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senator focuses on free speech

ANDREA REEVES
Reporter

"Freedom should not be shackled to one idea like a slave," Harold (Trey) Orndorff, recently elected SGA senator, said. Orndorff does not believe that restricting free speech on campus to one area is really free speech. Daring away with

the free speech area is one of his goals as an SGA senator.

"I want the abolition of the free-speech area. Restricting students' speech is a First Amendment right breach," Orndorff said. "A free-speech area on campus is not free speech at all. It is a restriction. The whole campus should be the free-speech area, from the classrooms to

the hallways, out into the concrete plaza, down to the grassy knoll."

Trey Orndorff is serious about our right to the freedom of speech. He believes that every kind of speech should be allowed from all points of view.

One of the points of view that is especially important to Orndorff is Christianity. He is campus minister

of the Christian Student Fellowship at NKU. Though not part of his campaign, Orndorff thinks that people should be confident that his goal as a non-denominational Christian is to not only be a voice for all students, but to also hear and be the voice for all Christians.

"Coming from reason and logic I have found no other solution to the

'world view' problem other than Christianity," Orndorff said. He said he came to this conclusion through logic: a way of thinking which he said makes him open to listening to people and evaluating beliefs based on sound mind rather than emotion.

Though raised a Christian,

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Orndorff: "A free-speech area on campus is not free speech at all."

Lots open this fall for all

Residents will share spaces

CARL HUBBARD
Staff Writer

Student parking at Northern Kentucky University will be changed next semester so that students are not restricted to parking in either commuter or residential lots.

The Transportation Advisory Board decided to make all student lots open and eliminate the residential lots. Currently, residents have a black parking pass and commuters have a yellow pass both allocated to separate lots.

Student Government Association senator John Rasp deals with university improvements and met with the Transportation board.

"The lots designated for residents were not being filled up, leaving open parking spots that commuters could have filled," he said. Rasp added that with the extra beds being added to dorms next semester, parking would be easier if student lots were all open. The Transportation Advisory Board hopes that the new parking garage will reduce some of the crowding from the addition of residents.

"We want to use the existing parking spots as well as we can," said Rasp.

Norfolk Hall resident Chris Ashbrook believes that parking would be better next semester if student lots were open.

"The commuter lot is closer to my apartment than the residential lot. It makes better sense to allow students to park closer to where they need to be," said Ashbrook.

The Transportation Advisory Board also decided to alternate the colors of the student parking passes from year to year.

"The tags will have different colors each year to prevent students from getting into trouble by using last year's pass over again," said Rasp.

The board also discussed paving the parking lot behind the health center, but the idea was turned down because it was too expensive. "It would have cost the University around \$300,000 to pave the lot and it wasn't in the budget," said Rasp.

Although, student parking will be changed to open lots, many of the same regulations will be carried over into next semester. Students will still be allowed a courtesy waiver.

This is the last issue of the print edition of The Northern this semester. We will publish a Year in Review issue online at www.thenorthern.com next Wednesday, May 7. The next print edition will appear Wednesday, Aug. 27. A list of next semester's staff is printed on page 9.



Students study at the Shantytown at the corner of the Fine Arts building. Students lived in the cardboard and plastic structure for three days last week to raise awareness of homelessness and other housing issues.

Students spread word about homelessness

AMANDA VANBENSCHOTEN
Campus Calendar Editor

Northern Kentucky University is often dubbed "the concrete campus." For three days last week, however, it was also "the cardboard campus."

The Sociology Club and the Sociology Honors Society (AKD) sponsored a cardboard community on campus from April 22 to April 24.

The five-room cardboard structure Shantytown spanned about 15 feet next to the Fine Arts building. Despite low temperatures and strong winds, Sociology students lived and slept in the structure for three days before tearing

it down Thursday afternoon.

Misty Morgan of the Sociology Club said the project's goal was "for more awareness that there are problems other than what is portrayed in the media. We want to let people know that this is a year-long problem, homelessness is always out there."

During the three-day stay in Shantytown, club members passed out literature to students on campus that illustrated the plight of America's homeless. It gave statistics on local, national and worldwide homelessness. For example, it stated that 25,488 people in the Greater Cincinnati area lack permanent housing.

The project came about at the

suggestion of Dr. Barbara Arrighi, according to Morgan. Sociology students Misty Morgan, Sandy Mast, Justin Sebastian, Jennifer Wooten, Amber Marshall, Jason Rodriguez, and Julie Shirk were also involved, as well as others. Students handed out literature during the day and braved the cold temperatures at night.

Arrighi said, "The students wanted to create a project that would help to inform the NKU community about the worldwide lack of safe, affordable housing."

The two clubs hung posters on the exterior walls of the Shantytown. The posters contained "shock and awe information" designed to inform students

"about the inhumane living conditions millions of people are subjected to every day," Arrighi added.

AKD member Sandy Mast said the objective was to increase awareness, "especially with the war going on and Iraqis being without homes."

According to Arrighi, "students are concerned that with the tax cuts on the horizon and the monies spent on the war in Iraq, help for the poor will be further marginalized in the federal budget."

"We hope to make [Shantytown] a yearly event," said Morgan.

Sports issues up for debate

Panelists discuss ethics, money

KRISTIN LEHMAN
Reporter

At a speaker series hosted by Northern Kentucky University's Sports Business Program a panel of Greater Cincinnati college administrators, coaches and student athletes discussed issues in college athletics such as whether student athletes should be paid, ethical and racial issues, and Title IX. NKU students filled Town & Country's sports library on April 22 to listen to Mike Bobinski, director of athletics at Xavier University, Mike DeGruy, senior writer of The Sporting News, Terry Hoepner, head football coach at Miami University, Jane Meier, director of athletics at NKU, Laurie Piele, women's basketball coach at the University of Cincinnati, NKU President James Votruba, and David West, former Xavier basketball player.

FOX 19 News anchor Jack Atherton led the debate. The discussion began with whether college athletes should be paid.

"I want to say yes," West said. "It's hard coming from the background that I did."

He said it's difficult for student athletes to say they would not like to be paid to play, especially when they come from a lifestyle where they pay for everything themselves.

President Votruba said he is

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Candidate seeks creative solutions

Enjoys NKU's 'entrepreneurial atmosphere'

LOUI COX
News Editor

Several years ago, Melvin F. Klinkner set a goal to become a university vice president for administration finance. On April 23 he set out to convince the campus community that he was the right person to fill the position at Northern Kentucky University.

"Why not shoot for the top," Klinkner said of his long-term goal to become a vice president.

Klinkner, currently the Chief Financial Officer for Central Missouri State University, quickly pointed out that it wasn't just being at the top that was important, but that the university "has to be the

right fit."

"I found exactly what I thought I would experience," he said of NKU - a place that is moving forward to a great future with an innovative and entrepreneurial atmosphere.

"You all can be very proud of NKU," he said and added that he was impressed and excited by NKU's five-year plan. "Very few (universities) have a strategic plan as specific as yours."

The open meeting was the second in a series of four, set up by a search committee established to find a replacement for Mike Baker, who will retire this month. The new vice president for administration and finance will be responsible for overseeing business operations, the

Department of Public Safety, Human Resources, Financial and Operational Auditing and Campus Planning, among others.

The other three candidates include Ken Kamey, current assistant vice president of NKU Business Operations and Auxiliary Services, who met with the campus community on April 15; Abdul Nasser, former vice president for Finance and Administration Services at Central Michigan University, who was on campus April 28-29; and Ashok Dinghra, former vice president for Administration and Finance at the University of Nevada, Reno, who will be on campus May 5-6.

Gail Goedel, a clerk in the All-Camp department said Klinkner left

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Defense earns award



Women's Basketball Assistant Coach Michelle Wolfe presents Kristen Polosky with a trophy for Defensive Player of the Year at the Women's Basketball banquet Sunday.

DPS Reports

MAR 31 2003-Monday-04:45pm

Location: PARKING LOT L - DAMAGE TO VEHICLE
Female reported that subject's unknown damaged her vehicle while it was parked, at the listed location. Under investigation....

MAR 31 2003-Monday-12:30pm

Location: ALBRIGHT HEALTH CENTER GRAVEL LOT-LOT S - FISCAL-Local/Student Deal
Male University employee reported that subject(s) unknown removed his NKU Parking Permit from his vehicle while it was parked, at the listed location. Subject stated that the incident occurred approximately 30 Days Ago. Subject was referred to the NKU Parking Office for a replacement. Under investigation....

MAR 27 2003-Thursday-08:23pm

Location: DORMS/WOODCREST/WILLOW - THIRD FLOOR - DRUGS-Drug Related Incident
Residential Life reported that they found several items of drug contraband while doing a room inspection, at the listed location. No charges were filed at this time. The items were logged and secured in the DPS Property-Evidence Room. Incident remains open and under investigation....

