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NKU SEVIS on track despite setbacks

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Northern Kentucky University is not among a group of schools across the nation that needed a deadline extension to get online with the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

Viki Kimball, Director of International Student Affairs, said that while meeting the original Jan. 30 deadline for schools to begin using SEVIS to submit information on new international students wasn't

exactly smooth, her office was able to complete the task.

"We didn't need the extension," she said.

Kimball said SEVIS was "really bogged down" over the past few weeks as thousands of schools rushed to get their information entered into the system.

The delays forced her and her staff to work odd hours and she had to call the SEVIS Help Desk several times.

"It was aggravating, no doubt," she said.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) issued the extension on Jan. 29, one day before the deadline, after some schools had difficulty using the system. Schools now have until Feb. 15 to get online with the service.

SEVIS is a system designed to track foreign students when they register for classes in the United States.

Any school that accepts foreign students is required to enter such information as academic status and field of study so that the INS has

instantaneous access.

So far, the problems with the system are mainly technical, but there has been at least one serious SEVIS related incident where information was in jeopardy.

Sometime between Jan. 6 and Jan. 17 someone hacked into a server at the University of Kansas and downloaded personal information on 1,450 international students.

According to a news release from the University the files were created during a test of the SEVIS database. The University sent out packets of

information on how to guard against identity theft to the students, fearing that someone would try to use the information illegally.

Kimball said she had not heard of the incident, but had received assurances from the INS that the SEVIS system was secure.

Abdul Kazi, a Pakistani student who handles public relations for the International Student Union (ISU) at NKU said he isn't worried about the security of the system.

He said the only people who will see the information would be school

administrators and the INS.

He said the ISU has discussed SEVIS at its meetings, but no one has had any serious problems.

"I haven't [heard] any negative comments from people," he said. Despite technical glitches, SEVIS does have some benefits.

Both Kimball and Kazi said the system offers faster response times on forms than international students are required to fill out.

"It has its pros and cons," Kazi said.

KRT Campus contributed to this report.

Homecoming shows 'pride'

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Entertainment Editor

Ah, it's once again time for Homecoming with fun events, and the election of the Homecoming Court.

The theme for this year's Homecoming is "Pushing Our Pride at 35."

The goal with this theme is to have all students come out and show their pride.

There are several events planned for this year's Homecoming including the Annual Black Comedy tour, featuring three comedians who appear regularly on BET.

The Activities Programming Board (APB) will also present an event called NKU's Homegrown

Talent. This will be a talent show featuring NKU students doing what they are best at.

Another event, the APB Bets For Bucks, will score brave students a little bit of cash. This event is a knockoff of the popular TV series "I Bet You Will." Students can win cash by doing silly stunts like shaving their entire body.

But, the most important event is the crowning of the Homecoming Court. The freshmen winners will be crowned as Duke and Duchess, the sophomore winners will be crowned as Prince and Princess, and of course, either a junior or senior winner will be crowned as this year's King and Queen. Voting will take place on Feb. 12-13, in the University Center Lobby.



D.J. CARTER
Systems Manager

Graduate student Tommy Martin doesn't like the reduced hours of the food carts this semester.

"We hate it. It sucks," he said. "I tried to contact Sodexo but got a message machine and never heard anything back from them."

Martin is upset that the movable feast food carts in the Steely Library and BEP now are only open until 2 p.m. The carts then reopen at 5 p.m. and close at 7 p.m. They used to be open all day until 8 p.m.

Sophomore Desera Favors is one of the workers at the Steely cart during the 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. cutback-affected shift. She described the cutback as "brutal." She said it strikes her hard, losing two and one half hour's pay a night, but that she understands it.

"There's not much traffic between two and five," she said.

Sodexo Dining Services director Andy Meeks said, "It is not a permanent change."

He said the hours were reduced because "The bulk of students have come through by 2 p.m." He also said that he had only received one complaint, which was from a professor.

Cart worker Mary Stidham said she has had many complaints about the hours and the food service. She said she would be willing to work extra hours to better serve students.

She is very concerned about hungry students, professors, and visitors. She said a big com-

plaint is the food at her cart, or lack thereof.

"Around 11 a.m. we need to be restocked. No one calls to check on supplies," Stidham says. "I have tried to get help."

She referred to the depleted food stock at around 1:30 p.m., "No sandwiches, only four parfaits..."

She said this is common.

She said many people have asked about the hot soup, which is no longer offered.

When she asked about it, Dining Services said the soup was no longer available. She found this answer unsatisfactory.

Stidham said she apologized to the complaining students and said that she wanted to make things right. She delivered a letter to Meeks. "I made it clear," she said.

She felt that she has not had a response.

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Bethany Richter/Photographer

Mary Stidham works at a food cart in Steely Library.

Check out the Campus Calendar on page 5 for all the Homecoming events.

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Policy limits Chairs' terms

JESSICA OUSLEY
Northernner contributor

A new policy for academic department chairs went into effect in the last fall and governs how many terms they can serve as chairs.

The previous policy allowed a department chair to remain in position for an unlimited number of years. Now, the policy states that a chair can serve one to three terms, each term consisting of four years.

The purpose of the policy is to allow new chairs into office to help create new ideas for the departments.

The new chair policy includes: a single term for an academic department chair, department chairs are initially appointed for a single term.

For appointment beyond the single term the provost, dean and faculty must approve the chair. A third term is limited to extremely rare cases, consisting of an in-depth evaluation, and must be approved by the provost.

Rogers Redding, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, along with other administrators, helped create this new policy.

"Until now, chairmen could stay as long as they wanted to, or until the dean removed them," said Redding.

The policy will affect all colleges within the university.

Chairs currently in office, who have served at least seven years, will not continue beyond the 2003-

2004 school year.

"I think it's a good policy," said Redding. "I like it very much; it emphasizes the fact that the role as department chair is not intended to be a permanent position. They are in office for a limited time, and then return to their faculty duties."

Annually, the provost, dean and faculty review the chair's performance. In addition, the new policy requires a more in-depth review after four years.

Redding acknowledges that everyone will not agree with this policy. "Some chairs don't like it, some do like it," he said. "The majority do like the policy, very much."

Brad Sharlott, journalism coordinator and associate professor, said it's a good idea.

"I think it is flexible because it allows the possibility for up to eight years and possibly twelve," he said. "It's appropriate for a chair to undergo the review process."

Sharlott adds that he thinks everyone has a certain way of looking at things and a new chair may introduce new ideas, excitement and creative changes.

"After eight years the job is so demanding, the chair should step down," said Sharlott.

Dr. Prince Brown, Jr., associate professor for sociology and African-American Studies, said he is for the best interests of the university, long-

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Get free tax help with Free File system

BOBMY FOUNSTER
Northernner Contributor

Paying to get your taxes done could become a thing of the past for many taxpayers this year.

An agreement between the IRS and the tax software industry (i.e. Free File Alliance, LLC) has resulted in Free File.

Free File is free online tax preparation and electronic filing system for eligible taxpayers.

Free tax preparation will be available to at least 60 percent of taxpayers or about 78 million people.

There are many benefits that come with using these services such as reduced tax return preparation time, faster refunds, and the accuracy of your return.

Each of the 17 software companies that are participating has its own eligibility requirements.

Most of the requirements will be

based on age, adjusted gross income, eligibility to file Form 1040EZ, eligibility to claim the Earned Income Credit, state residency, and active duty military status (if applicable).

Each individual company will decide the eligibility requirements. This free service is available now through April 15, 2003 through www.irs.gov.

Some companies will also extend this service through October 15, 2003 for some taxpayers who may need an extension.

Getting started is relatively easy. Once you go to the web site www.irs.gov, you then click on the Free File link and you can begin the process. To find out what companies you are eligible to use you can either

browse all of the services or fill out a short questionnaire to find the qualifying companies for you.

