

SGA election becomes write-in race

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When students go to vote in the Student Government Association spring election April 13 and 14, they won't find any candidates listed for president or executive vice president. Instead, they'll sim-

ply see an empty text box where they can write in any student they wish.

The presidential election officially turned into a write-in race when Jen Perry and her running mate, Sheena Dunn, who were running unopposed, were removed from the ballot, April 10, by the SGA election commission. Sen. Michael Tobergta filed an appeal to the

Dean of Students Office April 5 that stated Perry and Dunn failed to obtain the required number of student signatures on their nomination petition.

"It was a huge oversight on their part," said Dean of Students Kent Kelso. "They thought they only needed 100 signatures when the constitution says 100 per candidate."

Tobergta argued that

although Perry and Dunn were running on a slate, they still needed 200 total signatures. The commission agreed with Tobergta's appeal and determined the election packet was incomplete.

"If people would read the packets and the constitution and know what they're getting into before they decide to run for something, it'd make

things a lot easier for them," Tobergta said.

Perry, who currently serves as SGA vice president of public relations, said it was an unfortunate mistake on her part.

"We were wrong," Perry said. "We did not get 200 signatures. (The election commission) can't make an exception for us."

Perry and Dunn turned in

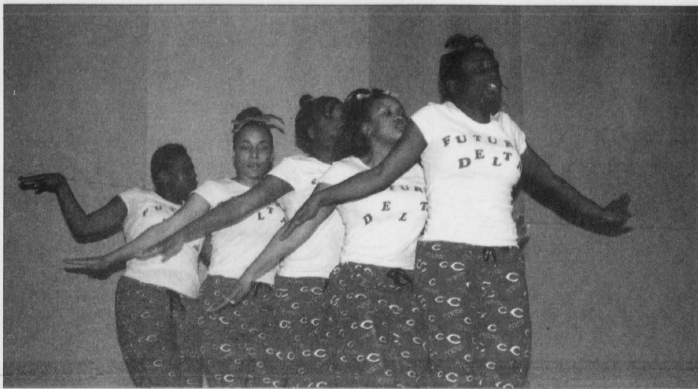
their election packet 19 days before the April 4 deadline. They said they wouldn't have had any problem obtaining 200 signatures had they known they



Perry

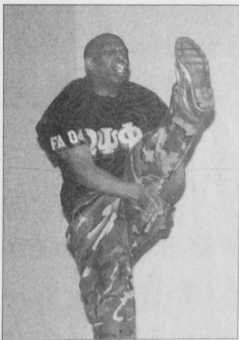
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A STEP ABOVE THE REST



Amanda Davidson / Photographer

Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. won \$500 for their step show performance. The event marked the first day of the Delta's 10th anniversary "Delta Week" celebration.



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An Omega Psi Phi, Inc. member shows his stepping skills.

Students compete in charity event

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Hip hop, R&B, funk, stepping, dancing, sketch comedy and Greek calls filled Greaves Concert Hall April 10, during the Northern Kentucky University National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc.'s third annual Spring Step Out. The trophy for best sorority went to NKU's Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., whose members were pajamas while performing amongst a set of props including a giant red teddy bear, stuffed animals, toys and a Nintendo.

The women performed a skit where they acted as grade-school-aged "Future Deltas" at a sleepover party and, at one point, used canes as part of their step routine.

Devan King, NPHC president and Delta member, said the \$500 grand prize was a great way to start off the Delta's 10th anniversary

"Delta Week" celebration, which began with the step show.

The best fraternity performance went to Western Kentucky University's Omega Psi Phi, Inc., whose members wore purple shirts, army pants and gold boots.

Also known as the Ques, Omega Psi Phi edged out Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. for the trophy.

During a comical part of their routine, the Ques pretended to answer phone calls from other fraternities, who they immediately hung up on.

However, the third time they received a call from the Delta sorority, to whom they responded, "What's up?"

Starting off the competition was Phi Beta Sigma, Inc., from Knoxville University, who were dressed in overalls, rolled-up pant legs and straw hats, and then changed into shirts and ties. Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. used chairs as

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Loan consolidation may help seniors save

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That makes a difference of about \$3,500 on a student loan of \$20,000 being repaid over the usual 10-year life of a loan.

Consolidation is an option that can save students a lot of money, according to Samantha Howard, who is a coordinator for the Student Loan People. Howard believes that consolidation can be a beneficial move for some students.

"If you have multiple loans, it can be a good move," she said. "It will lower your payments and lock in a lower interest rate."

Howard also cited the interest rate as a reason why students should think about consolidation.

"This is the lowest interest rate in the Stafford 40-year history," she said.

The Web site for Great Lakes, another student loan company says,

"Consolidation loans help members with high student loan balances manage their debts with longer repayment terms, resulting in lower monthly payments."

But once you consolidate your

Consolidation of loans may help seniors save money. The Bush administration is considering dropping this low-interest, government-backed program.

Consolidation loans enable students to combine their federal student loans into one note with term as long as 30 years.

Rates are fixed, unlike rates for standard loans, which are variable (tied to prevailing interest rates), set at 2.875% for some students; loan discounts for direct withdrawal and timely payments can reduce rate to as low as 1.625%.

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Personal Finance

The numbers

Estimated monthly loan payments reduction with consolidation loan

Returned \$20,000

Current Payments \$197

New Payments \$115

Save \$82 per month

Save \$984 per year

Save \$3,936 over 4 years

Save \$7,872 over 8 years

Save \$11,808 over 12 years

Save \$15,744 over 16 years

Save \$19,680 over 20 years

Save \$23,616 over 24 years

Save \$27,552 over 28 years

Save \$31,488 over 32 years

Save \$35,424 over 36 years

Save \$39,360 over 40 years

Save \$43,296 over 44 years

Save \$47,232 over 48 years

Save \$51,168 over 52 years

Save \$55,104 over 56 years

Save \$59,040 over 60 years

Master's program expanding

University to offer two new degrees this year

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A bachelor's degree is on the horizon for many students here at Northern Kentucky University. But for some of those students, their education will not stop at the undergraduate level.

NKU will offer two new master's programs. A master's degree in community counseling will begin in the fall, and the master's in school counseling will begin this summer.

"Currently, we have 14 programs," said Dr. Carole Beere, associate provost for outreach and dean of graduate studies. Bringing the total to 16 is just the beginning of "a strategic plan for the roll out of new graduate programs," Beere said.

Beere expects the new programs will be attractive to prospective students as well as serve an important need in the community.

At this point, NKU is the only college in Northern Kentucky to offer the Master of Science in community counseling. "Unlike a master's degree in psychology, the Master of Science in community counseling allows individuals to pursue private practice," said Dr. Jacqueline Smith, director of the Master of Science in community counseling program and assistant professor in the department of Social Work and Human Services.