MAR 27 2003-Thursday-04:07pm

Location: DORMS/WOODCREST/WILLOW APARTMENTS - FIRE-ALARM
NO FIRE: A Fire Alarm was received via Computer from the listed location. The Central Campbell County Fire Department along with N.K.U. Police and Physical Plant personnel 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. Under investigation....

MAR 27 2003-Thursday-10:42am

Location: PARKING LOT I - TOW-Tow Vehicle
Dispo: A (Red) 1993 Nissan was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed....

MAR 27 2003-Thursday-10:18am

Location: ALBRIGHT HEALTH CENTER - SECOND FLOOR - MISSING PROPERTY
Female employee reported that her University key was missing from the listed location. The key may have been accidentally disposed of. Case remains open....

MAR 26 2003-Wednesday-03:51pm

Location: ALBRIGHT HEALTH CENTER GRAVEL LOT - DAMAGE TO VEHICLE
Female reported that a baseball had been accidentally hit through the window of her vehicle while it was parked at the listed location. Case closed....

Gateway Community College will factor in

AMANDA VANBENSCHOTEN
Caldwell Editor

Northern Kentucky University may raise its standards for admission over the next two years.

Jerry Smith, the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, is one of many staff members involved with the project.

He said that NKU has always been "basically an open admission institution. You could get in one way or the other. And I think that is what is on the table to change at some point in the future."

Students who would be most

affected by a revised admissions policy are those Smith calls "low-end."

"What our research has shown us is that we're bringing in some folks way down the ladder...and these people statistically are not succeeding," said Smith. "How we're looking at right now is how we can best implement...and raise the bar for admission standards."

The earliest the new standards will take effect is the 2004-2005 school year. No details of the new standards have yet been confirmed.

Smith said, "It truly is a work in progress with no decisions final other than the decision that we

want to move toward some admission standards."

He added that the new requirements "will probably ladder up incrementally," although cutoff points have not yet been determined.

The vision of the project is clear, however: to raise the standard of education at NKU by increasing the bar of incoming students.

"We've got a wide range of students, and we're trying to focus more on the mid and upper-middle range and gravitating on up to some of the high-end ability students in some of our...programs of excellence," said Smith.

"Serving the students in the best way possible is the vision," said Joel Robinson, Director of the Office of Admissions, who is also a

member of the planning team for the new policy.

NKU will work with Gateway Community College in order to accommodate the needs of students that will be turned away from the university by the new standards.

"Gateway will definitely be a factor," said Smith. "Gateway will have a lower-priced tuition, they will have probably some support services for low-end students."

Smith said the eventual goal is for low-performing students to attend Gateway and receive academic help from its student-support systems.

Students may then transfer their credits to NKU or continue their education after obtaining a degree from Gateway.

Parking cramped, towing enforced

JEN VORHOLT
Staff writer

It's Monday morning. It's pouring rain, and you're late to class.

So you pull into the nearest available parking space and absent-mindedly wonder to yourself what the difference between parking in a "Reserved" space or a regular space might be.

As nearly 200 unfortunate students have found out, the difference could be a wet walk to class from a distant (but legal) parking space, or no dry car to park to afterward.

If a student is found parked in a faculty parking space, that car is branded with a ticket, while the same goes for the opposite scenario.

If a faculty member is discovered parked in a student lot, the car owner is also expected to pay up.

Unpaid parking tickets are the pri-

mary reason for towing vehicles, according to DPS Lt. Col. Jeff Martin.

"Students, vendors, staff, anybody - if a vehicle has three or more unpaid citations, and are observed on campus anywhere, they can be towed," said Martin.

"[Same] for anybody in a fire lane," he continued. "Handicapped spaces, we usually just give a citation, but we could tow them."

"Reserved spots," Martin said, "such as Fidelity workers, they pay (up to \$500) for their reserved spots, and can understand getting pretty angry if someone is in their space. They can request that the car be towed."

Rees Hardy, Inc., of Wilder, Ky., is contracted by NKU to tow vehicles. Towing prices begin at \$65, although rates can rise due to several factors.

If, for instance, Rees Hardy must unlock a car to release an emergency brake or take the car out of gear, another \$5 to \$15 is owed. Some

four-wheel-drive trucks or SUVs require a flatbed carrier, which costs the owner an additional \$25 fee, according to Rees Hardy owner John Smith.

When a driver has three or more unpaid citations, their car's information is added to the Scott Law list. If a

DPS officer or one of the university's 10 cadets spots a car from the list, the car becomes a target for towing procedures.

That makes Smith and his

employees vulnerable to another unpleasant aspect of the towing business, which is aimed at them by their involuntary customers.

"Students, vendors, staff, anybody - if a vehicle has three or more unpaid citations, and are observed on campus anywhere, they can be towed,"

-Lt. Col Jeff Martin

the cops have already been there for 20."

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Title IX keeps things fair at NKU

Preserves equality on and off the field

JESSICA DUNLEY
Reporter

To help society acknowledge that women and men should have equal rights, Title IX, which grants equal opportunities to both men and women, was passed in 1972.

According to the Gender Equity Report, "Title IX is the portion of the education amendments of 1972, a federal civil rights statute that prohibits sex discrimination in educational programs that receive or benefit from federal funding."

Title IX is best known for the changes it has brought about in sports offered to both women and men.

In 1971, the first athletic team at NKU was the men's basketball team. Basketball became the first women's sport in 1974.

"Yes, Title IX does affect the university. With the university being very young, we are much more in compliance than other schools," said Nancy Winstel, women's basketball coach.

NKU is also more compliant with Title IX than other schools because of the number of sports offered at the university.

"Not having too much or too little makes it easier to comply," Winstel said.

Throughout the years Title IX has helped to balance the sporting teams between men and women.

"Title IX does not only help women in sports; it also corrects discrimination in the university and the work force."

"I think it [Title IX] helps the university, not just athletics," said Jane M. Meier, athletic department director. "It was passed because of issues dealing with pay salaries and access to medical and law school."

Before Title IX became a federal statute, women were paid substantially less than men while working the same job. Meier explains that, in past years, approximately 2 percent of women who applied were accepted into medical school. Today over 5 percent of the women who apply for medical school are

accepted.

"Title IX helps females and professionals," Meier said.

The statute has also helped the university to add sports for women to their curriculum.

"NKU has added women's soccer in 1997, golf 1998 and a softball field in 2000," Meier said.

It was a result of Title IX that the university decided to build an inter-collegiate softball field where the team could practice.

Winstel said that NKU was n't in full compliance with Title IX until a new field was built.

According to the Gender Equity Report, "NKU has also secured a

\$500,000 endowed scholarship for softball, and secured a \$50,000 donation for a naming right for the softball field."

In order for Title IX to be granted, the university must have an equal amount of sports available to both men and women. In 2001-2002, 58.6 percent of all students at NKU were women, while the male enrollment was 41.5 percent. This means the female participation in athletic teams must meet 58.5 percent.

In 2001-2002, the males were 58.8 percent participation in athletics, which means that NKU is not in compliance with the Title IX law. The university needs to increase the participation of women in sports to be in compliance with the law. If not, the sporting privileges and

funding can be taken away from the university.

Meier does not believe that the percentage of female participation will violate the Title IX law, because every year the participation increases.

NKU offers athletic teams in basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, cross-country, tennis and golf for both men and women.

In addition, women have a volleyball team.

Meier said that a survey was conducted in 1997 regarding athletic teams that students would like to add to NKU; track and field was at the top of everyone's list.

"Track and Field will probably be added for both men and women," Meier said.

"But funding is not available and space is limited. The track is not in collegiate standards, it needs some adjusting."

There is not an official date when track and field will be added to the athletic curriculum. Meier said that football was also requested by students, but for financial reasons it is not likely this sport will come to NKU. Football would also affect the equality for the female/male ratio because of the number of players needed for a team.

Meier added that Title IX is good for the university and women have fought very hard to be equal to men.

She said the statute is important to treat men and women equally. "Sports are for men and women."



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What's on students' minds?

AMIE VOGT
Staff Writer

With another year coming to an end and summer right around the corner, NKU students are ready for a break. Most of us are finishing projects, writing papers and studying for exams. But what are students really thinking about? What's on their minds?

For some, just the anticipation of warm weather and lying by the pool is enough, but many students have other things concerning their hectic lives.

The war, for example, is still a lingering issue for most people and everyone has some kind of opinion on it. Yet others are more worried about their next job is going to be and how much money they can make this summer.

Here is what some students said in regards to the semester, their classes, and the war, in addition to other thoughts on their minds.