After determining eligibility the taxpayer can link directly to the free

service by clicking on the company's "Start Now" link. The company's software will prepare and e-file your income tax returns. These returns will then be transmitted by the company to the IRS through secure telephone lines and once the return is received an email from the company will notify you that your return has been accepted, or if something is wrong.

The software is approved by the IRS and is transmitted through the IRS e-file system.

Each company must comply with all federal rules on taxpayer privacy. This prohibits use of tax return data for purposes not authorized by the process. The companies will also provide helpful customer service to their users.

Taxpayers who do not have computers or home can still use the service.

"There are computers on campus with internet access that are available

for students to use," said Joe Geraci, NKU Director of Special Projects. "Before students spend money on getting their taxes done they should try this service and they will also get their money back faster."

Filing returns this way will get refunds returned in half the time of paper returns.

Kentucky Senator Richard Roeding, President Pro Tem, had a large role in getting this project out to the public.

"This service is very useful for taxpayers that qualify, not only at colleges but libraries and senior citizen meetings as well," Senator Roeding said. The software industry that puts out the software is trying to make sure that anyone that qualifies can use this service."

Taxpayers who do not meet the qualifications can still buy the software online.

DPS Reports

FEB 9 2003-03:13am Location: DORMS/NORSE HALL - FIRST FLOOR - COMPLAINT RECEIVED - Female resident reported that her ex-boyfriend, also a resident, repeatedly called and knocked on her door. Officers spoke to and advised both subjects. Case referred to Residential Life for possible, further disciplinary action. Case closed....

FEB 8 2003-Saturday-01:18pm Location: DORMS/WOODCRE/SYCAMORE - SECOND FLOOR - FIRE ALARM - A Fire Alarm was received via computer for the listed location. The Central Campbell County Fire Department responded and checked the area finding no evidence of smoke or fire. The alarm was caused by subject's unknown activating a pull station in the area. The scene was cleared and the building reopened for occupancy. Under investigation....

FEB 7 2003-Friday-09:30am Location: UNIVERSITY CENTER - GROUND FLOOR - ARGUMENT/OUTSTANDING WARRANT/ARREST - Report received of an argument between a male and female at the listed location. While questioning the subjects, it was discovered that the male involved had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Subject was transported to and lodged in the Campbell County Jail. The female was released. Case closed....

FEB 7 2003-Friday-08:43am Location: DORMS/NORSE COMMONS - 2nd Floor - Theft by Unlawful Taking Over \$300 - Male employee reported that subject's unknown removed a rug from the listed location. Under investigation....

FEB 6 2003-Thursday-01:58pm Location: B-E-P BUILDING - SECOND FLOOR - THEFT-Theft by Unlawful Taking Over \$300 - Female reported that subject's unknown removed a Dell Computer from the listed location. Under investigation....

FEB 6 2003-Thursday-10:30am Location: B-E-P BUILDING - FOURTH FLOOR - THEFT-Theft by Unlawful Taking-Over \$300 - Female University employee reported that subject's unknown removed a payroll check from the listed location. Under investigation....

FEB 5 2003-Wednesday-03:29pm Location:DORMS/COMMON-WEALTHHALL/CARDINAL/F-WING - THIRD FLOOR - CONTRABAND - Residential Life reported that they found several items of drug contraband while doing a room search at the listed location. No charges were filed at this time. The items were logged and secured in the D.P.S. Property/Evidence Room. Incident remains open at this time....

FEB 5 2003-Wednesday-01:58pm Location: PARKING LOT K - AUTO ACCIDENT-No Injuries No INJURIES. Two (2) vehicles involved. Both vehicles remained in service. Case closed....

FEB 4 2003-Tuesday-02:32pm Location: UNIVERSITY CENTER - BOOKSTORE - PROPERTY-Found/Recovered Property - A (Brown) Purse was found at the listed location. The property was logged into the D.P.S. Property Room. Case closed....

Hours 'confused' by change

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Stidham has been in food service for twenty-two years, mostly at hospitals. She said she knows how the business works. She said she has had very little problems at any other place she has worked, and that the problems no charges were filed at this time. The items were logged and secured in the D.P.S. Property Room. Case closed....

Junior Chris Bilz has noticed there are a lot less people hanging out in the library loggia now. She is confused by the change. "It makes no sense to me. They take the time to shut it down, then they open it back up. They might as well stay open," says Bilz. She wonders why they close the carts during finals, when that is the time that people need food and coffee "as much, if not more, than any other time."

She, too, is troubled with the lack of food at the carts. "They're not serving students. They either need to restock the cart with food or the uni-

versity needs to provide vending machines that have sandwiches.

Part time English Professor Pat Curran says that the hour changes have impacted her. As a part time professor, Curran doesn't have an office of her own. She said that it is too difficult to lug her heavy books and materials from Landrum to the UC to find something to eat. She only has minutes between the classes she teaches. She had come to depend on and really appreciate the food cart, but the time she has to eat falls in the reduced hours.

Curran mixes relaxing into work in the library loggia over coffee. She reminisced about the no longer offered hot soup. "It was nice in the winter months, while nursing a cold." She said she knows of many English professors who would use the convenient food service if it was more substantial. She hopes the hours are restored.

News

Center provides sex education

JESSICA OUSLEY
Northernner Contributor

It may be common knowledge that sex is a popular issue among college students, but the numbers speak for themselves.

Studies have shown that 83% of NKU students are sexually active," said Shirley Fledjerjohn, a nurse at the Health, Counseling and Prevention Services Office at NKU.

The Health Office helps educate students about sex. "Our job in Student Health is to promote good health, and that includes good sexual health," Fledjerjohn said. "Helping students avoid unwanted pregnancies is part of this."

The most common age for pregnancy ranges from 19 to 24-year-olds.

"Most pregnancies are unplanned," said Michelle Kay, a campus nurse.

Kay said that pregnancies rank second in health issues seen at the student health office - with colds and allergies being the number one ailment treated.

Sexually transmitted diseases are

third.

Abstinence is the most effective way to prevent becoming pregnant and/or getting an STD, but if someone is sexually active there are ways to have safer sex.

According to Fledjerjohn, "If you use the [birth control pill] perfectly (every day), it has a 99 percent effectiveness rate. The condom, with perfect use, is 97 percent effective, however, that rate decreases to 86 percent with typical use, meaning that it isn't used every time and/or breakage occurs."

Ann M. Dollins, assistant dean of Professional Studies and a certified nurse-midwife, said, "I think sexual awareness is important for everyone. Sexuality is part of our lives... It's a gift and we should honor it as such... and with honor comes responsibility."

"Nurses place a high level of importance on communication," Dollins said. "Students need information on how to prevent [STDs] and access to health care providers who can treat them; they deserve it more than anyone else."

Dr. Nancy Hancock, assistant professor of philosophy at NKU, said

"sex education is very important. Knowledge is important."

Kay said her goal is to let NKU students know that the office exists. "When I first started, upper classmen (juniors and seniors) would say they didn't know that we were here," she said. "I wish that there were more services here, more office space."

According to Fledjerjohn, not enough students are taking advantage of these services.

"Students can educate themselves by coming to our office and taking our brochures, speaking with the nurses, checking out the web," said Fledjerjohn.

The registered nurse can help assess and evaluate illnesses, perform basic first aid for minor wounds/injuries, confidential pregnancy testing, emergency contraception (also known as the morning after pill), among other services.

Twice a month a nurse practitioner from the Northern Kentucky Health Department comes to campus to perform gynecological examinations (pap test/breast exams), to assess and treat sexually transmitted infections and to dispense birth con-

trast medications and condoms.

All of these services are confidential and provided free to current NKU students (with proper identification), faculty and staff.