The master's degree in community counseling prepares graduates for careers in a variety of settings, such as mental health centers, schools, government, businesses and industries. "With the increasing need for counselors in the tri-state, finding a job in this field should not be a problem," said Tonya Short, administrator at Little Psychological Services.

Students can enroll in this program on either a full-time or part-time basis. "The program will be offered year-round, exclusively during evening hours and weekends," Smith said. Smith's expectations about the program are positive. "We are looking at the future of this program with bright-eyed optimism. We're not just offering a new program, we're actually meeting a need," Smith said.

The degree in school counseling is also expected to be successful. "It's safe to say that there is also a great need for counselors in the school system," Deedra Derrick, graduate education specialist said.

"It is preferred that students already have a certification to teach when applying for this program, but individuals with other degrees can apply," Derrick said.

Derrick said that the program can be completed in two to three years, and graduates will be prepared for careers as school counselors. Both master's degrees are in some form of counseling. However, the master's degree in community counseling is offered through the department of Social Work and Human Services, and the master's degree for school counseling is offered through the education department.

This expansion of programs throughout the university is expected to continue. Beere said that the growth is consistent with the university's strategic plan that states it will "increase our enrollments of upper-division undergraduate students and graduate professional students."

NKU is making efforts to attract students that might otherwise choose larger, more expensive universities or colleges. "We offer high-quality applied programs, small classes, scheduling targeted to the working professional and affordable tuition," Beere said. "Our graduates report being very pleased with the education that they received at NKU and with the networking opportunities that resulted from the fact that so many of our graduate students are working professionals."

A complete list of graduate programs can be found at www.nku.edu/gradpro/ and in the NKU catalogue.

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The following reports were filed with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department between April 1 and April 11.

Friday, April 1

1:01 p.m. "Plugged-up" toilet in restroom caused water to flow into the University Center damaging several computers and other items, under investigation.

1:04 p.m. Parking pass reported stolen from a vehicle while parked in Florence. Subject was advised to also report the theft to the Florence Police Department, and was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

9:50 a.m. Parking pass reported stolen from a laptop computer from Commonwealth Hall, under investigation.

Saturday, April 2

6:13 p.m. Officer conducted a traffic stop at Nunn Drive. The driver was issued a citation for disregarding a traffic control device.

10:36 p.m. A fire alarm was received from the University Suites. It was determined that the alarm was caused by two hot showers running at the same time.

Sunday, April 3

1:19 p.m. An accident involving two vehicles occurred at Nunn Drive and U.S. 27. The driver of one of the vehicles was issued a Kentucky state citation for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, and for having an expired registration.

4:31 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

6:48 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates on Johns Hill Road. The driver was issued a citation for having an expired registration.

8:21 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle

being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a citation for expired registration.

Monday, April 4

12:34 a.m. A non-injury accident occurred at the Woodcrest apartments. Both vehicles remained in service.

11:06 a.m. Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Kenton Drive. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

11:46 a.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was found to be operating the vehicle on a suspended license. The driver was issued a Kentucky state citation for expired registration, failure to produce an insurance card and driving on a suspended license.

12:17 p.m. Complainant reported being harassed by a known male subject, under investigation.

1:17 p.m. Subject was found to be in possession of a forged parking pass and was issued a state citation for criminal possession of a forged instrument-third degree.

1:40 p.m. Complainant reported being the victim of a possible identity theft, under investigation.

Tuesday, April 5

7:59 a.m. Subject reported that a university-owned vehicle was damaged at the maintenance building. The vehicle, which has no brakes, was being used in the garage at the auto shop for service when the vehicle struck a concrete pole.

12:19 p.m. Subject reported the door to the listed location was found missing. Subject stated nothing appeared to be tampered with or missing.

2:38 p.m. Medical assistance was requested for a subject at the basketball courts. Subject advised the officer that the squad need not respond and that his brother would take him to the hospital.

4:20 p.m. Parking pass reported

lost at an unknown location, and was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

4:34 p.m. A fire alarm was received from the Woodcrest apartments. It was determined that the alarm was caused by an alarm station that had activated when someone slammed a door.

5:01 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. Subject was issued a Kentucky state citation for having an expired registration.

5:29 p.m. A minor non-injury accident involving two vehicles occurred at the University Drive and the BEP circle. Minor damage was sustained by each vehicle, but both remained in service.

Wednesday, April 6

6:54 a.m. Officer observed a subject failing to stop at two stop signs on University Drive. Subject was issued a citation for disregarding a stop sign.

9:52 a.m. Owner of a reserved parking space at lot E requested that an illegally parked vehicle be towed from the space.

11:17 a.m. Wallet reported lost; last seen in Steely Library.

2:31 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a citation for expired registration and failure to produce an insurance card.

3:53 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a citation for having an expired registration.

7:04 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver was issued a citation for speeding and failure to produce an insurance card.

7:52 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

9:23 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

Thursday, April 7

12:56 a.m. An officer found a door unsecured at the Honors house. A building search was conducted with negative results. The building was re-secured.

2:15 a.m. A fire alarm was received from Kentucky Hall. It was determined that the alarm was caused by a faulty smoke detector. The alarm was re-set, building cleared for re-occupancy at 2:32 a.m.

1:25 p.m. A minor non-injury accident occurred at the Maintenance building. Both vehicles remained in service.

11:40 p.m. Subject reported that his vehicle had been struck while parked in lot Q, by another vehicle that left the scene.

Friday, April 8

1:50 p.m. Subject reported that her daughter, age 9, slipped and fell at the Business Education Psychology building earlier this date. Subject stated that her daughter had injured her back and a toe on her right foot. Subjects were escorted to the university nurse's office for further evaluation.

3:00 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver was issued a citation for speeding.

3:49 p.m. Subject stated that computer equipment was stolen from the AST building, under investigation.

6:35 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated in a reckless manner. The driver was issued a citation for reckless driving.

Saturday, April 9

12:27 p.m. A cell phone was found in Landrum. The owner was located, and the item was returned.

2:50 p.m. Medical assistance was requested for a subject at the softball field. Subject refused the offer of transportation to the hospital by

squad personnel.

3:46 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a citation for having an expired registration.

6:20 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle disregard a stop sign on Kenton Drive. The driver was issued a citation for disregarding a stop sign.

Sunday, April 10

3:27 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a citation for having an expired registration.

3:39 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle disregard a stop sign on Johns Hill Road. The driver was issued a citation for disregarding a stop sign.

5:16 p.m. Subject reported that his vehicle was damaged by subject(s) unknown while parked in lot Q, under investigation.

7:52 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a citation for having an expired registration.

9:27 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a citation for having an expired registration.

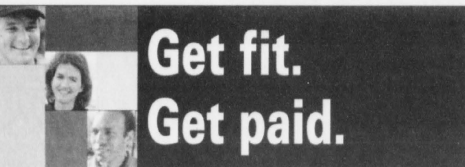
Monday, April 11

12:41 p.m. Book bag reported stolen from Norse Commons, under investigation.