Kelly Kitchen, Junior/Journalism

"I'm worried about innocent soldiers dying...I feel misinformed about the whole thing."

"This summer I'm just going to work as much as I can and relax in the sun."

"I am so stressed out with school. I feel like it's almost over, but I still have so much work to do."

Brett Stevie, Sophomore/Education

"Summer really? But, I'm worried about where I'm going to get a job. I need to make more money."

"I don't really care about the war. I don't think we should be over there, but it doesn't matter what I think."



Erica Barricklow, Freshman/Political Science/Criminal Justice

"Right now I'm thinking about dance team tryouts and getting my grades up—ending my semester on a good note."

"I'm glad things [the war] are getting over with. I hope we get out of it what we went into for."



Keith Flynn, Freshman/Computer Science

"I have some tough finals and I'm looking forward to the semester being over."

"I'm also looking forward to some music fests this summer."



Mike Steffan, Sophomore/Speech Communications

"I'm looking forward to getting out of this semester alive, unfortunately though, I have to take a summer class."

"Right now I'm focusing on school and work and I'm going to try to make a trip out to Vegas [this summer]."



Ronika Taylor, Freshman/Criminal Justice

"A lot is on my mind—my grades, making sure they are what they should be. I'm also considering if I should come back in the fall—since they are raising tuition."

"I'm excited about going back to Louisville and seeing my family [this summer]."

"If you read the Bible, it tells you that war was coming. The world is coming to an end. It might not be today or tomorrow, but it's coming."



Jessica Zumbur, Freshman/Undeclared

"I'm not taking any summer classes and I can't wait for the semester to be over. I'm going to Florida and hopefully some other places [this summer]."

"I like NKU, but I want to get more involved."



Leslie Dorris, Senior/Speech Communications

"I'm graduating in May and starting graduate school at Louisville in the summer."

"I've been here for four years and part of it seems like yesterday, and part of it feels like I've lived here forever."

"You don't have to agree with national policy, but you need to support our troops. Hopefully, the worst part is over."

Klinkner. No stranger to tough tasks

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a good impression overall. "He spoke very well and had a good sense of humor," she said. "He has dealt with difficult times at other universities."

A difficulty Klinkner has faced at Central Missouri State, which parallels the difficulties at NKU, is a budget crisis.

Right now CMS is in the midst of the worst budget crisis they have ever faced, Klinkner said. Last year brought the university a \$6.2 million cut from the budget and this year brought a 10.8 percent base cut from the state.

Klinkner said the budget cuts brought with them the most difficult challenge he has faced in his career—letting some people go.

"I cried with them, to be honest," he said. "It was the hardest thing [I] ever had to do."

Although Klinkner said he didn't deal directly with legislators while at Missouri, he said he is not afraid of that kind of thing.

"If you have a good plan and know what you want to say, it doesn't matter who you're talking to," Klinkner said.

His advocacy for a good plan doesn't stop at communication, but carries on into other areas of management as well. He said that he is

in favor of a paper-free, automated accounting system for better organization of university documentation.

He also stressed a good plan to address the space crunch at NKU. He said the first step in any good plan is to "always make sure a problem is a problem."

He said the first step in solving the space issue on campus would be to make sure every room is utilized efficiently with class size matching room size and making sure classrooms are used all day, with no empty hours.

The key, Klinkner said, is to see the vision of the university and work together, as a team, to find creative solutions.

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Trey: Increase understanding of Christianity

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Orndorff said he questioned and examined Christianity himself time and time again, but each time he found that it has stood to be true.

"I hold it to be objectively true that Jesus was the Christ, that he came to earth, died, then rose again the third day."

"I hope by simply living my life I will reach other people and help them come closer to understanding the objective truth of Christianity," he said.

Christianity aside, Orndorff is also a proponent of a small govern-

ment. He said he believes that freedom is the right to act without government interference.

"Students should know that I am always fighting for their freedom," he said.

As far as parking goes, Orndorff said, "We need to cater to the NKU student, which is most of us, who drives and parks. Taking out parking spaces by building new buildings and not replacing and/or adding spaces will only increase the problem."

"I intend to work on adding parking, not just talking about it," he said.

Orndorff said he became inter-

ested in running for SGA when he saw what needed to be done on campus.

"The thing which really made me get the papers, however, was when the Senate did not have enough members show up to vote for the tuition hike," he said.

Orndorff campaigned for a position as an SGA senator on the following three issues: to improve the Academic Advising Resource Center's rules concerning undeclared students and incoming freshmen, to abolish the free-speech area, and to solve the parking issue.

Panel: Sports an issue of equality, business

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against paying athletes because it is "too hard to put a value on athletes." He explained that colleges are "standing on a fence" with this issue, because it comes down to whether or not they want to go professional and start paying athletes.

DeCoursey is in favor of paying college athletes. He said he is in favor of having an athletic major award for students to pursue as a degree while playing sports. According to DeCoursey, they would still complete the same general studies courses, but their other courses could come from the sport that they are playing and studying.

Votruba said we have already designed majors targeted to college athletes.

For students who excel at the sport they play, Meier says they have a backup major so they will have both things to go out into the workforce with upon graduation. Coach Hoepfer talked about his "attitude of gratitude" theory. He said that students need to have an attitude of gratitude towards their college for allowing them to participate in sports while receiving an education. He also said it is necessary to instill this in athletes while they are still in high school.

"There are very few athletes like David West who will make a good livelihood in college athletics," said Votruba. "It is our responsibility to give them an education."

Student athletes are not currently

permitted to receive money from the college beyond tuition, room and board, and books, in addition to extra grants as needed.

Title IX was another issue debated in the panel's discussion.

Title IX ensures equity among women's and men's sports, said Meier. Some colleges have been forced to drop a men's sport and feel it is due to this policy.

If it weren't for Title IX, Pirtle said, she would not have played college sports and would not be coaching today.

"You want both your sons and daughters to have an equal opportunity to play sports in college," she said, and knows her parents felt the same way.

"Title IX has been great for women's athletics," said DeCoursey, "but that is not to say it is being carried out fairly."

"What goes on in sports is not much different than what goes on in business, but there is an emotional tie that makes this business unique,"

-Mike Bobinski

college than coaches of women's sports, because men's sports tend to bring in more revenue for the school.

"Everything the coach is feeling is passed on to the players in the locker room," said West.

After linking sports to business throughout the hour-long discussion, Bobinski gave his final comments and advice.

"What goes on in sports is not much different than what goes on in business," he said, "but there is an emotional tie that makes this business unique."

The panel discussion is the first of many to come for NKU's Sports Business program, said Tom Gamble, Director of the Sports Business program. As of August 2002, Sports Business is offered as a major at NKU. Events such as Tuesday's panel discussion are designed to promote the sports business program and offer interested students the opportunity to network and educate themselves about sports business.

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Summer movies full of action

CRAGG OUCHER
The Orange County Register (KRT)

It's shaping up to be a comical summer for moviegoers, in more ways than one. On one hand, Hollywood has laid out a promising selection of lighthearted comedic bonbons starring the likes of Jim Carrey ("Bruce Almighty") and Reese Witherspoon ("Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"). On the flip side of the comic coin, we find ourselves fired up by the WHAP! SLAM! CRACK! of the X-Men and a certain less-than-jolly green giant named the Hulk.

1. "The Matrix Reloaded": Let me hear ya say "Whoa." Rarely aimed just for his eloquence, Keanu Reeves spoke for a generation when he

coined that curt, one-syllable catchphrase in "Lart" and Andy Wachowski's mindbending kung fu blockbuster "The Matrix." After all, who among the masses who saw the movie wasn't awestruck by the blistering bullet-eye special effects and trippy, Lewis Carroll-esque story line? Four years in the making, this lavish follow-up promises to be the defining cinematic event of the summer.