Some services by the nurse practitioner, open to both men and women, require a \$5 fee. These services include physical and medical health examinations, diagnosis and treatment of illnesses such as respiratory infection, flu symptoms, or urinary tract infections, tuberculosis tests and flu shots.

In addition, the office provides counseling services to help students adjust to college life, solving problems in relationships, victimization due to date rape, sexual abuse, and/or physical abuse and many others. "We're free, we're good and we're nice," Kay said.

Anyone interested in these services can contact the Health, Counseling and Prevention Services Office, located in the University Center, room 300, at (859) 572-5650. Office hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are available on a walk-in basis. Also visit their website at "http://www.nku.edu/~hcep

What you should know about 'the pill'

allowing for the shedding of the lining of the uterus (endometrium).

"Throughout the month you are building up the uterus lining getting ready for fertilization of the egg, even though you are not releasing the egg," Kay said. "You will still have your period at the end of your pill cycle because the walls of your uterus still build up in preparation as if the egg was going to be fertilized anyway."

There are two basic types of birth control pills - combination pills and mini-pills. Combination pills contain estrogen and progesterone, while mini-pills contain only progesterone. "Combination pills usually work by preventing a woman's ovaries

from releasing eggs," according to Planned Parenthood. "Progestin-only pills also can prevent ovulation. But they usually work by thickening the cervical mucus. A thickening in the cervical mucus is like a sexual roadblock for sperm; it keeps sperm from joining with an egg."

"Basically the pill is a preventative," Kay said. "It stops you from ovulating and it stops the egg from being fertilized."

Of course the pill does not always stop the egg from being fertilized. According to Planned Parenthood, "Of 100 women who use the pill, only five will become pregnant during the first year of typical use." By typical use, this survey means is that

a woman who took the pill did not take it the same time everyday. While, if taken properly, meaning same time everyday, chances of becoming pregnant are one out of 1000.

"By taking the pill at the same time everyday you are consistently getting yourself up to what is called therapeutic levels of the medication and keeping it there," Kay said. "If a woman is not consistent her hormones will not be in balance, Kay said. "If you take it at midnight, your hormonal level goes up. Then you take it again at 6 in the morning, and the hormones are up again. You are not keeping your hormones at an even level."

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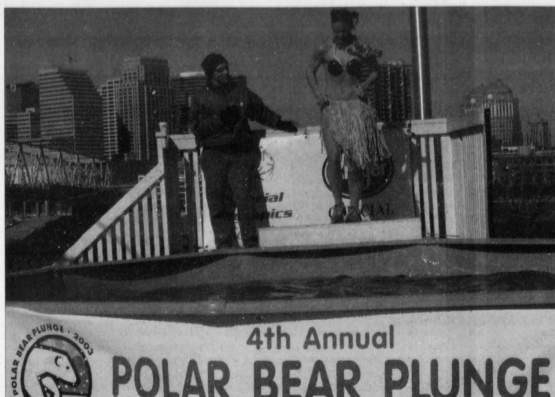
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Where's my jacket?



Senior Erin Engel raised \$200 on her own and jumped into freezing water for the Fourth Annual Polar Bear Plunge at Newport on the Levee Feb. 8 to raise money for Special Olympics.

Fran McQueen/Photographer

Public relations opens for majors

AMIE VOGT
Northerner Contributor

The Public Relations program is making a jump to major status. If the Board of Regents approves the program students will be able to enroll as Public Relations majors in March.

Northern faculty decided to expand the program due to external demand, said Dr. Cady Short-Thompson, associate professor of communication and coordinator of the Public Relations program.

"Our students have been asking for it for years, and students who wanted to come here, but wanted a PR major, went elsewhere," she said.

Public Relations "involves presenting either a candidate, a person, a company, or even an issue to the public in a positive, clear and accurate light as possible," said Dr. Short-Thompson.

The program will be different than a speech or journalism major because it will be media and corporate related and will better prepare students to get a job in PR.

With this being the only PR program in a 50-mile radius, there are a lot of jobs, and students want the jobs, said Dr. Short-Thompson.

Employers also want a number of qualified PR practitioners to gradu-

ate and be ready for the work. Dr. Short-Thompson said it takes a talent to communicate with the public and media and this focused degree will ready students for the task.

With a degree in PR, students can work as in-house PR people for any company or work for a specific PR firm. People in this field will be expected to put out press releases, make newsletters, design brochures and Web sites and really advertise the project they are working on.

"You have to like to write to do this job," said Dr. Short-Thompson. "And write well."

To better prepare for the curriculum, NKU professors will retrain and redevelop techniques to teach classes as productively as possible.

The department is also hiring additional professors with a PR background to teach.

OTHER NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS

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Compiled by Lori Cox

Belland Trio communicates with classical music

AMIE VOGT
Northerner contributor

Dr. Diana Belland has always loved chamber music.

"I hadn't played in a long time and I thought it would be really great to start a trio," she said.

Belland's Trio performed a relaxing and entertaining show Feb. 3, in Graves Concert Hall.

Since she was a little girl, Belland has been surrounded by what she loves most - music. She started taking piano lessons at age nine and has

been performing since age 16.

Today she is a Professor of Piano at Northern Kentucky University and teaches a variety of piano classes.

In the summer, she serves as the director of "The Norse Festival: Chamber Music at NKU."

In 1994, Belland decided to begin a trio.

The Provost Office supported her with funds to hire string musicians in the area.

"Until recently, we did not have a string program here (at NKU), we

didn't even have a string faculty," said Belland.

With the funds, Belland hired freelance players and members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

She did this until last October when she teamed with Anthony McGill, the associate principal clarinetist of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO). He was interested in playing in a trio with Belland.

"Anthony is a brilliant clarinetist. He is like the new star on the rise," said Belland.

Belland's trio is quickly becoming one of classical music's most sought after soloists and chamber musicians. McGill had an interest in chamber music and greatly enjoyed performing with Belland.

"It was great and we all get along very well," McGill said.

McGill's friend, Michael Klotz, who is the violinist for the Amerinet String Quartet, wanted to play in the trio as well.

Along with the viola, he plays the violin.

"It's hard to be good at both, and Michael is absolutely excellent at

both," Belland said.

The chamber music performed by the Trio is piano music accompanied by other instruments, like violin and cello, or in this case, violin/viola and clarinet.

Belland's Trio performs an array of pieces from Mozart to 20th century jazz style music.

"In the popular terminology this would be called classical (music), but when musicians use the term they are talking about music written in the time of Mozart and Beethoven," explained Belland.

Each music era is called a movement.

Following Mozart's Classical

Movement is the Romantic Movement and so on.

Along with performing at NKU, Belland's Trio does a lot of concerts and outreach programs off campus.

She received, for the third year, the Faculty Project Grant, which enables them to go off campus and perform at schools and festivals and to appeal to a variety of people.

When performing different types of pieces at schools and events, Belland's group usually plays part of the piece, then stops to explain and answer questions.

"There should be communication between the performers and the audience," she said.

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Kentucky Hall gets rocked again

Jon VORHEIS
Staff Writer

Local bands Remedy, Eyesore, and Semi-Automatic unleashed their musical skills and dominated the lobby of Northern Kentucky University's Kentucky Hall Feb. 1st.

With the double-doors of the entrance propped open, the pounding music was heard far beyond the walls of the hall, and lured passing students in from the cold night to join the others filling the room. Remedy, the first of the three bands to play at the third Rockin' the Hall concert and whose name comes from a Black Crow song, was a change in the original agenda for the evening, joining the lineup after The Hound cancelled.

All five members of Remedy have come from broken bands, but that doesn't mean that the past four months they've been playing together have been free from error.

"At my school talent show-we sucked. My guitar was out of tune, and we sounded crappy. We stopped playing halfway through," said lead singer and guitarist Dave Caron.