1:11 p.m. Book bag reported stolen from the University Center, under investigation.

3:49 p.m. Officer observed a vehicle being operated with expired registration plates. The driver was issued a Kentucky state citation for having an expired registration.

10:44 p.m. Subject reported being struck in the head by a rock that was thrown by an unknown subject at Woodcrest apartments under investigation.



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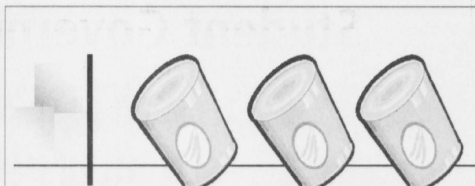
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needed that many on the petition.

Dunn said she wishes someone had notified them of the discrepancy with their packet before the deadline passed.

"Nothing can go on in SGA without controversy, and that's something we want to eliminate next year," Dunn said. "Some people want to cause problems more than they want to work for the students."

Kelso, who also serves as SGA's adviser, said the responsibility of making sure an election packet is complete is entirely the responsibility of the student.

"It's just like if you ran for public office in a city or county," Kelso said. "You're not going to get a phone call from the clerk saying, 'Hey, by the way, you forgot to do this.' You basically would be ruled ineligible."

SGA President Andy Hixson said that while the election commission's decision was not unfair, he would not have removed Perry and Dunn from the ballot if the decision was his.

"The signatures mean nothing," Hixson said. "You could put it at 500 and they'd get them. People on this campus sign things without asking what it's for."

Chief Justice Nathan Hagler was responsible for forming the election commission and said the members did a good job handling the appeal. However, Hagler said the whole situa-

tion was unfavorable.

"I don't necessarily feel that Michael Toberga accomplished a whole lot (with his appeal) being that (Perry and Dunn) were the only two people who expressed enough interest in the job to even go out there and get signatures," he said.

Perry said the removal of her name from the ballot has completely changed her campaigning strategy. She said she has taken extra steps to make sure students understand the write-in process.

"If we had still been on the ballot and we had ultimately won, we'd be facing for an entire year people saying, 'You had it handed to you,'" Perry said. "I'm not one that likes to hear that. I like to work to receive."

Kelso said he is not aware of any students planning a write-in campaign against Perry and Dunn. However, he said he has heard rumors.

"I think it reflects poorly on SGA in the fact that the organization cannot inspire more student leaders to run for the two most prestigious student positions on campus," Kelso said.

Perry and Dunn are also unaware of any opposition to their write-in campaign, but said they will not be caught off guard by anything during the election.

"I wouldn't be surprised if someone is out there plotting something," Dunn said.

Hixson said even if someone tries a last-minute write-in campaign, Perry and Dunn will have the best chance to win the election.

"If somebody could come in here and beat them as a write-in, I would be very impressed," Hixson said.

Kelso pointed out that students still must meet the constitutional qualifications to be eligible for the position of president or executive vice president. These requirements include a sophomore standing by the beginning of the fall semester and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.

Myer's nomination
petition also challenged

Perry and Dunn weren't the only candidates that were examined at the election commission's April 10 meeting.

On the nomination petitions, there are two lines for each student signature: one for the signature itself and one for the printed name of the student. The commission decided that a signature would only be valid with both lines completed and went through each packet to disqualify every signature that failed to have an accompanying printed name.

Hagler said it is important that the

commission can verify each signature as a valid student signature.

"The point of having someone print their name after their signature is because most people do not have a legible signature," Hagler said.

Sen. Paul Myers, who is running for vice president of public relations, had one signature on his petition that did not have a printed name with it. The disqualification of this signature brought his nomination petition below the required 100 signatures, and the commission declared his name to be removed from the ballot.

Myers said he was shocked by the commission's action.

"It seemed kind of petty to go after that," Myers said. "My first reaction was, 'Are they trying to get back at my group because my friend, Michael Toberga, was the one who pointed out that Jen and Sheena didn't have the number of signatures they needed to be on the ballot?' Is this kind of a revenge for that?"

"I'd like to think that the (commission) is just trying to follow the rules and get a little bit overzealous."

Myers submitted an appeal of the decision to judicial council April 11. Hagler said he and the other justices unanimously decided to put Myers' name back on the ballot.

"The signature was legible, so Paul essentially lucked out," Hagler said. "Had we not been able to verify this

person as a student, then I have a strong feeling we would have upheld the election commission's decision."

Lack of candidates not just in
presidential race

Myers is involved in one of two executive board races that have more than one candidate running. Sen. Camille Perry is running against Sen. Myers for vice president of public relations. Jesiah Brock, who was appointed to vice president of student involvement Feb. 21 by Hixson, is running against Sen. T.L. Jackson for the position.

Sen. Brandon Kieley is running unopposed for the position of vice president of administration.

There are eight students running for the 15 available positions on senate and two candidates for the three open judicial council positions.

Kelso said this is the first spring election he can remember that the senate race has not been a "runoff" election, where some students on the ballot didn't get elected.

Kelso said SGA's "rocky history" has probably turned away many potential candidates for this election.

"Students are making choices to be involved in other organizations and saying, 'I don't need the headaches of SGA,'" Kelso said.



Myers

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July to set the interest rate.

If the rate will be lower before July, the company will go ahead and put the consolidation through, locking in the lower rate.

If a better rate can be obtained after July, then they will wait to consolidate at that point.

"We really do try to look at a student's lending history and see what's best for them," Howard said.

Freshman nursing student Carly Mulligan has had a good experience working with the

Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) student loan program.

Mulligan said she currently has about \$11,000 out in student loans, with another \$1,700 for the fall semester.

"They mail me my interest statements every month," she said. "I call them, and they're really nice. I've never had a problem."

The Office of Financial Assistance on campus doesn't deal with loan consolidation, but

did recommend two companies to use: Great Lakes and KHEAA. The Student Loan people are affiliated with KHEAA.

For more information on the individual companies, Great Lakes can be found online at www.mygreatlakes.com.

The Student Loan People can be reached for questions about KHEAA loans or a loan through them at 1-888-678-4625. "We'll answer questions about benefits, grants, anything," Howard said.

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part of their performance.

Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., from Kentucky State University, used cases for most of their step, and later they enticed female members of the crowd by throwing roses to some of them.

Entertainment also came from the Stepping Dragons, a 12-member elementary school class from WEB Dubois Academy in Cincinnati, who warmed up the crowd with a performance

before the competition. At one point in their performance, two children used another one as a jump rope while two other children jumped over her.

The competitions continued through the intermission, during which a stroll contest was held.

Delta Sigma Phi Sorority, Inc. won, earning a \$50 prize and bragging rights.

The step show attracted more than 300 people and

raised about \$2,500, including proceeds from the after party, according to Devan King, NPHC president.

King said a portion of the proceeds will go to Up 'til Dawn, to starting a book scholarship and to establishing a grant.