(Release date: May 15) Predicted gross: \$375 million
2. "The Hulk": On the surface, the story of a mutated, green-skinned brute who flings tanks around like pool toys doesn't have much to offer the serious cineaste, but remember, it was directed by Ang Lee, the Chinese auteur who so subtly



Reese Witherspoon stars in "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde". The movie opens July 2.

explored suburban alienation in "The Ice Storm" and conjured the delicate feminist lyricism of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." So, even with the mayhem and wanton destruction, expect "The Hulk" to be heady, something along the lines of "Eat Drink Behemoth Woman." Eric Bana and Jennifer Connelly star (June 20) Predicted gross: \$310 million

3. "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines": Series creator James Cameron has redesigned himself to executive producer duties, but his replacement in the director's chair, Jonathan Mostow ("U-571") is a rising action specialist who has done

wonders with limited budgets. Arnold Schwarzenegger returns as the now-antiquated T800 cyborg, this time sent back in time to save an 18-year-old John Connor (Nick Stahl) from a deceptively sexy terminatrix (Kristanna Loken). July 2 Predicted gross: \$240 million

4. "X2: X-Men United": Marvel's mutant heroes return for a second outing, behind the sure hand of director Bryan Singer ("The Usual Suspects"), battling their humanity-hating brethren along with a hell-on-wheels Army general (Brian Cox) who overruns Professor Xavier's mutant academy. All of the core cast return, joined by a few fresh noble freaks:

Alan Cumming ("Spy Kids") as the shape-shifting Nightcrawler and Kelly Hu ("The Scorpion King") as Wolverine's claw-wielding nemesis, Deathstrike. (May 2) Predicted gross: \$220 million

5. "Bad Boys II": Martin Lawrence and Will Smith wield considerably more box office clout than they did in 1995, when the original "Bad Boys" jump-started their careers. This time Lawrence and Smith junket to London to investigate a money-laundering scheme involving Lawrence's half-sister, played by Gabrielle Union. (July 18) Predicted gross: \$205 million.

Week in Review

This week we visit the Kings of summer, the new piano goddess and an old guitar legend.

NICK GREENWALD
DJ-X WRPN

Pick of the Week: July for Kings "Swim"

"July for Kings," has been around the Tri-state for many years, and now they have the record that will launch a worldwide career. Their sound resembles the smooth music of bands like Matchbox 20. This album is all about spirituality that when you finish listening to it you feel refreshed. I don't know what it is, the music or the message, but something makes you feel good when you listen to this album. I give these guys the upmost respect and hope to hear more from them in the future.

Gotta Have It: Norah Jones
"Come Away With Me"

If you thought that only old guys could play the piano with passion, think again. Norah Jones has proven that a piano can be an instrument for anyone. A classically trained pianist and a jazz musician by trade, Norah Jones fought through the stereotypes of modern pop music and gave us an old friend back.

This album pulls at your heartstrings from beginning to end. It makes you happy and it makes you cry, it gives you a rush of hope and the weight of despair, but anyone who listens to it will enjoy every moment.

If you don't believe me take a look at her mantle. The last time I checked, those were Grammy's.

Old School Pick: Eric Clapton
"MTV Unplugged"

This is one of the greatest albums in the music period. Originally, the idea was to have Clapton do an "Unplugged concert," to play his greatest hits.

Instead, what they got was Eric Clapton raw and vulnerable. His versions of "Layla" and "Tears in Heaven" drew tears not only in his eyes, but the audience as well.

This album gave all of us a glimpse at the man behind the guitar, a man of emotion and substance, a man lost and looking for a way home.

This is a testament to a great rocker and his emos. I believe that everyone should own this album.

Well that's it for this semester, enjoy the summer and I'll see you in the fall. Peace.

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Correction

The article "Nappy Roots draws large crowd," which appeared in last week's Entertainment section contained two mistakes. The Activities Programming Board sponsored the event, not the Student Activities Board and the concert drew over 1,600 audience members, not 300. The Northerner apologizes for these mistakes.

Small crowd, big laughs at comedy show

AMIE YOGT
Reporter

There weren't many people in attendance, but the laughter that rang through Regents Hall Thursday night sounded as if it was a sold out show.

"We could have held this thing in the library," said Sylvia, one of three comedians at the Urban Comedy Tour, commenting on the small crowd.

The Activities Programming

Board (APB) organized the comedy show through Roosevelt Johnson Enterprises (RJE), a company servicing the country with a list of hot and prestigious entertainers.

Right now RJE is promoting this urban tour at numerous universities throughout the country, and NKU was one of their stops.

From BET's Comic View, the tour brought Miss Sylvia, Lav Luv and the headliner, Leon Rogers.

Sylvia has been doing stand-up comedy for about four years now. "I wrote five minutes and did it," said Sylvia about her start in the comic world. "I went to a lot of open-mic nights and went from there."

Rogers is from Chicago and has been doing stand-up comedy for about seven years.

He performs three to four times a month, and more if possible. Although he says that it's difficult, he loves what he does. "It was, it was really fun at first,

but now it's hard. It's hard work," said Rogers.

When asked what brought him to NKU, Rogers didn't hesitate in saying with a laugh, "Money. I'll go wherever a check is."

From start to finish, the three performers had the crowd going wild. Sylvia opened the show and got the audience warmed up before introducing Lav Luv, "one of the best dressed comedians on tour right now," according to Roosevelt Johnson, the tour promoter.

Lav Luv stepped on stage with his three-piece, royal blue, suede suit and awed the crowd with jokes from relationship pointers to politically correct issues.

Rogers' jokes about Eminem needing a hug to his thoughts on how prisoners should really be treated on death row made for a dispiriting show.

"It was hilarious," said freshman Michelle Posey. "I would definitely come back again."

Zelda, Golden Sun- 2 great new games

JASON ELLIS
Game Reviewer

It's not very often that a game captures the imagination of several generations. But the Legend of Zelda series from Nintendo has done just that.

The newest addition to the series, "The Wind Waker," is no exception to this.

Although it looks different, it is still your classic Zelda adventure. I'll be the first to admit that I was skeptical about the new look, and I'll also be the first to say I am impressed.

The new look is a cartoon style of art called cel shading, which looks like someone took a crayon and went to town on the game.

This game has everything that you could want from a Zelda adventure. There is plenty of action as well as puzzles, enemies larger than life bosses. And there is, of course, our hero Link and the Princess Zelda.

"The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker" receives a final score of 10/10.

This is an action packed game, and a must-have addition to everyone's Zelda collection.

Golden Sun: The Lost Age

RPG fans rejoice! You can now get your RPG action on the go with Golden Sun: The Lost Age.

This game has all the things you need in an RPG. It has memorable characters, or at least, characters you get attached to. It also has the most needed thing in these types of games, a great story.

The graphics may not be what the modern audience is used to, but they are suitable for the format it is on.

Golden Sun: The Lost Age receives a final score of 10/10.

Great characters, gameplay and story make this game a must have.

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30 Wednesday • 2nd Annual Outstanding Academic Advisors Awards Lunch 12-2 p.m. UC Ballroom \$8 admission	1 Thursday • 1st Annual Nordin's Around Bid Bash 5-7:30 p.m. Regents Hall Cash in your Thunderbucks for prizes!	2 Friday • RHA Pool Party 7-10 p.m. Albright Health Center Free admission with NKU Student ID	3 Saturday • There are no events listed for today.	4 Sunday • Final day for Y.E.S. Festival of New Plays Black Box & Corbett Theatres	5 Monday • Last day of class • Feast For Finals 8-11 p.m. Norse Commons Free games and food • Deadline for student organizations to re-register for the fall	6 Tuesday • Free chili dinner and Bible study 6:30-8 p.m. Methodist Student Center • Pinnacle Honor Society Recognition Ceremony 5:30 p.m. UC Ballroom • Study Day/No Classes Final exams begin at 4:30 p.m.
7 Wednesday • Exam Week • Wednesdays at One Amernet String Quartet 1-1:45 p.m. Otto Budig Theatre	8 Thursday • Exam Week • NKLI Banquet 6 p.m.-9 p.m.	9 Friday • Exam Week	10 Saturday • Exam Week • NKU Transitions Resource Fair 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Albright Health Ctr. Incoming freshmen visit campus	11 Sunday • There are no events listed for today.	12 Monday • Exam Week	13 Tuesday • Exam Week

'Identity' offers constant thrills

Plot twists move the old story along at a decent pace

ROGER MOORE
The Orlando Sentinel/HEFT

Unpleasant people meet unpleasant ends at a remote motel that Tony "Psycho" Perkins would have loved in "Identity," the slick new puzzle-thriller from the director of "Heavy."

It was a dark and stormy night. We're in the desert. Rain is washing out the roads.

There's a car accident. A family, John C. McKinley, Leila Kenzle and Bret Loehr, is shattered.

A shrewish actress (Rebecca DeMornay in full "Sunset Boulevard" mode) and her do-gooder chauffeur (John Cusack) are involved.

The phones aren't working. The

only sanctuary is a seedy motel, where Larry, played by John Hawkes, presides.

Others show up: the hooker, played by Amanda Peet, the unhappy newlyweds (Clea DuVall and William Lee Scott) and the cop and his prison-transfer (Ray Liotta and Jake Busey).

To complete the set up, we've spent the opening credits listening to tapes of psychotherapy sessions between a doctor (Alfred Molina) and a mass murder suspect.

The folks in the motel start meeting untimely ends.