The band's performance Saturday night was nowhere near that embarrassing scenario.

Instead, the band, which consists of lead singer and guitarist Dave Caron, 21, guitarist Sean Beavers, 24, bass guitarist Ryan Conyers, 18, drummer Jake Dupps, 19, and keyboardist Ian Pascoe, 21, played the perfect opening set for the second band, Eyesore.

Remedy's sound, a steady beat with undertones of a catchy rock rhythm inspired by bands such as Phish, Incubus, the Dave Matthews Band and the Black Crowes, eased the audience right into the eight

palms of Eyesore.

The band, composed of lead singer Nathan Latham, 21, guitarist Mike Young, bass guitarist Adam Dupps and drummer Mike Wagner, picked up their instruments and the whole audience as well.

Just as the four took the front floor, Latham's eyes grew hungry for something yet to come and he said, "We're ready. Let's rock. We gotta get these people up!"

And that is just what they did. Lead singer Nathan Latham prefers getting into the music himself instead of constantly staring at the audience, which leaves Eyesore fans staring at his turned back while he croons lyrics toward the wall, or bends over until he is close to the carpet.

"I've never really thought about doing it for effect," said Latham. "I think I turn away from the crowd more out of shyness and trying to keep myself focused than effect."

Eyesore's mysteriously addictive sound has been inspired by musicians Tom Morello (Rage) and Wes Bandz (Limp Bizkit), along with bands AC/DC and Tool, and their performance was packed full of energy from the show's beginning to beyond it's finish.

Young, as "melodic groove core/hard rock" is a group effort that has paid off soundly. Perhaps some of their infectious energy comes from Wagner's ritual of drinking a SoBe Energy before shows, although it is more realistic to assume that the group's rhythmic chemistry is the major component behind their powerful sound.

While the guys couldn't determine where they got the name Eyesore, it is easy to determine that they have some serious height with in the band. Guitarist

Young stands at six-foot-five, challenged in height only by that of Dupps, an intimidating six-foot-four.

Although the group's pre-show traditions and surprising heights are likely to be overlooked by most, their sound is not going to go unheard.

But as the group's music will not go unheard, their sound was not going to go unmatched.

As Eyesore wrapped up their set and left the satisfied student audience for the evening, the final explosive element erupted as Semi-Automatic took the floor.

The Cammy-nominated band has been causing quite a local buzz lately. Their debut CD has been gathering great reviews across town (visit their website at www.semi-automatic.com to score a copy), and their performances have earned them strong support from appreciative hard rock listeners.

Semi-Automatic managed to hold the crowd's attention with the same intensity that Eyesore had. Speaking of Eyesore, their ears stuck around as well and their eyes, like everyone else's in the room, were glued to the five guys rocking the...hall.

The smashing rhythms and hard rock sounds come from the band's five members, vocalist/guitarist John Lancaster, guitarist Sean Saarkamp, guitarist Chuck Davis, bassist Matt Parmenter and drummer Dave Becknell, who together form the perfect rock blend.

But like all good things, the night came to an end, and another successful Rockin' the Hall concert has been and gone.

Just how far gone, it is hard to determine, as the future very possibly may highlight one of these three bands again.



Photo Contributed

Members of the band, The Hives, including the Mick Jagger look-alike lead singer.

dj-X's Week in Review

This week we strap in a Chevelle, hang with Mick Jagger's clone, and go back to the streets of the LBC.

NICK GREENWALD
dj XWRN

Pick of the Week: Chevelle "Wonder What's Next"

The only thing that rocks harder than a '68 Chevelle Super sport is the music you play in it. Chevelle has come on strong with their latest album. Though the band has been around for a while, and even had a single on the rock charts in 99, it wasn't until 2002 that the masses were ready for the power Chevelle possessed.

With hard hitting chords and a message dug deep from the psyche of their rather quiet front man, Chevelle hopes to keep rocking for some time. As is my opinion, I believe that these guys have something, something everyone should hear.

Gotta have it: The Hives "Veni

Vidi Vicious"

I had a hard time believing that we, society, could successfully clone a human. However, after seeing the Hives lead singer, I am a believer. One question though, why Mick Jagger? Of all the people in the world to clone why him?

This guy imitates Mick, down to the look and mannerisms. It is unbelievable how similar they look and act. As for the album, it speaks for itself. Raw and outrageous.

It screams sixties, seventies rock. A return to the old. I am glad to hear real rock and roll come back to the mainstream. If his singing ability is as good as his look these guys might be around for a while.

Personally I doubt it, but I love this album.

Old School Pick: Sublime "Sublime"

Oh, how I long for the days of "Summertime", back when the liv-

ing was easy. Back before everyone came from Long Beach there were only two, Snop Dogg and Sublime. Back in the turmoil of the early nineties these boys smashed through breaking all sorts of social and political barriers.

From their ode to Marcus On Jr. and the L.A. riots to their realistic views of Annie's lifestyle, Sublime told the world how they saw the problems in their home.

Never again will a band impact the world of music like Sublime. Maybe that's good because if everyone made an impact there would never be truly great bands.

Long live the music of Sublime and go support the Long Beach Dub All Stars for keeping the dream alive.

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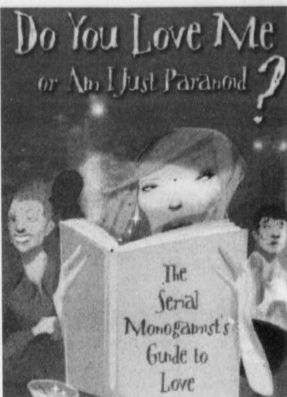
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AndAndy is homegrown here at NKU

Kyle Burch
Northerner Contributor

Besides being students at NKU, Josh Purnell and Andy Crawford have something in common with literally hundreds of others that can be found walking around campus; they are members of a band.

Purnell and Crawford along with former NKU student Josh Duncan and Rob Warrick form the group, AndAndy.

Still new to the local music scene, AndAndy is quickly making a name for itself as one of the most talented bands in the tri-state area. The band formed in late 2001, and things have just progressed from there. Shortly after forming, the band started searching in hopes of gaining a fifth member who could be lead vocals. After much practice, and still no singer to be found, Purnell decided to step up to the microphone and take a shot at it himself, and with much surprise, the result was a good one.

With a lead singer in place, AndAndy began to write their own songs and felt they were ready to take their show to the stage. They played their first live show in August, at York Street Cafe, in Newport, and were offered a weekly gig. They decided to pass on the once a week opportunity, wanting to play at other places, but accepted the invitation of playing once a month.

Since August, the band has played at numerous local venues, including

The Madison Theatre, and Sudsy Malones.

Purnell a Radio and Television major, and Crawford, an Art Education major, know that being students at NKU, is one of the best ways to get to spread the word and promote their band.

"We just try to tell everyone we know, when we are going to be playing," said Crawford, "We print up fliers to hang around campus and hope to get as many people as we can to come to the shows."

Another big step the band took in promoting itself was setting up their new web site, www.AndAndy.com. They also find that playing with other bands, which already have an established fan base, has brought them more popularity.

They have played with local bands such as Fickle, Messerly and Ewing, Eightfoot, and in March have a date set with one of the most popular bands on the Cincinnati music scene, Denial.

Of course they would love to hit it big and get a huge record deal, however Purnell says for right now they are just having fun and playing music.

Purnell has realized the growing popularity of their music from when they started just seven months ago.

"The crowds have definitely gotten bigger each time out," said Purnell, "and it's really cool when I look out to the crowd and people are actually singing along to the songs that we wrote."

When writing songs, all four add

there "own special goodness to the mix," and that has led to about 16 original songs as of now. Although they have yet to release their first CD, the group hopes to be able to move to the studio soon.