For more information about NPHC events, visit: www.nku.edu/nphc

Student Government Association 2005 Spring Elections

Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14

NKU students will have the opportunity to vote for the following positions:

- President
- Executive Vice President
- Vice President of Public Relations
- Vice President of Student Involvement
- Vice President of Administration
- Senator (15 positions)
- Judicial Council (3 positions)

Where to Vote:

1. Vote on-line from any computer on campus or from remote access from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14
2. Computer stations located in the University Center lobby or Norse Commons lobby from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the election dates.

SGA ELECTION URL SITE: <http://elections.nku.edu/sga>

To vote, students will need to provide the last four digits of their social security number and the last eight digits of their NKU student picture ID ISO number. If you have any difficulty voting, please contact the Dean of Students Office, 346 University Center, or call (859)572-5147.

If you have any questions regarding the SGA elections, please stop by the SGA office, UC 208, or call (859)572-5149.

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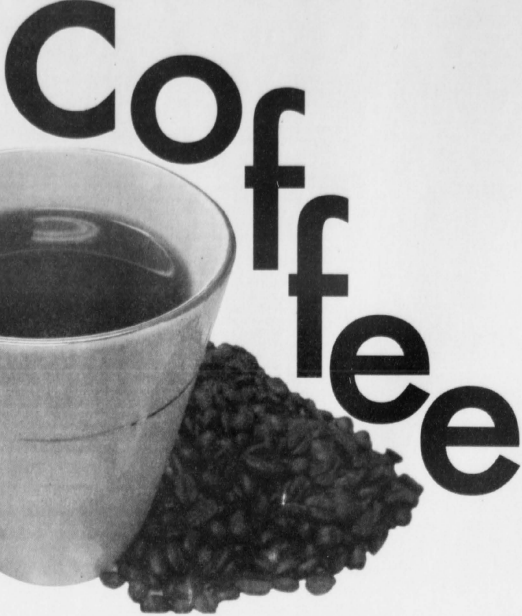


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Coffee generates buzz among caffeine-loving students

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Whether it's referred to as java, mud or perk, coffee contains the ingredient college students want: caffeine.

Coffee is used as a late-night study tool, a mid-day pick-up and a way to wake up in the morning.

"It gives you a jump-start," sophomore Lauren Petrizlika said.

Students drink coffee in the morning as a way to begin their day. Beverly South, an employee of the Ritazza coffee stand located in the Steeple Library, said mornings are the most popular time for students to order their coffee. The three most popular orders are chocolate mocha, vanilla caramel latte

and regular café latte, South said.

Petrizlika said if she were purchasing her coffee at either the Ritazza or Starbucks on campus she'd probably spend about \$45 a month, whereas since she's brewing her own, she spends about \$15.

"It's healthier than soda," Petrizlika said. "Coffee isn't as packed full of sugar...and has just as much caffeine."

Since coffee is a natural substance, it has its healthy advantages. It may reduce the risk of developing gallstones, discourage the development of colon cancer and reduce the risk of Parkinson's disease.

Drinking coffee has also been shown to improve endurance performance in long-duration activities, according to a Harvard Medical School release last September.

Coffee drinking isn't limited to only college students. Jonathan Reynolds, professor of history and geography at NKU, also knows the good and bad effects of coffee.

"Fresh coffee is reputedly checked full of antioxidants," he said, "but old nasty coffee is, well, old and nasty."

If you drink a lot of coffee, Reynolds said, it could cause indigestion or even ulcers in rare occasions.

From his travels throughout the world, Reynolds has experienced a variety of coffee. Sumatran being his favorite.

As for having too much coffee, Reynolds jokingly said if "you have chronic burns inside your lower lip, you need to cut back."

Junior education major, Laurie Angel, agrees that there really isn't such a thing as too

much coffee.

Angel's been drinking coffee the same way for 20 years – just mixing in cream – she said.

"I drink it in the morning, in the afternoon and then sometimes in the evening," Angel said.

Including the coffee she brews at home, she estimated spending between \$30 and \$40 per month on the beverage.

She thinks college students drink the beverage for its caffeine. "Everyone walks around here tired," she said.

Phillip Lucas is one of those students.

The junior political science major said he usually drinks coffee before class in order to stay awake.

"It's probably drank most in the morning, but for me, I usually drink it in the middle of the day," Lucas said.

For students who use coffee as a way to stay alert throughout the day, 16 ounces in the morning with another 3 ounces consumed throughout the day is a good tip to prevent a caffeine overload.

Since the main ingredient in coffee is a stimulant, drinking a large amount of coffee during the day can increase heart rate and blood pressure, according to a Harvard Medical School release.

Despite the risks, students will most likely continue to drink coffee as a way to stay alert while studying, before class or as a way to arrive to school on time.

Angel said, "I think I could walk around with an IV of caffeine and not notice any difference."

coffee quick hits

The difference between standard coffee and espresso is the quality of the grind of the beans and the brewing process. The coffee beans are ground to a powered sugar like consistency, where traditional coffee beans are ground much more coarse. Espresso is also brewed much faster and at high pressure than traditional coffee.

Source: <http://home.howstuffworks.com/question645.htm>

"what's in that thing I ordered?"

cappuccino- espresso, steamed milk and foamed milk
 latte- espresso and steamed milk
 mocha- espresso, steamed milk and mocha syrup
 americano- espresso in hot water
 breve- espresso with cream

Source: <http://coffee.about.com/library/blespresso.htm>

Shrinking crops in Brazil cause coffee prices to rise

By HARRIET JOHNSON
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Forget the gas pump.

The price you'll be steaming about by summer will be what you pay for coffee.

Miami's coffee traders and roasters expect prices to jump 50 percent – or more – because world inventories are tight and Brazil, the largest producer, is expecting a smaller-than-average crop.

That means your regular cup of Joe at the corner restaurant might jump from 90 cents now to about \$1.35.

"Right now it's pure speculation about how much, but there

is no question that coffee prices have been going up," said Jose Enrique Souto, vice president of Miami's Rowland Coffee Roasters, who owns Cafe Bustelo and Cafe Pilon.

Local roasters who take the green beans and turn them into what consumers recognize have already seen their costs per pound go up 60 percent since September, from 75 cents then to more than \$1.20 now.

"Up, up, up to the skies," moaned Rafael Acevedo, president of Colonial Coffee Roasters in Miami.

He raised prices to his commercial customers in mid-January and is considering doing so again soon.

Those prices increase eventu-

ally trickle down to the local coffee shop or doughnut store.

Latoya Christian, night manager at a Miami Dunkin' Donuts, said her store's coffee prices went up just two months ago. A 16-ounce coffee went from \$1.39 to \$1.49 – a 7 percent increase.

The price issue began brewing last year. The price of coffee futures – financial instruments traded on a market for future delivery of commodities – jumped 60 percent, more than crude oil.

