directly involved in the attacks on Sept. 11.

Sure, Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, but so do we. So do 32 other countries, but we don't have any plans to "blow them away."

Sure, Iraq may pose a threat to us with its weapons, but does that mean we should go and kill because of something that could or might happen?

We don't even know if Iraq has nuclear weapons, or if it still has chemical weapons, but we believe it is trying to attain nuclear weapons. In fact, Vice President Dick Cheney claims that the U.S. has evidence that Saddam has

nuclear weapons and is working closely with al Qaeda.

Great! We have "evidence." So why won't they show us some evidence instead of telling us that they have "major evidence" against Saddam and Iraq?

If I see some hard evidence showing that Iraq is planning to use weapons of mass destruction against us, then I believe we have a reason to talk war, but assumption alone or unseen evidence isn't enough to gain my support.

Instead of planning a war, we should negotiate a United Nations resolution, which will prevent the

loss of lives.

Ok, so anyway, Saddam Hussein is an "evil" man, uh huh, so we should go and destroy him. Whatever. We are a democracy. We don't impose our will on other nations. That is not what we are about. We are about peace. But I guess that means nothing to us, especially during election years.

Yes, it is an election year, so of course the president has to do whatever he can to deter us from thinking about our struggling economy and keep him from having to talk about it. Why? He wants a high approval rating. It is all about numbers.

The bottom line is we have no legitimate cause to attack Iraq. If we do attack, I think it will be one of the biggest mistakes in U.S. history. The world will never look at us the same again. What we stand for as a country will be forgotten. Thousands and thousands of lives will be lost.

Attacks like Sept. 11 can only be prevented with a change of our country's foreign policy. We will not make any friends by attacking Iraq, just enemies. It will only make the Middle East more irate with us, which may cause concern for more possible attacks on us in the future.

Q&A

Do you have a question about The *Northerner* or NKU? Send your questions to northerner@nku.edu and we'll put the answer in this space. Be sure to include your name, year in school and major.

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NORTHpoll

Do you feel safe on campus?



KELLY REINDL
Freshman
Theater Arts

"Yes, for the most part. I don't ever worry about getting mugged."



DUSTIN LOUIS
Junior
Undecided

"Yes, as an RA I know about how much DPS is working on keeping the campus."



JASPER SMITH
Sophomore
Undecided

"Yes, because there are call boxes everywhere."



JASON MASZOR
Sophomore
Construction Management

"Yes, the only thing I am afraid of on campus is stepping on duck crap."



DANVILLE RICHARDSON
Senior
Physical Education

"Yes, I think most of the people are friendly. I don't worry about having a problem."



SAMANTHA RENO
Freshman
Graphic Design

"Yes, campus is well lit and there are always people around. Plus it is open and you can see everywhere at night."

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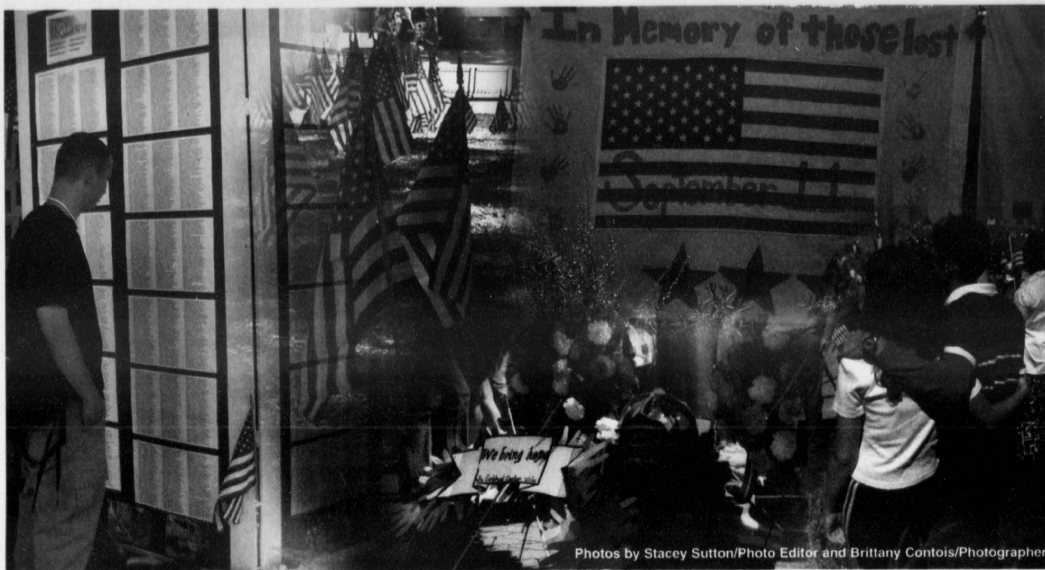
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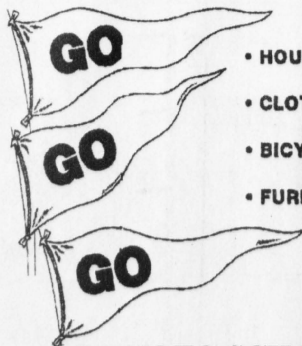
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