"We're hoping to save enough money to be able to get into the studio," said Purnell, "then we would be able to put together a 5-song EP, which we could then send out to independent record labels."

Although Purnell and Crawford spend a lot of their time with the band practicing and playing out, it really doesn't interfere with them being good students.

"It doesn't really effect our school work," said Crawford, "but we really haven't had anyone to have girlfriends."

Since August, AndAndy has been playing their music at different venues around the tri-state almost every weekend. It's an opportunity you shouldn't pass up.

AndAndy brings a fun and exciting show to the stage, and as it says on their Web site, they "promise to bring it strong every time." With a hint of Weezer, a little of Superdrag, and their own original kick, the music played by AndAndy is guaranteed to entertain.

Upcoming shows

Feb. 21 at York St. Cafe with Eightfoot and Ladder 35
Mar. 21 at York St. Cafe with Denial.

Relationship book parody out just in time for Valentines

Jordan Kellogg
Editor in Chief

Author Carisa Chocano has written a great parody of relationship books with "Do You Love Me Or Am I Just Paranoid? The Serial Monogamist's Guide to Love," which was released this month.

The book is billed as a "guide" for people who prefer a certain relationship limbo where neither breaking up nor getting married sound like particularly good ideas.

"As we now understand them," she writes, "Relationships allow a couple to remain in a noncommittal monogamous union for an indeterminate amount of time with no clear goal in mind, while simultaneously shielding them from the twin horrors of breaking up and getting married." This book celebrates "serial monogamy" with advice on finding someone special, dating, living together, having sex, breaking up and moving on.

This situation is what most relationship books strive to remedy, though, which is where the parody starts.

There are the requisite lists, present in most relationship books, but laughed at in sections such as "Singlehood FAQ" and a handy guide for finding out if you are in love or insane. There are also chapter ending stories for an indeterminate amount of time with no clear goal in mind, while simultaneously shielding them from the twin horrors of breaking up and getting married. This book celebrates "serial monogamy" with advice on finding someone special, dating, living together, having sex, breaking up and moving on.

pensing poor advice along the way. For example, she writes, "The truth is, potential boyfriends are everywhere. You just have to keep your eyes peeled and your expectations low. Not quite earth shattering. But advice is secondary in this book. In the introduction the author herself concedes that the advice is "terrible." On the other hand, she writes, "It's probably just the sort you generally give yourself, so there's no hard work involved." This is another way in which Chocano parodies the relationship books. She rejects the ideas of psychology and deep analysis of thoughts and feelings and instead directs her focus on the neurotic behavior this thorough analysis causes.

For example, in "What to Read Every Situation," she deftly picks apart a conversation between a man and a woman, which on the surface seems like an innocent exchange. All it takes is the inclusion of one word, "so," to set the author off on what is really wrong beneath the exchanged courtesies. It's humorous, but it also says something about the way adult men and women analyze each other's every move.

At a slim 150 pages, the "Monogamist's Guide" is a quick read with condensed chapters that are sometimes less than a page and a half long.

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12 Wednesday • The Art of Kissing at 7:30 in Budg Theater • Women's Self-Defense class, 6:30-8 p.m. in FA 220. Running until March 5. For more info e-mail Sarah Ward at wards@nku.edu • HOMECOMING Last day to vote for Royal Court from 10-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. at UC Info Booth	13 Thursday • There are no events listed	14 Friday • HOMECOMING Spirit Olympics - Banner contest due at Student Life at noon.	15 Saturday • There are no events listed	16 Sunday • There are no events listed	17 Monday • HOMECOMING APB Comedy Show - Greaves at 8 p.m.	18 Tuesday • HOMECOMING Talent Show "Homegrown Talent" at 6 p.m. in BEP 200 • HOMECOMING Spirit Olympics - Twister Tournament, UC TV Lounge, noon. • Working Women of the World" at 3 p.m. in Otto Budg Theater.
19 Wednesday • Make Your Own Music Video-UC Cafe 10-2 p.m.	20 Thursday • APB "Bets for Bucks" - Finals-UC Plaza 10-2 p.m. • HOMECOMING Pep Rally and Announcement of Prince, Princess, Duke and Duchess at Albright Health Center 4 p.m.	21 Friday • APB "Bets for Bucks" - Finals-UC Plaza 10-2 p.m. • NPHC Step Show in Greaves 7 p.m.	22 Saturday • HOMECOMING - Crowning of King and Queen during halftime of Men's Basketball game. Game starts at 7:45 p.m.	23 Sunday • There are no events listed	24 Monday • There are no events listed	25 Tuesday • Phi Tau's Annual Charity Auction 7 p.m. in Otto Budg Theater

WNTV Movie Listings

Channel 15

Wednesday February 12

12:00 a.m.-1:20 a.m.	The Master of Disguise
1:30 a.m.-3:12 a.m.	About a Boy
3:30 a.m.-5:15 a.m.	Blue Crush
5:30 a.m.-7:47 a.m.	He Got Game
8:00 a.m.-9:20 a.m.	The Master of Disguise
9:30 a.m.-11:12 a.m.	About a Boy
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	WNTV Original Programming
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Disguise
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Z10 Network
4:00 p.m.-6:05 p.m.	What Women Want
6:05 p.m.-7:51 p.m.	Trapped
8:00 p.m.-9:29 p.m.	Undercover Brother
9:30 p.m.-11:11 p.m.	Feardotcom
11:30 p.m.-1:35 a.m.	What Women Want

Thursday February 13

1:35 a.m.-3:21 a.m.	Trapped
3:30 a.m.-4:58 a.m.	Undercover Brother
5:00 a.m.-6:41 a.m.	Feardotcom
7:00 a.m.-9:05 a.m.	What Women Want
9:05 a.m.-10:51 a.m.	Trapped
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	WNTV Original Programming
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Disguise
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	National Lampoon Network
4:00 p.m.-5:27 p.m.	Head Over Heels
5:30 p.m.-7:10 p.m.	Serving Sara
7:30 p.m.-9:23 p.m.	Dance
9:30 p.m.-11:23 p.m.	Russell: Martin Lawrence Live
11:30 p.m.-1:27 a.m.	Head Over Heels

Friday February 14

1:00 a.m.-2:40 a.m.	Serving Sara
3:00 a.m.-4:53 a.m.	Save the Last Dance
5:00 a.m.-6:53 a.m.	Running Martin Lawrence Live
7:00 a.m.-8:27 a.m.	Head Over Heels
8:30 a.m.-10:10 a.m.	Feardotcom
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	WNTV Original Programming
2:00 p.m.-3:35 p.m.	The Adventures of Pluto Nash
3:35 p.m.-5:51 p.m.	Finding Forrester
6:00 p.m.-7:49 p.m.	Fools Rush In
8:00 p.m.-9:44 p.m.	The Wedding Planner
10:00 p.m.-11:35 p.m.	The Adventures of Pluto Nash
11:35 p.m.-1:51 a.m.	Finding Forrester

Saturday February 15

2:00 a.m.-3:49 a.m.	Fools Rush In
4:00 a.m.-5:44 a.m.	The Wedding Planner
6:00 a.m.-7:35 a.m.	The Adventures of Pluto Nash
7:35 a.m.-9:51 a.m.	Finding Forrester
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Sunday February 16

12:00 a.m.-3:49 a.m.	Fools Rush In
4:00 a.m.-5:44 a.m.	The Wedding Planner
6:00 a.m.-7:35 a.m.	The Adventures of Pluto Nash
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Monday February 17

2:00 a.m.-3:49 a.m.	Fools Rush In
4:00 a.m.-5:44 a.m.	The Wedding Planner
6:00 a.m.-7:35 a.m.	The Adventures of Pluto Nash
7:35 a.m.-9:51 a.m.	Finding Forrester
10:00 a.m.-11:49 a.m.	Fools Rush In
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	WNTV Original Programming
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Z10 Network
4:00 p.m.-5:16 p.m.	Hey Arnold! The Movie
5:30 p.m.-7:29 p.m.	Pumpkin
7:30 p.m.-9:28 p.m.	The Bourne Identity
9:30 p.m.-11:48 p.m.	K-11: The Widowmaker

Tuesday February 18

12:00 a.m.-1:59 a.m.	Pumpkin
2:00 a.m.-3:58 a.m.	The Bourne Identity
4:00 a.m.-6:18 a.m.	K-11: The Widowmaker
6:30 a.m.-7:46 a.m.	Hey Arnold! The Movie
8:00 a.m.-9:59 a.m.	Pumpkin
10:00 a.m.-11:58 a.m.	The Bourne Identity

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No.12 Norse hold off Quincy

QUINCY, Ill. - Brenden Stowers scored 15 points and made two clutch free throws late in the game Saturday afternoon as Northern Kentucky University defeated Quincy University, 70-66, at the Pepsi Arena.