The reason: tight supplies worldwide. Demand was growing, from Starbucks Corp. and other buyers.

At the same time, crops were beginning to shrink in Brazil,

Vietnam and Indonesia. Together, those countries account for 48 percent of global coffee-bean exports, Bloomberg News reported.

Today, inventories of coffee are smaller than they've been in 15 years, Judith Ganes-Chase, president of J. Ganes Consulting of New York, told Bloomberg.

She told an East African growers' conference in Zambia Thursday that global coffee production may fall to between 105 and 107 million bags in the 2005-2006 season, from as much as 120 million bags in 2004-2005.

Growers, of course, are glad to see the higher prices, because the coffee market had

hit historic low prices only two years ago.

"The coffee industry is concerned about the entire supply chain and the well-being of everyone in the producing world," Joseph DeRupo of the National Coffee Association said.

About 400 members of the group are meeting this weekend in Aventara.

By summer, that \$2.99 pound of Folgers at Publix would be \$4.47 if the production of a 50 percent increase pans out.

Brazil's production is key. Souto says its crop usually runs between 30 million and 45 million bags.

When the figure is closer to 30 million, higher prices would

be expected. "Prices could be double what you see right now," Souto said.

When consumers are faced with higher prices, will they drink?

"I think that people who are die-hard coffee drinkers will continue to drink, as I will," said Denise Volpicello, general manager of Les Halles, a brasserie in Coral Gables, Fla.

"Some of us can't get moving without it."

But she has no plans to raise prices on her restaurant's \$3 French press for two. That's something she says the restaurant would consider only "if we had no choice."

campuscalendar

wednesday

• APB Spring Event: Ice Cream Bar on the UC Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Can Drive for NAEA Student Chapter ends. Bring cans to 3rd floor of the FAC.

• Day of Silence, sponsored by Common Ground and STAR.

thursday

• APB Spring Event: Freestyle Battle with DJs from the WIZ in the UC Game room at 9 p.m.

• Delta Gamma presents the 10th annual Anchor Splash in the Alright Health Center Pool at 7 p.m.

• Lecture by guest speaker Dr. Freeman Hrabowski "Raising the Academic Bar: Creating a Climate of High Expectations and Support for Excellence Among All Students" from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in Budj Theatre.

friday

• APB Spring Event: Day of Dedication on the UC Plaza with free food and music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Jeff Coffin Mulet performing with the Faculty Jazz Combo and the NKU Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

saturday

• Delta Theta Phi Craft Fair from 4 to 9 p.m. in Regents Hall. All proceeds go to the Gentry Aubrey Memorial Scholarship.

• Sandip Berman & Friends performing Indian classical music at 7:30 p.m. in Greaves Hall.

sunday

• Student Alumni Association's second annual Strike Out MS Bow-a-thon at LaRu Lanes beginning at 7 p.m.

monday

• NKU Community Orchestra concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Tickets are \$3 for general admission.

tuesday

• Dr. Wendy Falato of the NKU Communication Department presents "Communicating with the Opposite Sex" at 12:15 p.m. in UC 108. Lunch will be provided to the first 50 RSVPs. RSVP @ 859-572-6514.

• Softball game vs. Ohio Cominican at 3 p.m.

To place an event contact Regan Coomer at 859-572-5859



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Bea Gardner's "Sweet Peas" is one of many oil on canvas works on display in the Senior Exhibition Gallery Show. The show will be on display until April 29 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Sorority rocks for charity

By RICH SHIVENER

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Northern Kentucky University sorority Phi Sigma Sigma raised nearly \$2,000 for the National Kidney Foundation after 27 hours of rocking chairs, loud music, and sore butts.

The sorority's charity event, the "Punk Rock-a-thon," was held in the UC recreation room and started Wednesday at 9 a.m. Karen Lum and Amanda Trufan, members of Phi Sigma Sigma, coordinated the charity event.

"It's a really big deal to us," Trufan said. "A lot of our girls have dealt with (kidney problems) in their families."

Each member of the sorority raised and donated a minimum of \$25 to the National Kidney Foundation. The members either received pledges from supporters by rocking in rocking chairs or paying out of their own pockets.

During the afternoon, the sorority sponsored "Lunch for Buds" and served pizza and soft drinks while a DJ played music.

Later that night, three bands performed. Last in Line, an acoustic duo, opened. "We were really surprised; we didn't think there were going to be that many people here," Mike Dweigan, said guitarist of Last in Line.

The Post-its, a ska/punk band, played next, and they stirred up the crowd of sorority



Photo Contributed by Karen Lum

Students rocked in front of the University Center to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation.

women and fans with their rendition of Third Eye Blind's "Semi-Charmed Life."

Following the trend, the last band played a few popular songs as well. By the time this band finished their performance hardly anyone stood still.

"I know all the girls and all the fraternities had just an absolutely wonderful time with all the bands," said Denise Dirkes, president of Phi Sigma Sigma.

The bands played the charity event for free but received pizza and other gifts for their time.

"We've done a lot of different

things with (organizing) our Rock-a-Thon," said Dirkes. "Bringing in the bands just makes all the fraternities and sororities more interested I think."

The sorority later held a Texas Hold'em tournament, which lasted from 1 to 2 a.m. The proceeds of the tournament also went to the National Kidney Foundation. The Rock-a-thon came to a close about noon on Thursday.

Even though Phi Sigma Sigma didn't meet their \$3,000-dollar goal, they were happy with the results. "We just hope

that we raise awareness for the National Kidney Foundation and let people know that when people go through dialysis they have to rock," Dirkes said. "And it is time consuming so we just kinda want (people) to feel what they feel."

Diana Ruesch, a member of Phi Sigma Sigma "rocked" for nearly 15 hours. "We had a lot more people that came out and supported us this year," said Trufan. "We might not have made as much money as we hoped to but overall, it was a bigger success."

Students debut original plays

Theatre department presents 12th biennial Y.E.S. Festival

The plays have been chosen, the actors have rehearsed and April 14, three productions will be performed for the first time by the Northern Kentucky University Department of Theatre and Dance in the 12th biennial Year End Festival (Y.E.S.).

The festival chooses and debuts original plays onto the theatre scene. This year, the NKU Theatre faculty read more than 250 play scripts to choose the three plays being performed this year.

"It's very different than the last one, different kinds of subject matter in the way everybody's concepts are different," said Sam Reno, set designer for "Alissa through the glass and into Terezin."

Reno also said there have been a number of shows that have gone on to be published that are successful that were first produced at the Y.E.S. Festival.

Since Reno is the set designer, she likes the festival because "it's your chance to be original," she said.

Alissa Through the Glass and into Terezin

Thu, 14 8:00 pm
Sat, 16 1:00 pm
Mon, 18 8:00 pm
Thu, 21 8:00 pm
Sat, 23 8:00 pm

Alissa Through the Glass and into Terezin

Opening the Y.E.S. festival April 14, this production depicts the surreal environment at a concentration camp located in Terezin during the Holocaust.