Everybody has a secret. Everybody is a suspect. Is the convict loose? Is he the mass murderer, out killing again? Is it his minder, the

cop? Why does the chauffeur have a gun?

The desk clerk at the motel is creepy; the unstable husband of the accident victim (McKinley) has a few screws loose.

It's a classic plot, handled in lean and mean form by James Mangold, who also made the underrated "Cop Land." No cheap scare is missed, no chance to shock is passed up.

It's a film where someone is bound to say "Remember that movie where..." But the plot is as old as Agatha Christie, or the guy her "Ten Little Indians" was inspired by, Edgar Allan Poe.

But then the twists kick in. There's a late-night death penalty appeal going on in the state capital.

The victims and the could-be murderers have odd connections.

The dead give-away here isn't the director, who likes plots that fold in on themselves like this.



Columbia Pictures

John Cusack and Ray Liotta try to escape a killer in "Identity."

It's the presence of Cusack, who has become a sort of brand-name for the odd, the quirky and the interesting. His character, like the others, feels like a caricature. He has Jean-Paul Sartre's "Being and Nothingness" open on the front seat of his limo. He's the moral center of

the movie.

As the bodies pile up, the parallel stories collide and give conflicting versions of reality. You question who is doing what to whom before Michael Coney's script suggests that you should, and long before he over-explains what just happened for

you.

Lake the recent and less-successful "Basic," this is a movie that jams a lot of its surprises into an elaborate and overlong final act.

Still, it's involving the way few slasher films of recent memory have been.

Congratulations to the winners of the "I'm Broke and Still Need Books Contest."

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Letters to the Editor

Peterson story raises questions

Always innocent until proven guilty?

BREE DANIELLE
Columnist

In America, you are "innocent until proven guilty."

However, if you appear shady, your faith is seemingly weak, and the media has hounded your story since it broke five months ago, you're more accurately "guilty until proven innocent."

Scott Peterson, this is your new life.

Peterson, 30, entered the media spotlight late last year due to the mysterious disappearance of his pregnant wife, Laci.

The couple had been married for five years and the baby, just a month and a half shy of its due date, was their first.

Everything changed on Christmas Eve 2002, when Scott went to take a solo fishing trip, and Laci took the dog on a walk. Scott returned home later in the afternoon to discover that the dog, muddy and still on his leash, was in the backyard, but Laci was nowhere to be found.

A frantic search ensued, and baby Connor's due date passed in early February with no birth. Then, sadly, earlier this month, the decayed bodies of a woman and male baby were discovered a mile away and a day apart. They were confirmed as the remains of Laci and Connor.

They were also found three miles away from where Scott Peterson said he had been fishing back in December.

While the spotlight was on Laci, Scott Peterson remained in the limelight on his own accord. On the positive side, he did take part

in numerous searches.

On the negative side, he sold Laci's Land Rover SUV and traded it in for a 2002 Dodge Ram pickup. He also tried to sell the house they lived in, saying that he had problems with it and didn't want his wife coming back to it.

He also appeared on "Good Morning America" in January and told Diane Sawyer that his wife was "missing."

But the truth was he had been dating a single mom in Fresno prior to Laci's disappearance.

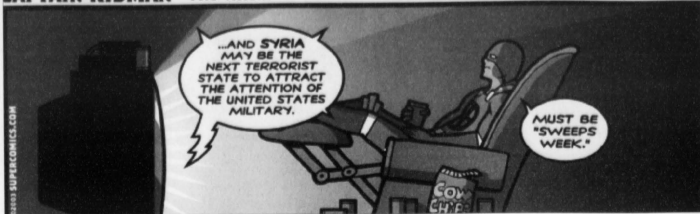
When arrested for fear that he was fleeing to Mexico, Peterson had not only bleached his hair, but his eyebrows and new goatee, as well. Media sources claim he had \$10,000 in cash with him, as well as his brother's identification and passport on him.

We may never know what happened the morning of December 24th. But from the information gathered so far, Scott Peterson has failed to keep himself from appearing 100 percent innocent.

Maybe someone meticulously planned out Laci's murder and framed Scott Peterson. Maybe it was all a terrible accident and an even worse cover-up."-Bree Danielle

This "could just be a case of an immature idiot getting into a fight and killing his pregnant wife, and then doing a series of really stupid things," said former federal prosecutor Don Heller in an article in The Sacramento Bee. "On the other hand, it could turn out to be one of the most diabolical, venal cases that I've ever seen. And if he didn't do it, this poor guy is really getting screwed over."

CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Tele-Visions



Investigation contradicts laws

Abortion still wrong, views must change

ANDREA REEVES
Web site submission

I recently read a breaking story about the arrest of Scott Peterson, the California man charged with the double murder of his wife, Laci Peterson, and her unborn baby. Yes, it is being called a double murder, as it is almost always the case when a mother and her unborn child's lives are taken.

So why is it when a child is maliciously murdered while in the womb, it is considered murder, but when a mother chooses to end the life of the fetus it is labeled as abortion? It is because the child is not considered to be alive while in the womb by pro-choice support-

ers?

This makes no sense to me. It has to be one or the other.

My Merriam-Webster dictionary says the definition of murder is "the crime of unlawfully killing a person especially with malice aforethought."

Do you or do you not have to be alive to be killed? If the fetus is not alive, how is this malice crime possible?

It is possible. And this legal crime is committed every day against thousands of living, breathing babies with beating hearts.

Maybe not all these murders are committed with "malice aforethought," but certainly they are committed with self-centeredness

and cold-heartedness. Abortion is legal as defined by Roe v. Wade. And cigarettes are legal too, but that doesn't make it right to smoke.

Society cannot contradict itself in this way. We cannot say one is murder and the other is not.

It's stupid to think that just because a baby may be unwanted makes it any less alive.

Since Peterson has been charged with a double murder, the National Organization of Women (NOW) has spoken out against the double murder.

The organization thinks, in calling the act a double murder, it will help the cause of pro-life activists.

Well, it will. But as pro-lifers already knew that it was a murder. I ask again, how is it that Laci Peterson's baby is dead?

To say something that was not

alive in the first place is now dead is as ridiculous as saying a piece of plastic is dead.

Babies in the womb have a heartbeat. They move. They breathe. They process nutrients. They grow. Ask a doctor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and he/she will verify these things. When that baby was murdered, he ceased to breathe. His heartbeat stopped. His tiny, defenseless body was found without a heartbeat.

He was not breathing. And his body was found just as dead as the thousands of babies that are aborted every day.

I think saying a baby is not alive until it is born is a cop-out.

It is only a way to take relieve some guilt and make the mother care less about what she is about to do - kill someone.

Editor-in-Chief 'raps' things up for the year

JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

There are certain things I've been wanting to do, but haven't had time for since I've been the Editor in Chief of The Northernner.

Now that we're publishing the final paper for the semester, I'll have some time to pursue these endeavors.

At the top of the list is graduation. After that, I'm free to go after my dream of becoming a famous rapper, a New York Times columnist, novelist and screenwriter.

Of course The Northernner has opened up opportunities and afforded experiences that I wouldn't have had otherwise. I've covered court cases, budget meetings, library refurbishings, hirings, firings and "acted" in one commercial.

It's been an interesting experience, and one that I wouldn't have traded, except if someone offered me a record deal, because everyone in the office already knows, and the world is about to find out, that I'm

"I'm going to go out and find a job, either as a platinum-selling rapper, or a newspaper reporter, whichever comes first."-Jordan Kellogg

nice on the mic.

I originally applied for a job as a staff writer, wanting to increase my experience in journalism after a summer internship with the Community Press.

When I started at The Northernner last semester I was supposed to serve as one of several Editor's in Chief.

Instead, I ended up as the sole Editor in Chief, in charge of a paper I'd only written for through a class.

All I knew about how papers were run came from classes and my internship. I had a long way to go.

It was a slightly hectic and daunting experience at first. I was forced to think about every aspect of the paper, from advertising, to layout, to

the Web site, to what stories we'd have to cover.

I was lucky enough to get some very good help from some very good and very talented people.

Despite this, I still woke up in the middle of the night stressed over questions like "Who's going to do the cartoon every week?" "What font should we use for the headlines?" and "Which impounding lot has DPS towed my car to this week?"

All of it, or at least most of it, eventually came together into the paper we've been putting out for the past two semesters.

The time has gone by so quickly that I can hardly remember what it was like when we started.

I'll save the shout outs and big ups for my first CD's linear notes and hope it will suffice to say that I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart.

Thinking back, I'm amazed that some weeks we were able to put out editions. I'm sure some of them wouldn't have happened unless certain people stepped up and helped out. I can't thank those people enough.

And thank you for reading the paper. I'm sure you'll enjoy it just as much next semester when there are many great new people running the show.