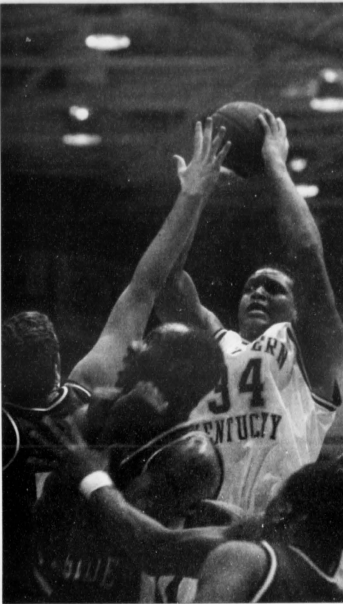
NKU built a 63-49 lead with 4:10 remaining, but Quincy used a 15-4 run to pull within 67-64 on Cory Cummins' three-pointer with 29 seconds left. Stowers was fouled with 20 seconds remaining, and he made both free throws to ice the victory for NKU.

Lee Caldwell missed a three-point attempt on Quincy's possession, and Mike Kelsey - who grabbed the rebound and was fouled - made one of two free throws to ice the victory for NKU.

Jesse Reube added 12 points and seven rebounds for NKU, which improved to 19-3 overall, 13-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Norse - ranked No. 12 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll - are in sole possession of first place in the GLVC.

Kelsey finished with 14 points as NKU defeated Quincy for the 15th time in 16 meetings. The Hawks' only victory in the series came during the 1998-99 season, when they pulled out an 86-83 overtime win at the Pepsi Arena.

Kelsey, who also had six rebounds and two steals, has scored in double figures in 14 consecutive games. Bobby St-Prax added nine points, all in the first half, for the Norse, while Quentin Smith finished with eight points and eight rebounds.



Senior Chris Seabrooks takes a shot over three University of Wisconsin-Parkside defenders in NKU's narrow victory over the Rangers, 76-75 on Feb. 1.

The Norse shot 53.6 percent from the field in the first half to build a 39-32 lead at the break. NKU, however, made just 30.8 percent of its shots from the field in the second half and did not convert a field goal during the final 5:35 of the game.

The Norse did make 13 of 19 free throws in the second half and committed just nine turnovers the

entire game.

NKU will play host to the University of Southern Indiana at 7:45 p.m. Thursday night in Regents Hall. Southern Indiana will meet Kentucky Wesleyan College in a GLVC showdown Saturday night in Evansville, Ind.

Article by Sports Information

One-on-One with men's basketball guard Sean Rowland

ELIAN HAJJAM
Sports Editor



Tim Downer/Photo Editor
Sean Rowland

EH: Who is the better coach: Tubby Smith or Ken Shields?

SR: I'd have to say Ken Shields, because he has over 700 career wins. And the Norse have 19 wins and I don't think the wildcats have that yet.

EH: Do you think college athletes should get paid?

SR: Most definitely. It's either that or have the colleges make money off of the athletes by selling their jerseys and all that.

EH: Did you get a Hummer from your mother in high school?

SR: I got a 1988 Chevy Celebrity. Black with red trim and barely ran. Every time I'd go to start it, I'd have to wait ten minutes before it started. That lasted three months before it died.

EH: I hear you like Notre Dame football. Are they going to win the NCAA championship next season?

SR: Most definitely. They are back! The return to glory! They have the coach, the top five recruiting class and Ohio State was a fluke this year.

EH: True or False: You should be a starter on the basketball team?

SR: False. I can't jump, I'm slow, I'm not athletic and I can't shoot.

EH: True or False: NKU will win the NCAA Division II national championship in basketball this season?

SR: True. We're the best team in the country.

EH: True or False: The women's basketball team could beat the men's basketball team?

SR: False. I think we have too much depth for the women's team. There would be some good match-ups, like Sherrill vs Smith

EH: Should women be allowed in Augusta?

SR: No they shouldn't. I don't know much about golf, but I know they haven't been allowed in so many years and I don't know why they would start now.

EH: Who's hotter: Monday Night Football's Melissa Stark or the Best Damn Sports Show Period's Lisa Guerrero?

SR: Lisa Guerrero. Because she is on a better show and she wears better clothing.

Norse rally from 14 down to win

QUINCY, Ill. - Amy Mobley scored six of her 15 points in the final three minutes Saturday as the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team rallied for a 71-63 win over Quincy University at the Pepsi Arena.

Quincy jumped out to a 30-16 lead in the first half as Amber Dorak scored nine points off the bench. NKU, however, used a 23-10 run to slice the deficit to 40-39 at halftime.

Tracy Grapenthin hit a three-pointer with 5:37 remaining in the game to give Quincy a 61-59 lead, but NKU responded with a 10-2 run to take a 69-63 advantage. Mobley scored six points to key the NKU spurt.

With the score tied at 63-63, Mobley grabbed an offensive

rebound and was fouled. She made both free throws to give the Norse a 65-63 advantage with 2:56 left in the game.

After Tiffany Kelter missed a short jumper, NKU's Kristin Polosky hauled in the rebound. Mobley then gave the Norse a 67-63 lead with a driving layup, and Quincy - which did not hit a field goal during the final 5:37 of the game - never threatened again.

The Lady Hawks, in fact, did not score during the final 3:15 of the game.

Connie Myers added 12 points for NKU, which improved to 16-4 overall, 12-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Norse also claimed sole possession of second place in the GLVC standings with the victory.

Quincy, which dropped to 17-5 overall, is 11-4 in the GLVC and in third place in the conference. NKU held Quincy to just 28.1 percent shooting from the field in the second half, and the Norse made 50 percent of their shots from the field after halftime to pull out the road victory.

Polosky and Elizabeth Burrows each added 11 points for the Norse, who are ranked No. 18 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll. NKU now holds a 15-1 lead in the all-time series with Quincy.

The Norse will return home and play host to the University of Southern Indiana at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Regents Hall.