This play is seen through the eyes of

Alissa, the daughter of Jewish woman and a German soldier. Written by David Eliet, who has published 10 plays in his career, this will be the first of the three plays to debut to the theatre scene.

The production, produced by Brian Robertson, will open at 8 p.m. in the Corbett Theatre.

Wild Women of the Planet Wongo

The middle child of the three plays opens April 15. Written by Ben Budick, Steve Mackes and Dave Ogrim, this musical satires science fiction movies of the

1950s with three astronauts lost in space crashing into planet Wongo - inhabited by beautiful women. This play is directed by Ken Jones and musically directed by Janey Strawn. This production opens at 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

Wild Women of Planet Wongo

Fri, 15 8:00 pm
Sat, 16 4:00 pm
Sun, 17 4:00 pm
Tue, 19 8:00 pm
Thu, 21 8:00 pm
Fri, 22 8:00 pm
Sat, 23 4:00 pm
Sun, 24 1:00 pm

Night, Sleep and the Dream of Lovers

The third play to be featured in the festival will open April 16. The production follows a group of friends, close acquaintances and distant associates all who deal with the fine line between genius and madness. They fol-

low a talented artist as they also try to find the line between promotion and exploitation.

The production depicts these same individuals in the future as they discuss the mystery of the vanished artist. Written by David Brendan Hopes and directed by Mary Jo Beresford, this play opens at 8 p.m. in the Corbett Theatre.

Night, Sleep and the Dreams of Lovers

Sat, 16 8:00 pm
Sun, 17 8:00 pm
Wed, 20 8:00 pm
Fri, 22 8:00 pm
Sat, 23 1:00 pm

Alumna releases adoption book

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When Northern Kentucky University alumna Stacie Cahill adopted her daughter six years ago, she never expected to write a children's book about the topic.

"Who Am I" was released this January and tackles the sensitive subject of adoption. Cahill intended it to help parents of adopted children discuss their adoption and encourage a sense of security in their children.

"The book helps facilitate communication among families

and provides an open opportunity for children to ask about their birth or adoption experience," Cahill said. "Children want to know about their birth parents at a very young age, but find it difficult to ask these questions. The book helps these children receive answers, which will help them grow into secure and healthy adults."

"Who Am I" is a picture book intended for children ages 10 and their parents. When explaining the difficult subject of adoption to small children, parents, therapists and teachers can use the book.

Many NKU students who choose a profession working with adoptive children may also

benefit from this book.

This book can be also used as a reference when trying to teach children that adoption is another way to build a family.

Cahill graduated with a Bachelor of Science in psychology from NKU in 1993, and then graduated with a master's degree in social work from the University of Kentucky in 1995. She now works as an adoption specialist at a social worker. She has adopted two girls through domestic infant adoption.

"My six-year-old started asking questions about her birth family and adoption experience. I answered her questions, but felt I should do more to

facilitate communication and expression. This book is a way to do that," Cahill said.

Though this is Cahill's first published book, she has written two other self-help books for children that she has recently sent to a publisher. A sequel to "Who Am I" is currently being illustrated and should be available by winter 2005.

"Who Am I" can be purchased online at www.xlibris.com or at www.adoption.com. It may also be purchased locally at Inner Blessings Bookstore, Borders Eastgate and Northgate and at Joseph Beth in Lexington, Ky.

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Last in Line wins third Battle of the Bands

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Rocking for popular votes, Last in Line took home the \$500 prize during the APB third annual Battle of the Bands, held in Regents Hall.

"The hands were more eager to watch this year," said Sheena Dunn, director of music programming.

All of bands auditioned in February and March to gain a shot in the battle.

Norust, last year's winner, opened the show with a 25 minute set of rock 'n' roll.

One Breath Below, the first of the competing bands, played an energy-driven set of heavy guitars riffs and emotional vocals. They competed last year and placed second.

After One Breath Below finished, Past Daze was ready to rock on the other stage. It was the first time this alternative rock band played original songs for an audience. Past Daze usually plays cover songs at the Ft. Thomas Pub and other bars.

"We've never done anything like this before," said Zach Rowe, guitarist of Past Daze. Next, a heavy metal band, In Rage, gave the crowd a wake up call with their screaming vocals and an adrenaline-pumped guitarist. With a wireless guitar, the guitarist rocked In Rage's songs while walking around the concert floor.

The Frank Project reminded the crowd that punk rock is still alive and kicking. Using ska riffs and straight up punk choruses, their energetic songs really got the crowd moving. With this being their first year in the battle of the bands, lead singer Jake Tippy said that they were there just to have fun.

At this point in the battle, Dunn released a barrage of beach balls into the static

crowd to try and inject some life in them.

As soon as she let go, Alispio let loose into a blistering two song set, which left the baffled audience wondering what hit them, but still wanting more.

After a short interlude of popular recorded music, Second Time took the stage. With a much less energetic set, Second Time didn't cause much of a ruckus. Slowly the crowd drifted over to watch the hilariously dressed, and much anticipated, debut of Kicks of Passion.

Kicks of Passion opened their set with the high-energy rock song "Disco Space Laser," which included band introductions and some serious "shredding" from Kick's guitarists. Made up of members from Norust and Abigail, Kick's set was classic rock 'n' roll and a big hit with the crowd. With fun on-stage antics, fake mustaches and hilariously dated '80s clothes, Kicks' ripped through an exciting set.

Last in Line played to a majority of female fans, some clutching signs bearing their name. The band's poppy vocals and hot guitar licks added life to Regents Hall. "A lot of work and effort were put into sounding as good as we like to think we sound," said Andrew Niebohr, lead singer and guitarist.

A change in the battle from last year, fans had to wait for all the bands to finish before they could cast their vote. Consequently, even though 300 fans showed up, when it was time to vote the crowd had significantly diminished. When the results came in, The Frank Project took third, Kicks of Passion second and Last in Line placed first.

Stuart MacKenzie contributed to this article.



Stuart MacKenzie / Photographer

Above: Last in Line performs their opening song in the battle. Below Right: Jake Tippy, lead singer for the Frankl Project, sings "Coming Home Tonight." Bottom Left: The lead guitarist of Kicks of Passion, Carlos Gagliano, prepares to wow the audience by "shredding" a solo.

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Flies in the Pine Tar

Big rivalries often overrated

The Red Sox against the Yankees. Big rivalry. Big stars with big stats. Giant payrolls from huge revenue machines. Obsessive fans that hurl insults at each other in funny accents. Hype, and hatred and money and ego. Everything Big. B-L-G! Big - deal!