As for right now, I think I'm going to chill in my b-boy stance for awhile.

After that I'm going to go out and find a job, either as a platinum-selling rapper, or a newspaper reporter, whichever comes first. Hopefully by then you'll be doing what you love to do no matter what and where it is.

Word to your mother.

North Poll

Compiled by: Fran McQueen

What was the biggest NKU related news story this semester?



MELISSA HAMILTON
Junior/Biology



MARCEL DORCUES
Sophomore/French and Spanish

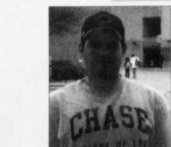


GRACE MCCANN
Junior/BTV

"The issue with tuition and the education conference in Frankfort."

"When the student committed suicide off campus."

"The (finance and economics departments) scandal."



WILLIAM LEACH
9th year law



SARAH LASKARI
Sophomore/Economics



JURAL FAIRCLOTH
Junior/Art

"The issue with the state budget crisis and its adverse effect on higher education."

"When the four teachers were fired."

"I like the comics and think there should be more."

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Norse baseball woes continue

Brandon DeLaynes hurled a three-hit shutout and recorded 11 strikeouts Saturday as Quincy University defeated Northern Kentucky University, 4-0, in the first game of a doubleheader at Quincy Stadium.

DeLaynes upped his season record to 8-1 with the victory. Quincy scored twice in the first inning off NKU starter Mike Marksbury, and the Hawks coasted behind the pitching of DeLaynes.

In the nightcap, Quincy jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings and posted a 9-3 win over NKU. Kevin Sewell drove in two runs to lead Quincy, while teammate Chip Wagner went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Josh Perkins hit a home run for NKU, and Craig Craddock added two hits. NKU starter Geoff Freeborn, who allowed the first five batters to reach base in the second inning before being relieved by Derrick Moores, suffered the loss. Quincy improved to 23-17 over-



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Chad Anderson allowed two hits and struck-out two batters in one inning of work in Saturday's loss to Quincy University. all, 13-10 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. NKU dropped to 22-22 overall, 13-13 in the GLVC.

NKU, the defending GLVC champion, is now tied for sixth place in the conference standings with Kentucky Wesleyan College. The top six teams in the GLVC standings will qualify for the GLVC Tournament.

Kentucky Wesleyan, however, holds the tiebreaker with NKU for

the sixth spot due to the Panthers' three-game sweep against the Norse this season. Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is 12-12 in the GLVC and is also seeking the sixth and final berth in the GLVC Tournament.

NKU and Quincy wrapped up the three-game series Sunday with a Norse win, 6-5.

Article by Sports Information

Lady Norse 10-game win streak ends

Meloney Strohbusch's run-scoring single in the bottom of the seventh inning on Saturday gave the University of Wisconsin-Parkside softball team a 3-2 win over Northern Kentucky University in the first game of a doubleheader.

Kim Dean opened the seventh inning with a triple off NKU starter Krystal Lewallen, and Strohbusch followed with an RBI single to left field. Wisconsin-Parkside - which had tied the game at 2-2 in the sixth inning on Jennifer Koser's home

run - snapped NKU's 10-game win streak with the victory.

In the nightcap, NKU's Emily Breitholte hurled a five-hitter as the Norse defeated Wisconsin-Parkside, 2-1. Megan Owens had two RBI to lead NKU, which improved to 34-12 overall, 14-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

NKU is now tied for second place in the GLVC standings with Lewis University (14-4 GLVC), trailing only Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

NKU can still earn the No. 1 seed in the GLVC Tournament if the Norse sweep their doubleheader with Lewis on Sunday, and if SIUE loses a game at Saint Joseph's College. NKU will hold the tiebreaker with SIUE if it sweeps Lewis and would get the No. 1 seed. If SIUE sweeps Saint Joseph's, the Cougars will be the No. 1 seed in the GLVC Tournament, and either NKU or Lewis would be the No. 2 seed.

Article by Sports Information

Upcoming Sports Events

April 30	Baseball: NKU at Ohio Dominican	3:30 p.m.
May 2-4	Softball: at GLVC Tournament	TBA
May 3	Baseball: at Southern Indiana (DH)	1:00 p.m.
May 4	Baseball: at Southern Indiana	1:00 p.m.
May 8-11	Softball: NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 9-11	Baseball: GLVC Tournament	TBA
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May 15-18	Softball: NCAA Championships	TBA
May 24-31	NCAA II World Series	TBA

Men's soccer coach John Toebben passed away over the weekend from complications with cancer. Due to publication deadlines, his obituary will run online at www.thenorthernner.com.

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Best diet is healthy food, exercise

Complicated diet plans no substitute for taking care of your body

Kristin Lehman
Staff Writer

Recently I was successful, after years of 50-30 diets, at safely losing 20 pounds. As many students do, I gained my share of the infamous "freshman 15" and that's why I chose to share how I finally lost that weight.

Between beer drinking, late-night pizza or Taco Bell runs, and too much homework to find time to exercise, it is too easy to gain weight in college. I admit, for the past four years, I tried it all: giving up fat, giving up meat, giving up sweets, Slim Fast, Weight Watchers, you name it, I tried it. I was even stupid enough to attempt the Atkins Diet, but that didn't even last through breakfast. Even though I did not lose the

weight I was looking for with these "diets", I did walk away with a little more knowledge each time. When I cut back on fat, I did get into a good habit of choosing lean meats, such as chicken or turkey, over hamburgers or hot-dogs. This was also the time where I started to consume way too many carbohydrates and calories.

Cutting back on sweets is the hardest thing I ever tried. Although I do know it would be the sure way to drop pounds, it made me a miserable person. I live on candy, so I decided to stick with the sweets to keep me sane, but made appropriate decisions when eating it (for example, eating only fat free candy). A little weight was lost, but a few more cavities gained.

The Slim Fast diet did not work

because the first time I tried the shake in a can, it tasted like I was eating a tin can. Too much time for me. I bought the powder mix and made my own with extra fruit. These tasted great, but the diet is too restrictive for me. It worked as a crash diet before a trip to the beach, but now it collects dust in my cabinet.

Weight Watchers is the most reasonable option of the above. I never joined or attend the meetings. I did, however, mirror the "point system" and recipes off my sister's membership booklet. I did lose weight with this one but gained it back after I lost interest.

In terms of my success, there is no secret, there are no strict guidelines. There are two places to start: stop drinking soft drinks and exercise,

exercise, exercise! You don't have to give up beer, cake, meat, fat, or candy. And you definitely should not cut out carbs.

I was drinking at least one 20-oz. Sprite a day last year. As soon as I stopped, I lost five pounds within the first month. Many college students do not realize the empty calories one soft drink puts in their body, and there is no nutritional value. Beer and wine at least have some proven health benefits.

In addition to frequent cardiovascular exercise, something else I found that helped keep my weight down is weight training. Building muscle is important in order for our bodies to be able to burn calories all day long as we use this muscle.

Another tip I have is to increase your fiber. It is not that hard. I am



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lucky because I love vegetables, but there are cereals and other food that have enough fiber to aid in the digestion process. Fruits, vegetables, carbohydrates,

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Campus news briefs

Norators return to podium

BRYAN ASHCRAFT
Reporter

After a one year hiatus the NKU Norators Scholarly Team will again compete this fall. The team competes against other universities in areas of public speaking such as persuasive, impromptu, and informative speech, and also competes in debate and dramatic interpretation. The Norators are under the direction of advisors from the Communication, Literature and Language, and Theatre departments, but students from any department can join. The team will be having a bake sale Wednesday, April 30, 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in Landrum.

Porn accidentally shown on channel

LORE COX
News Editor

Viewers of Channel 18 are used to seeing broadcasts created by Northern Kentucky University students along with satellite-fed educational programs. On Wednesday morning, however, viewers got a different kind of education than they were looking for when a soft-core pornography movie came up on the screen.

William Farro, a coordinator in the NKU Information Technology department, said the reasons why the movie scenes were playing on Channel 18 are still unknown, but that satellite signals getting mixed could be the cause.

"The way things are set up, it's kind of likely that's what happened," Farro said. "We're still trying to figure it out."

In the meantime, satellite programs have been replaced by other types of programs to isolate the problem, Farro said. "That's all we can really do right now," he said.

Dance performance scheduled

RJ SIMPKINS
Senior/Theatre

The NKU Department of Theatre and Dance will present a performance showcase on May 10. This show is a compilation of works by the Musical Theatre Tour Troupe and Dance Troupe, and a sampling of performances from selected dance classes. While the Tour Troupes perform in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area throughout the year, this is a chance to present the results of a year of hard work at home. This entirely student run production will feature NKU students, from freshmen to graduating seniors, in every dance genre from sexy jazz to high-energy tap, music from romantic ballads to up-tempo standards, and everything in between. This showcase will be presented in the Corbett Theatre, Fine Arts Building at 8pm. Tickets are \$5 at the door, with all proceeds benefiting the Tour Troupes. For more information, contact the NKU Dance Troupe at simpkinsr@nku.edu.