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Men's Tip-off: 3:15 pm

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Men's Tip-off: 7:45 pm



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Baptist Student Union
HOMETOWN: Walton, KY
CLASSIFICATION: Senior
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Baptist Student Union, member of the Math and Computer Science Club, involved and affiliated with the Honors Program and Alpha Chi

Luke Groschen
Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
HOMETOWN: Alexandria, KY
CLASSIFICATION: Senior
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Inter-Fraternal Council, Order of Omega, Student Mentor, Team NKU, Norse Force

Tye Mortensen
Presidential Ambassadors
HOMETOWN: Union, KY
CLASSIFICATION: Junior
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Presidential Ambassadors, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa, Upward Bound, Northern Kentucky Speed Team, NKU, Norse Force, Student Life Ambassador Team, Inter-Fraternal Council, Resident Assistant

Benjamin Wilder
Residential Housing Association
Christian Student Fellowship
HOMETOWN: Morrow, OH
CLASSIFICATION: Senior
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Residential Housing Association, Pep Band, Marketing Club, Christian Student Fellowship

Jeffrey Weier
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
HOMETOWN: Cold Springs, KY
CLASSIFICATION: Senior
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Student Orientation Leader, Student Government Senator, Beta Beta Beta Honor Society, Health Professions Club, Golden Key, Omicron Delta Kappa

Jesse George
Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
HOMETOWN: Erlanger, KY
CLASSIFICATION: Junior
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Inter-Fraternal Council, Norse Force, Lead NKU Graduate, Leadership Task Force

QUEENS

Melanie Coomes
NKU Norse Dance Team
HOMETOWN: Florence, KY
CLASSIFICATION: Senior
COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: 4 years on the Norse Dance Team, 2 years in Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), with one year as Secretary, 2 years in Alpha Sigma Chi (A_X) with one year as Social Planner

LaToya Chambers
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Pill: Some negative side effects

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Kay added that if the pill is not taken at the same time everyday a woman could experience breakthrough bleeding, one of the minor side effects associated with the pill. Others include headache, nausea, and mood swings. According to Snider "these side effects, especially nausea, usually subside within the first three months of use."

Taking the pill may also be a factor in weight gain for some women. The pill can cause some increase in appetite due to the increase of hormones," Kay said.

There seems to be discrepancy over whether the pill causes breast cancer. Planned Parenthood and Snider both agree, however, that even though there appears to be disagreement, most investigations have found that women who take the pill do not have an increased chance of developing breast cancer.

According to Planned Parenthood a woman should not take the pill if she:

Smokes more than 20 cigarettes a day and are 35 or older.

Has high blood pressure
Has a history of blood clots or vein inflammation
Has unexplained vaginal bleeding
Thinks she might be pregnant

Planned Parenthood said it is acceptable for a woman at high risk for heart disease or high cholesterol to take the pill, as long as she is under medical supervision. There are some positive side effects of the pill in addition to its contraceptive use. "The pill has proven to have significant health benefits," Snider said. "Studies show that the incidence of ovarian and endometrial cancers, benign cysts of the ovaries and breasts, and pelvic inflammatory disease decrease with pill use."

Along with these health benefits, some women who take the pill experience regular periods, help with acne, less pain associated with premenstrual symptoms and menstrual cramps.

If a woman is sexually active, Kay recommends taking the pill.

"We see a lot of young ladies that come in with accidental pregnancies," Kay said. "It's really a life

altering thing."

Kay added that even though the pill is good in preventing pregnancy it does not protect a woman from sexually transmitted diseases. In lieu of this information, she recommends the use of condoms during intercourse.

While there are some negative side effects of taking the pill, for many healthy women the pill provides a safe, effective means of birth control with some benefits toward a healthier lifestyle, Snider said.

Women interested in taking the pill should set up an appointment with her gynecologist or attend one of the reproductive health clinics that the Health and Counseling Center offers two Thursdays a month. During these clinics, a nurse practitioner from the Kenton County Health Clinic comes to campus to perform pelvic examinations and dispense the pill, as appropriate, free of charge. The dates open for appointments are March 13 and 27, April 10 and May 1. There are 26 to 28 spots available for each clinic, but they tend to fill up rather quickly, Kay said.

Contemplating Graduate School?

Kaplan is conducting free LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and GRE practice tests open to all interested students and non-traditional students.

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Letters to the Editor

Rally important for future

KATH HERSCHDE

President/Student Government Association

Dear Members of the NKU Community,

The Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents (BSBP) is sponsoring a "Higher Education Rally" in Frankfort at the Capitol on Thursday, February 27. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and community friends will be joining us to send the message to our state legislators to "Invest in Education".

We will be departing for the Capitol at 6:30 a.m. from the NKU University Center. Transportation will be provided for all attendees. We are scheduled to return to Northern Kentucky by 4:00 p.m. We will be making office visits to Northern Kentucky Legislators from 9-11:30 a.m. and will have an 11:30 press conference in the Capitol Rotunda to announce the "Invest in Education" campaign.

Kentucky's students are not willing to accept double-digit percentage increases in their tuition because of a cut in state funding to postsecondary education. Students of this Commonwealth deserve accessible and affordable higher education. Postsecondary education is already underfunded \$146 million dollars according to Council on Postsecondary Education data comparing Kentucky institutions to benchmark institutions.

Northern Kentucky University is underfunded \$26 million dollars according to our Council on Postsecondary Education benchmark institutions. Additionally, NKU students are paying a disproportionate amount of their education versus state support compared to in-state peer institutions because of our historical underfunding. We deserve more funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Northern Kentucky University and the northern Kentucky region are the fastest growing, yet the least supported by state dollars. The students at NKU and the northern Kentucky region deserve better. It will be devastating to our University if the Commonwealth does not adequately fund NKU. Help us send the message to our legislators that this is not acceptable!

As a member of our community, you know that the President has already severely restricted many staff hires, travel, equipment and furniture purchases. For students, there is the possibility of significant tuition increases, potential for reduced student services, and possibility of a significant increase in class size. The state budget affects all of us.

If you are not able to attend the rally on February 27, you are still able to help us make a difference. The University maintains public contact information for the Kentucky Legislature. To access this information, simply go to www.nku.edu and click on "Contact Kentucky State Legislators". Please e-mail them from your personal e-mail account and tell them to "Invest in Education" and Northern Kentucky University. The future of our Commonwealth depends on it.

You can also help by announcing this rally in your class or to any students you may come into contact with. Please encourage contact with your peers to join us for this historic rally in Frankfort. Together, all of us can make a difference.

As a distinguished member of the NKU Community, we would be honored to have you attend the rally. You can RSVP by e-mailing sga@nku.edu or by calling 859.572.5190 by February 20.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our University!



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JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

Dr. James Alford, the former President/CEO of the NKU Foundation, is set to appear in court this week to face charges of marijuana trafficking.

He was arrested Dec. 19 after police found marijuana, plastic bags and a .38-caliber revolver in his home during a warranted search.

His case provides an interesting backdrop for discussion of the legalization of marijuana.

At 52, and the former head of the fund raising arm of a growing university, Alford seems like the last person who would be facing such charges.

Marijuana is a drug associated with high school and college students in their teens and twenties, not

older, professional persons.

In fact, people in their thirties, forties and fifties who use or sell the drug for recreational purposes are seen as stunted and immature.

This belief stems largely from popular culture.

Marijuana is, arguably, one of the only drugs that bridges a generation gap between parents in their forties and fifties and their children in their late teens and early twenties.

The generation of people now in their forties and fifties laughed at Cheech and Chong, even if they had never used marijuana.

A younger generation now has similar drug notions, including

"Half Baked," which follows the misadventures of four friends who smoke marijuana and get in trouble with a local drug dealer.

Because of these movies, as well as some music and television shows, marijuana is slowly moving out of the category of uncontrolled substance and into the realm of nicotine and alcohol.

But should it be treated the same way? The legalization of marijuana has become a hot, and confusing, topic in some states.

In San Francisco last month a jury first convicted an outspoken marijuana activist on drug charges then publicly renounced their own verdict saying the man had not received a fair trial.

Members of the jury said they had not been told the man was

growing marijuana as part of Oakland's medical marijuana program.

Advocates extol the medicinal virtues of the drug while the ad council recently began running commercials warning against marijuana use and it's ability to prohibit some functions.

Is it worth fighting marijuana growers, dealers, sellers and users, or would making it legal create a slope for people to fall into other, more dangerous drugs?