It's all too much for me. I'm an underdog kind of guy. I want to see Scream beat the crap out of Zach on "Saved by the Bell." I root for the Coyote to finally catch the Roadrunner and roast him up with a nice red wine sauce. I want to see Gary Coleman as an action hero ruminating a swooning Angelina Jolie. But, please, no Yankees and Red Sox. It's like trying to pick between Oprah and Martha Stewart, or Clay Aiken and Celine Dion. Either way, I'm going to feel really bad about my choice.

You wanna watch a real rivalry develop? Check out the Pirates versus the Brewers - now that's something special. At least their fans can yell at each other. "You suck!" "No, you suck!" And they'd both be right as rain. Both teams come into spring training with absolutely no hope of winning their division and dare not dream of the post-season. So, I dig watching them play.

Have you seen the sausage races at Miller Park? That's just stupid enough to make me smile for the rest of the night. Throw in the Pirates mockly slugging it out with the Brew Crew to stay out of last place - now that's an evening.

If you combine the payrolls of the two teams you would probably pay for half of the Red Sox line-up. For "The Puncter Fly" that's some heavy math. It shows just how screwed up baseball economics really are. With the exception of Minnesota, small market teams just can't seem to figure out how to compete with the big boys. They get to sit around and develop cool, young players that they know will eventually get snatched up by the highest bidder, losing season after losing season. For the Pirates and Brewers it's been about a decade without a sniff of credibility. It's not like a salary cap has helped an entire league to develop parity and unprecedented popularity. Right, NFL?

I know. I know, a small-market baseball fan whining about the inequities of salaries and an uneven playing field is kind of boring - especially to the Republicans. But, I'm just an underdog rooting machine, who's coo-coo for CoCo Puffs and Doritos.

I do think Gary Coleman would make a rockin' action hero, though. But, until that happens. I'll have to settle for the Brewers and Pirates. Or the D-Rays and Royals. Anybody, but the Red Sox and Yankees. Please, ESPN, throw a bone to middle America. I beg you. And, long live the sausage race!

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Softball team completes sweep

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Krystal Lewallen pitched nine innings giving up an unearned run and Emily Breitholte pitched a two hit shutout as the Norse extended their winning streak to 30 games with a doubleheader sweep of Lewis in GLVC league play.

The Norse (30-0, 6-0 GLVC) used two different styles of play to sweep Lewis (16-13, 4-2 GLVC). In game one, NKU needed nine innings to put away Lewis 2-1. Both teams took a few innings to get things rolling. The Norse were the first to tend the scoreboard in the fifth inning. The inning started with a single by Heather Cotner and a sacrifice bunt by Becky Napier advanced Cotner to second. An RBI double by Sara Becker made it 1-0 NKU. This run would not be enough, however. In Lewis' half of the sixth inning, Lewallen gave up back to back hits to Christina Willis and Robin Martz.

A sacrifice bunt by Beth Shelus advanced the runners to second and third with only one out. It appeared that Lewallen would get out of trouble with a strike out and a pop out, but the ball was dropped by the shortstop allowing the tying run to score. Extra innings were necessary in this game, but the Norse came out victorious in the bottom of the ninth inning. A leadoff single by Napier started the inning.

An out later, Megan Owens singled advancing Napier to second. Sarah Newland pinch ran for Napier and scored the winning run on Ricki Rothbauer's double.

Errors were the cause for the Norse taking Lewis into extra frames. NKU had two errors in the game, uncharacteristic of the Norse. Lewallen recorded the win pushing her record on the season to 16-0. Shannon Roney was charged with the loss setting her back to 4-5.

In game two of the doubleheader, the

Norse were seeking their 30th consecutive victory and they got it in a big way. NKU needed just five innings to defeat Lewis 10-0. NKU became just the 13th softball team in NCAA history to win 30 consecutive games. A combination of outstanding hitting and fantastic pitching was the formula to this game. Although NKU scored ten runs, it took them two innings to get warmed up. But once they got started, they jumped all over Lewis' starter Kasey DeLafr. NKU started in the third inning with a walk to Owens. Rachele Vogelphol singled advancing Owens to first.

Rothbauer singled scoring Owens. Stephanie Leimbach singled on a bunt loading the bases for Lindeman who singled clearing the bases. One of the runs was scored on an error by Lewis. At this point in the third, Lewis pulled their starter and brought in Ashley LeGrand to take it the rest of the way. LeGrand was able to get out of the inning, but she was in for a rough outing as well.

In the next inning, NKU was at it again. The Norse started out with a single by Becker and a walk to Owens. Vogelphol singled on a bunt attempt loading the bases for the second consecutive inning. Rothbauer tripled clearing the bases and Leimbach brought her in with a single. One out later, Leimbach stole second base and was brought in with a double off the bat of Sarah King. King was brought in with a double by Cotner. Bunting around in the fifth inning and six hits later, the score was 10-0 NKU.

Although the offensive numbers were off the charts in this game, Rothbauer had five RBI's in the doubleheader. Breitholte received plenty of help from her offense improving her record to 10-0. DeLafr was chased out of the game after just two innings pitched and her record falls to 3-2. The Norse are definitely sending a message to opponents to get off the tracks when the train is coming through.



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Pitcher Emily Breitholte pitched a complete game shutout against Lewis April 9.

Norse take series against Lewis

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Freshman pitcher Kevin Quick recorded his first win of the season against Lewis.

Keith Jackson and Jason Nintrop led the Norse, each getting two hits, with Jackson driving in one run.

The second game featured more offense from both teams, but the Norse held on to collect a 7-5 win.

Pitcher Rick Wood kept his record perfect, improving to 3-0 with the victory and striking out six batters in seven innings. Steve Thomas picked up his third save of the season for the Norse.

Outfielder Josh Moulton led the NKU hitters, going three-for-four at the plate of games started off with a 5-3 loss for the Norse.

NKU pitcher Matt Marksbury pitched a completed game and struck out five, but was handed his first loss of the season with his record dropping to 1-1.

Lewis got on the board in the top of the fourth inning, scoring all five runs with two outs.

The second game saw the Norse come back and hold on to the victory against Lewis.

NKU trailed 3-0 entering the fifth inning before rallying to

take the lead. A Kory Loneragan single plated the first run of the inning for the Norse to get the lead down to 3-1.

The big hit came for the Norse when Alex Frank hit a three-out home run with two outs to give the Norse the lead.

The Norse picked up an insurance run in the sixth inning after Joe Kendall doubled to lead off the inning and scored on a Moulton single.

Kevin Quick picked up his first win of the season for the Norse, and Thomas got his fourth save of the season to wrap up the series.

"Our goal is always to win three out of four at home," Asalon said. "It's always important to win at home. We had a good weekend."

Getting to over .500 in the conference was big for the Norse, but not unexpected.

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Tiger Woods wins his fourth Masters

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Tiger Woods is back, and in a major way. His victory at the Masters April 10 was the capstone to an incredible four days of golf.

By winning the tournament, Woods reclaimed the number one ranking in the world and silenced his doubters by winning his first major since the 2002 U.S. Open.