Lecture series features three speakers

The Fourth Annual Northern Kentucky University Alumni Lecture Series will feature three of America's most popular and influential political pundits in a lively and candid discussion on "Governing in America: The President, the Press and the People."

The Lecture, which will feature Paul Begala, co-host of CNN's "Crossfire," Mary Matalin, former assistant to President George W. Bush, and Washington Post Assistant Managing Editor Bob Woodward, will be held at 7 p.m. on October 2 in Regents Hall on NKU's Highland Heights campus. Nick Clooney will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

The event is sponsored by various NKU student organizations, Insight Communications, Community Press Newspapers, Cinergy, WNKU, NKU Bookstore/Follett Higher Education Group, TIAA-CREF, and Liberty Mutual Insurance Group.

Tickets will be available to order on June 1 and are \$30 for the general public, NKU alumni, faculty and staff can purchase tickets for \$25 each; students for \$5 each. Tickets can be purchased at the Office of Alumni Affairs or by calling (859) 572-5486. Student tickets will be available at NKU's Office of Student Activities.

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Towing. Not always lost cause

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Should a student walk up to their car while it is being towed, they do have a chance to redeem themselves and save their car from the lot. If they arrive before their car is hooked to the tow truck, the student can immediately pay their outdated parking tickets and a \$30 to \$50 show fee to Rees Hardy.

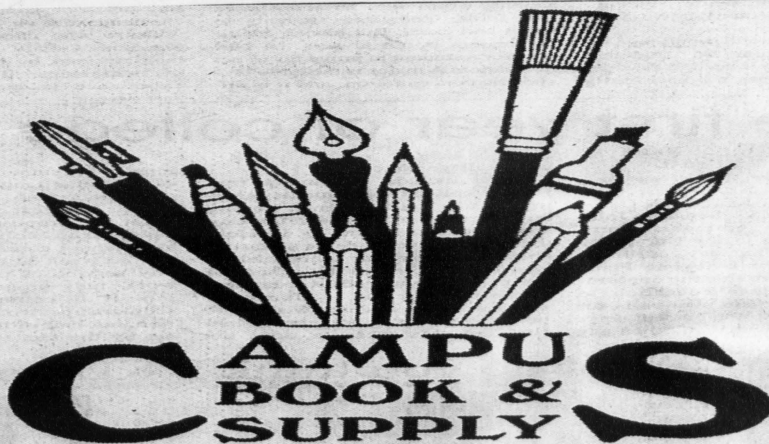
The show fee is compensation for the drive to NKU, and the actual dollar amount depends on how long it takes the student to gather their

money and pay the citations.

A person can acquire parking tickets by parking their car in the fire lane, reserved parking spaces, or by parking in illegal areas, such as on sidewalks or the ends of parking rows.

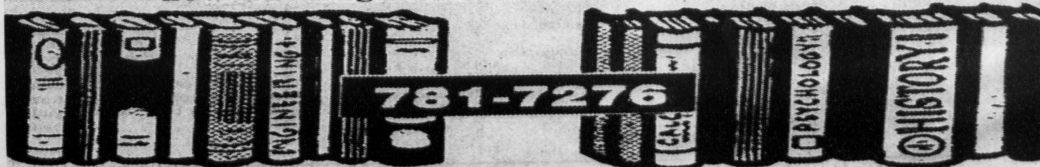
While those towed to the Wilder impound lot owe a pretty penny, the university doesn't see a single cent.

"That's why the university contracts a towing company," said Martin. "The university enforces traffic laws, but it doesn't want to be in a position to make money from towing vehicles."



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Bling-Bling gets Oxford entry

"Bling" describes more than jewelry

VIRGINIA ROHAN
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.) (KRT)

Elizabeth Taylor dripped it and Liberace flaunted it. Carmela Soprano's a walking advertisement, and P. Diddy's real-life poster boy. This year's Oscars consciously toned it down, while the "Ab Fab" girls giddily talked it up.

Now the Oxford English Dictionary is about to officially induct it into the lexicon.

"Bling-bling," America's latest verbal bling.

Unless you've been vacationing in Tibet, you've probably heard it a lot lately. The hip-hop expression bling-bling, or sometimes just bling, has been popping up everywhere, television, radio, and newspapers, spoken and written by folks who are several steps removed from pop culture's cutting edge.

Coincidentally, in 1999 in a same-named song by a New Orleans rapper named B.G., bling-bling applies to big show jewelry, the kind typified by rap-raz-dazzle designer Chris Ake that goes bling when it collides with other bling (hence the name).

"Bling-bling really became popular when we [Shaq and the Lakers] were bling the term for their championship rings" in 2001, says Californian Jeffrey "HalfShaq" Marino, who sells lots of bling online at www.pimpshams.com.

If the sports world was quick to embrace the word, all of television is on a bling bender. CNN Headline News has been using "bling-bling" and other hip-hop terms in its headlines and graphics as part of what the network's general manager has called an aggressive attempt to stay "relevant, smarter and cooler" to a younger audience.

The cooler-than-thou term has clearly exploded into the unhip mainstream, which is why it's headed to the dictionary.

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"It's been in so many songs," says Tuma Basa, a manager of music programming for MTV/MTV2 who believes the term was an easy fit for the late Nineties, when the economy was booming. "Every rapper was talking about materialistic pursuits. Every hip-hop video had expensive cars with nice rims."

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Of course, once something makes it to the mainstream it usually means it's already lost its edginess. Bling-bling is no exception.

"I don't think people use it as much from the hip-hop culture," Allen says. "That term is pretty dated. If someone's using it, you know it's new to their vocabulary. You want to say, 'Welcome to the word.'"



Bling-bling!

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Warm weather fashions heat up

Clothing stores, Web sites offer a glimpse of fashion future

Ryan Wilham
Reporter

Still wearing the same warm-weather-war you've had for years? If you are, then it's probably time to update your spring and summer wardrobe.

Though spring and summer clothes usually have universal characteristics from year to year, certain variations on these warm-weather staples can make you look a notch better than your friends.

But how do you know what is in and what is not?

You could just believe the girl behind the counter at the mall, but if you want some additional advice, the Internet can be a great source for answers.

According to about.com, women are going back to more "lady-like" or "girlish" fashions.

Dresses are making a big comeback this season. Look for pastels, dots, halters and Asian influences and, to add an even more feminine touch, you can add bows or ribbons this season.

Also, about.com predicts that short minidresses and full skirts in retro prints will be hot. Other strong looks this season for women should be big, "billowy" tops, slim or drapery cargo pants (not traditional baggy cargos), "cropped" pants that aren't quite as high-cut as capris, and bright-colored mini skirts will also be popular.

For accessories, slingsbags will be the footwear of the season.

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choice and punk-inspired "hardware" will be in.

Tote bags will again be popular this season. Canvas and leather bags will be hot for carrying your stuff, whether it's your laptop, your cell phone or your lunch. Bags will have a combination of all the diverse trends, from details like buckles and zippers to bows.

Now, if you're wondering what to leave in your closets this season - peasant blouses, hippie anything and tooled leather are out for the summer.

One student is looking forward to the fashion changes for spring and summer. "I definitely agree that it is time to pack away all the peasant blouses and hippy chick gear," said Angela Marsh, a junior at NKU. "I never understood that trend and absolutely support its disappearance."

For the "teen" crowd, slightly younger versions of these fashions will be in this season. About.com's top five list of female teen fashion includes chic cargoes, micro-mini skirts, kimono, slim trousers and the "fifties" look. Baggy, unflattering cargo pants are out and are replaced this season with sleek, slim cargoes or the loose fitting variety in drapery fabrics in bright, summery colors.

Follow the same guidelines with trousers this season. Though the micro-mini skirt is going to be at the top of the skirt list this season, any length skirt will be in.

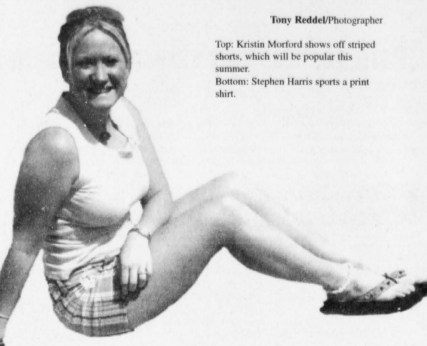
What you wear can vary depending on where you're wearing it, whether it's work, school or the club.