At NKU, would it be worth it to have Alford back if he is, in fact, convicted, to work on raising funds, especially while the university faces monumental budget cuts?

These are the decisions we'll be forced to make as marijuana matures alongside the population.

Marijuana grows up

Gay marriages defended

STEPHEN HENDRICKS
(KRT)

Feb. 12 is National Freedom to Marry Day.

For many gay couples, marriage used to seem an impossibility. But the latest portent of change is a recent bill introduced in Montana's legislature to legalize same-sex marriages.

It was only in 1995, after all, that our legislators debated making gays register with the state like sex offenders.

The Montana thaw follows Vermont's approval of civil unions in 2000. Since then, hundreds of couples have exchanged vows, and Western Civilization has not crumbled.

Fortunately, prejudice is starting to. Polls show 75 percent of Americans think gay marriages

will eventually be legal. About a third want it to happen, a third don't and another third don't care. (Among college students, three in five think gays should be able to wed.)

The claims against gay marriage are easy to rebut.

Claim 1: "Marriage has always been the way it is; you can't change it just to fit the times."

Rebuttal: Gay marriage is perfectly in keeping with the evolving nature of the institution. Once blacks couldn't marry whites, Jews couldn't marry Christians and wives were property of husbands. Such features changed as notions of equality did.

Claim 2: "Homosexuality is immoral; the Bible condemns it."

Rebuttal: In the Bible, the book of Leviticus does say gays should be killed. But the Bible would also

have us kill women who have premarital sex and men who masturbate, and it forbids tattoos, working on Sunday, eating shrimp and playing with pigskin (in other words, football). With good reason, America is a democracy not a theocracy.

Claim 3: "Gay marriage doesn't lead to children, the purpose of marriage."

Rebuttal: Wrong on both counts. States give marriage licenses to straight couples who don't or can't procreate. And like many straight couples, gay raise children thanks to adoption or sperm donors.

Claim 4: "If gays marry, next people will want to marry horses or children."

Rebuttal: The equine argument is a Montana favorite, as it was for foes of interracial marriage. But marriage, gay or straight, is a con-

tract between two consenting human adults. Nobody proposes changing this.

Claim 5: "Gay sex is disgusting."

Rebuttal: So are, to many people, some "straight" sex acts. It's not the state's job to intrude in the bedrooms of consenting adults.

Claim 6: "You can't force a church to marry gays."

Rebuttal: True, but irrelevant. Gays are asking for state-issued licenses. Religions will remain as free to ban gay weddings as they are to ban women ministers.

Claim 7: "Why do gays need to marry anyway?"

Rebuttal: Many basic rights and protections are conferred by marriage, like the rights to visit hospitalized partner, receive family health benefits and inherit a partner's property.

North Poll

Compiled by: Joe Lamb

What do you think about the reduced hours at the food carts around campus?



GINA GRIEPMYER

Senior / Education

"Afternoon hours would be more convenient like, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m."



ADAM RAUCH

Freshman / Engineering Technology

"They're never open on my breaks so I never thought about it."



ELSIE OPUFU

Sophomore / International Studies

"They should increase the hours because people need food in the afternoon."



KATIE CLARK

Junior / Biology

"The food service should be open later."



ROBERT CAMPBELL

Freshman / Marketing

"My last class gets out at 3:15 p.m., so I usually leave then."



QUEDA DAVOLT

Senior / Education

"They are open at the wrong times the hours are inconvenient for everybody."

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Classes teach self-defense

KRISTIN LEHMAN
Northerner Contributor

Sarah Ward, a 22-year-old NKU student with a third degree black belt will share her skills by teaching women's self-defense class on campus starting February 12.

Ward began taking karate lessons with her mother when she was 12 years old. She opened her first karate school in Lexington when she was 15 and opened two more by age 17.

She moved to Northern Kentucky and now teaches at Ichiban Martial Arts in Clifton.

Ward was attacked twice in high

school, both times by men she knew.

"You start to become more aware and do not want to be touched anymore," she said. "It is such a horrible experience and I want to help prevent this from happening to other people." The experience influenced Ward to use her karate skills and help other women be prepared to face situations where men threaten them.

She personally designed the class for women and wants them to be able to walk out of the class that day and be able to defend themselves.

According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, almost 70 per-

cent of sexual assault victims know their attacker. In 77 percent of all cases, the attacker used only a personal weapon (such as their hands, feet or fists).

The classes do not require too much strength or effort, Ward said. They train women to build confidence, feel safe and be prepared to fight at any time, even when wearing high-heeled shoes and a skirt.

The classes are from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays, in room 220 of the Fine Arts building.

Sarah Ward can be contacted to reserve spots at warda@nku.edu or shawniehaskel@hotmail.com.

Chairs: Other schools have same policy

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term.

"I think that long-term (the policy) can be beneficial to the university to bring in new people with fresh ideas and do things a little differently," he said.

Brown is in general agreement with the policy.

"All healthy and viable organizations plan and manage the development of leadership skills within the professional ranks. If this does not happen, the organization will stagnate," he said. "The fact that some units might be unsure about how to proceed when a leadership change is made is indicative of the problem itself. It is helpful if those persons directly impacted by the change in leadership are aware of and involved in the process."

Redding and Brown both agree that the disadvantage of the policy is when someone who is doing a good job is removed from office.

"You have good people in the institution, you look for more good people to carry on the job. A chair has an impact on everyone in the department," said Brown.

Patrick Moynahan, interim dean for College of Professional Studies, explains that after the chair's term has expired, they have the option of staying at the university seeking positions such as a faculty member,

assistant chair, associate dean, dean, provost or vice president.

Other options include retirement or employment at another university.

One of the requirements to become chair requires experience as a professor; this is a tenured position, which allows faculty to teach for unlimited years.

"The majority will return to tenure faculty members," said Redding.

"We are in a period of transition. Transition always brings change, and change can be painful in situations, because they change lives," said Moynahan.

"From the faculty standpoint it provides opportunity to gain administrative opportunities and gives the university and faculty the opportunity to progress," Moynahan said. "It's hard to retain enthusiasm. Time depends on the individual. I'm not sure we know the magic number."

"Technically speaking, a dean or chair can be removed any year if their evaluation is below standard," said Moynahan. "I didn't come into administration to stay in administration. I have a great passion for advising. At heart, I am a faculty member. I enjoy being in the classroom. I miss being in the classroom."

The university is not the first to adopt this policy. It is common for

universities nationwide to have such a policy for their chairs.

According to Moynahan, the new chair policy will affect any chairs that have been in position over seven years, including: Charles Pinder, technology; William Oliver, chemistry; Jerry Warner, biology; Joseph Conger III, theatre and George Goedel, psychology. Some chairs have been in office approximately ten years.

"It doesn't appear to me that this is likely to work very well in a department such as biology, where the faculty is divided into one group that is approaching retirement and another that is untenured," said Dr. Jerry W. Warner, chair of biological sciences. "The senior faculty is not likely to want to do the job at this stage in their careers and the junior faculty would be foolish to take on the responsibilities of chair prior to receiving tenure. In fact, the Dean and Provost have both said that untenured faculty would not be appointed."

"A major objection to this new policy is that it was put into effect without any discussion involving faculty. This also weakens the Dean's role with respect to the recruitment and retention of chairs," Warner said.

"While it is difficult to not be concerned about the effects of this policy, I am not bitter," he said.

The Northerner's Photo contest!!

This is a contest for all current fulltime and parttime students. The current Northerner staff is ineligible.

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The format for the photos will be b/w or color, digital or print, minimum size 3x5, maximum size 8x10.

Maximum number of 2 photos per student.

Information about the photo(s) should be written on a sheet of paper and accompany each photo or that photo will be disqualified.

All photos will become the property of the northerner for archival purposes and will not be returned.

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