But he needed a little bit of luck. Going into the final round, Woods was four shots back of the leader Chris DiMarco. DiMarco, who watched from the 18th green last year when Phil Mickelson won the tournament, played brilliantly all week and was determined to add a little history to his own. In a span of 22 minutes, Woods was able to make up the four-shot deficit on just

two holes en route to a third round score of 65.

When play resumed later in the day, Woods' hot streak continued. He immediately jumped out to take a three-shot lead, and fans soon started to wonder not if Woods was going to win, but by how many strokes. DiMarco then mounted a comeback of his own, and the two continued to slug it out through the back nine holes, which lead to a magical encounter at the par-3 16th that will be talked about for years.

After shooting his tie shot well over the hole, Woods faced a near impossible second shot that would have to be placed perfectly for him to even have a chance. After analyzing the numerous angles of which to approach the shot, Woods chuckled his ball a good 25 feet above the hole and watched it trickle down the slope and stop right on the lip of the cup, and after a two sec-

ond delay, pandemonium spread throughout the gallery as the ball fell in. After making one of the most difficult shots in Masters history, it looked as if destiny was on Woods' side. Going into the final two holes, Woods only needed to make par to secure the victory but was not able to do it. After hitting two bad tee shots, Woods was now the one scrambling to stay alive. He was able to do so by bogeying both the 17th and 18th holes, setting up a playoff hole between Woods and DiMarco.

The playoff hole would be played on the 18th, and after placing a much better tee shot, Woods was able to secure the victory by hitting a 15-foot birdie putt. Woods finished the round shooting a one-under 71, and both players shot 12-27 for the tournament. For DiMarco, it was his second consecutive sudden death loss in a major, and for Woods, per-



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Tiger Woods celebrates his playoff victory over Chris DiMarco to win his fourth Masters at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.

haps the most gratifying win of his career.

Woods now joins the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer with having four or

more wins at Augusta. This victory could be a tipping stone in making 2005 the year of the Tiger.

hotseat



with John Rasp

In this week's Hot Seat, John interviews men's tennis player Billy Hopkins. Billy is a senior on this year's tennis team.

John Rasp: Why is the tennis scoring system so different and hard to figure out?

Billy Hopkins: I've asked myself that question many times. I have no idea. I know that it all goes back to the people in Britain. It doesn't make any sense at all.

JR: Ever clocked your serve?

BH: Coach brings a clock in every now and then. It's kind of embarrassing for me because I don't have a very big serve. The fastest I've ever been clocked at is maybe 107 mph, but it wasn't close to being in. Nick Herzog, who's on the team, can hit close to 120 mph.

JR: Which NKU women's player would give you the toughest match?

BH: Clara Dorado or Laura Leontinger. Laura plays one, so she's obviously pretty good. I usually see Clara at practice and

she's pretty good. She plays pretty close matches with our No. 6 guy actually.

JR: Which player would most likely throw his racket?

BH: Jon Hart.

JR: Which tennis star would you most want to play?

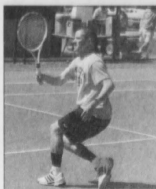
BH: Andy Roddick maybe. There is no way that I could return his serve, though.

JR: What's your funniest tennis court moment?

BH: Me and Amine were playing at Dayton and they hit a lob. I was running back to get the lob to pop it back over their head. I thought I had good perception to where the fence was but I looked up to see the ball and ran straight into the fence.

JR: Since you play No. 4 singles, which players in front of you could you beat?

BH: Oliver (Marinkovic), No. 1



Blue I Photographer

Billy Hopkins helped the Norse improve to 7-1 in the GLVC.

singles, would be hard to beat because he plays just like me but better. Marek (Pawelec) and Nick (Herzog) both hit very big shots but if they are off one day it would be good for me to play them because I hit the ball back pretty consistently.

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"One less hassle after finals."

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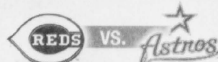
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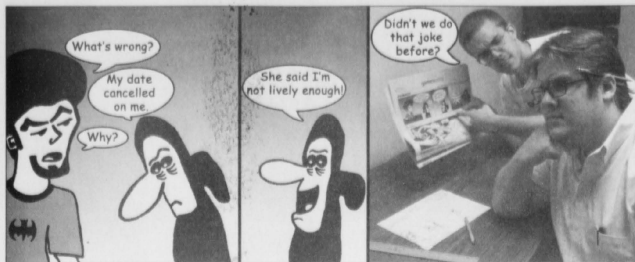


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This one is short so it's kind of tricky!

Hint: R = L

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S HXSX. HILG LBWLKLWJRLHP

GHJZZ LG S UJBVI CZ UJRR."

— MXBFXSR MXCFMX G. DSHHCBC

Last week's answer:

"Man perfected by society is the best of all animals; he is the most terrible of all when he lives without law, and without justice."

— Aristotle

crossword

"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)

- ACROSS
- 1 Struck, old-style
 - 6 Speaker of Cooperstown
 - 10 Avian abode
 - 14 Intrusive online ad
 - 15 Talk wildly
 - 16 Chorus voice
 - 17 Quantum theorist's fantasy?
 - 20 Slangy refusal
 - 21 Dotted cubes
 - 22 Formal agreement
 - 23 Lady's guy
 - 24 Performer's engagements
 - 25 Collude
 - 28 Window section
 - 29 Serving of corn
 - 32 Neighbor of Cuba
 - 33 Washed-out
 - 34 On the sheltered side
 - 35 M.C. Escher's fantasy?
 - 38 Jogging pace
 - 39 Prohibits
 - 40 Give a ring
 - 41 Amoral deed
 - 42 Medical suffix
 - 43 Pestilent fly
 - 44 Oodles
 - 45 Amazes
 - 46 Of primitive groups
 - 49 Spy
 - 50 Mata
 - 51 Lindstrom or Zadora
 - 53 Genie's fantasy?
 - 56
 - 57 Dorothy's pup

THIS WEEK'S SOLUTION



- DOWN
- 1 Whirl around
 - 2 NYC cultural attraction
 - 3 Colorful fish
 - 4 Harbor boat
 - 5 Contagious outbreak
 - 6 Pamphlet
 - 7 Unlikely
 - 8 Climbing vine
 - 9 One standing guard
 - 10 Designates
 - 11 Isle near Corsica
 - 12 Editorial order
 - 13 British Conservative
 - 18 Cloud number
 - 19 Strong inclination
 - 23 Ya dig?
 - 24 Causes rancor
 - 25 Gunfire
 - 26 Calf-length pants
 - 27 Attempt a pickup
 - 28 Great care and effort
 - 29 "The Waste Land"
 - 30 poet
 - 31 Christiania, today
 - 37 Dorothy's pup
 - 38 Literary class
 - 39 Clairvoyant
 - 40 Industrial show, casually
 - 41 Gorged