Kimono will also be in this season. Paired with sleek trousers and some stilettos, a kimono or Asian-influenced top can bring a feminine touch to your wardrobe.

Finally, ladies, the "Happy Days" style is back. Fifties inspired Circle skirts and lady-like dresses will be hot this season.

Min Gray, an assistant at Express in the Florence Mall, said that most of these trends have been popular so far.

She said slim, cropped cargo and flight pants have been extremely popular. Dressy tops in synthetic fabrics, terry cargo pants and hoodies have also been popular, according to Gray.



Tony Reddel/Photographer

Top: Kristin Morford shows off striped shorts, which will be popular this summer.
Bottom: Stephen Harris sports a print shirt.

"We can't even keep terry in the stores," Gray said.

Generally, spring and summer's fashion trends for women met approval with women at NKU.

The only trends that met a mixed review were kimono and Asian-influenced prints as well as the punk look.

"I definitely cannot see myself wearing metallic shoes or a kimono," said Dawnielle Monique, a sophomore at NKU.

However, others had good reviews of the trends. "It is time for more punk," Marsh said. "It adds color and fun to fashion and it is such a fun trend to experiment with."

Though men's fashion rarely changes drastically, this season brings a couple surprises for the guys.

First, the uniform look will be hot this season. Whether it's a school uniform or military, uniforms are a strong look this spring and summer.

"The uniform look seems like an attempt to harness a false sense of patriotism through fashion," said Brent Schanding, a sophomore at NKU.

Safari jackets and cargo pockets galore on pants, shorts and shirts will be some of the hottest items - on the street and on the beach. Cargo pockets on longer length trunks than we've seen recently and darker colors will be the vogue way to go when you get in the water.

However, bright, summery colors like lemon yellow and white and floral and dragon prints will also be hot.

You may have already noticed this one, but stripes are going to be even hotter come warmer weather.

A variety of colored stripes on shirts will be especially popular this season, accompanied with stripes on pants and even jeans.

Schanding said. However, he offered the caution, "Avoid red stripes at all costs unless you want to look like last year's candy cane."

Brandon Releford, a store manager at the Florence Mall, offered similar opinions about the trends for the forthcoming season. Linen drawstring pants, embroidered tops, embroidered tops (some with Asian designs), and yarn-dyed, multicolored striped shirts have been hot this season, Releford said.

He added that open polo shirts, also called open pop-overs, have been popular.

Closer to summer, Releford said, embroidered shorts, again with Asian-influenced designs, as well as the vintage, cowboy-look (such as western-style embroidered shirts) will be popular.

About.com expects the Asian-influence to make its way to men's fashion as well this spring and summer. Jade green fabrics, Asian prints and even kimono will be hot this season, according to the website.

"Kimono for men?" Schanding said. "I like androgynous style, but the 'Madame Butterfly' look needs to go back into its cocoon."

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Sunglasses more than accessory

KIM NORTH SHINE

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Think of sunglasses as an indulgence that's actually good for you. A pair of shades can hide tired eyes.

They can convey an air of celebrity.

They can conceal expressions of disgust, or say, boredom from partners in conversation.

All this, and more, comes while protecting eyes from the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays.

"Sunglasses make men look macho and women look beautiful. People want to wear sunglasses not only to reduce glare and all that but because they just look better," said Dr. Donald Borsand, president of Henry Ford Optometric, a chain of 32 optical stores in Michigan.

The pursuit of style has launched sunglasses into the realm of fashion accessory and helped drive the non-prescription sunglasses market to \$2.1 billion in sales in 2002, according to the Sunglass Association of America.

But fashion is only one component to consider when purchasing sunglasses.

The most important components are cost, quality, eye protection and deciding if the shades are mostly for show or for specialized pursuits such as volleyball, motorcycle riding or sailing.

Take a look at what the experts say about purchasing and wearing sunglasses.

RADIATION CAN HARM EYES

Squinting is not the first sign that it's time to bring out the sunglasses.

Under bright or overcast skies, the sun's ultraviolet rays, invisible light that can damage vision, can reach the eyes.

Most people grab shades only when they notice the light is irritating.

"You really should wear them anytime you're outdoors or driving," said Harry Lane, a president of the Sunglass Association of America. "You're getting ultraviolet radiation

year-round."

While UV protection shields the eye, it does not fend off glare or light that bounces off surfaces such as snow, sand or light-colored pavement.

Only polarized lenses or anti-glare coatings can alleviate those discomforts.

Still, UV protection is the most important consideration when purchasing sunglasses.

There are three subranges in ultraviolet light, but only two, UVA and UVB, are of concern because they travel the farthest distance from sun to Earth.

Protective coatings on lenses can absorb ultraviolet light "and can help head off cataracts," said Donald Borsand, president of Henry Ford Optometric, a 32-store chain of optical centers in Michigan. Animal lovers even strap shades

on their pooches.

But labeling and standards can be confusing.

"People want to wear sunglasses not only to reduce glare and all that but because they just look better," -Dr. Donald Borsand

cent of UVB and a minimum of 60 percent UVA.

Special purpose: Most block at least 99 percent of UVB and 60 percent UVA.

Keep in mind the standards aren't mandatory, but many manufacturers exceed them.

For the best protection, choose sunglasses that block UVA and UVB rays between 290 and 400



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The right pair of sunglasses can protect your eyes against harmful UV rays.

nanometers. Some labels express UV protection in percentages. Anything above 95 percent is good.

Some higher-priced products with polycarbonate glass or certain kinds of plastic lenses can claim to block 100 percent of UV rays. For more information go to www.allaboutvision.com.

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Gemini-You may have to put your social life on hold for a couple days while you catch up with pressing responsibilities. Afterwards it is party time!

Cancer-Staying up late to cram for a test may be a short-term solution, but not the best one. Try giving yourself more time to prepare.

Leo-Already planning your first week of summer vacation? Don't get carried away just yet. Try your best and then bask in the sunlight.

Virgo-People should take a note or two from you. Your special attention to details should get you far when test taking is concerned. Focus and use your skills.

Libra-If you are having trouble staying focused on school form a study group. You will get the pleasure of social interaction and get your work done.

Scorpio-You may have to lock yourself in your room in order to get any work done. Use your mind power to absorb all the information you need.

Sagittarius-For exams, instead of spending hours studying one subject, switch every so often. You won't get as restless and will have longer stamina.

Capricorn-The stress has already set in. Everything will get done. Do your best and in the end you will relax knowing nothing more could have been done.

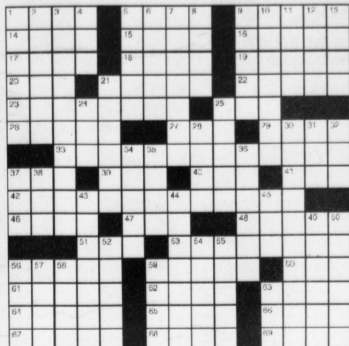
Aquarius-Now is not the time to retreat into your world or procrastination. Preparing and planning will get you better grades and less anxiety.

Pisces-When you start to feel yourself slipping into a dream in the midst of a study session take a short break. A short walk could help you refocus.

ACROSS

- 1 Foot structure
- 5 Cost per unit
- 9 Inclined
- 14 SST sound
- 15 Environs
- 16 Made public
- 17 Huff and Jaffe
- 18 Nagger
- 19 Extended gaze
- 20 Mine deposit
- 21 After-dinner treats
- 22 Raptor weapon
- 23 Aromatic evergreen
- 25 Cribbage marker
- 26 Pipe root
- 27 Exploit
- 29 Competent
- 33 Government appropriation
- 37 Possess
- 39 Armistice Day mo.
- 40 Crescent
- 41 Inc. in Islington
- 42 Was too enthusiastic
- 46 Spike and Brenda
- 47 Pub order
- 48 Nappy leather
- 51 Wapiti
- 53 Passages with lively tempos
- 56 Thalia's sister
- 59 Metal mixture
- 60 Part of an e-mail address
- 61 Former nit
- 62 Attired
- 63 Manufactured
- 64 Expenses
- 65 Sharpen
- 66 Man or Dogs
- 67 Gather up
- 68 School near Windsor
- 69 Throat-clearing sound

- DOWN
- 1 Soak up
- 2 Lion, at times
- 3 Funny woman
- 4 "Pinphone"
- 5 Breakneck
- 6 Sports venue
- 7 Performance trial
- 8 Boanery sign
- 9 Costume jewelry
- 10 Leggy actress?
- 11 By mouth
- 12 Claudius' successor
- 13 "East of "
- 21 Spanish sheep
- 24 Machine part
- 25 Ballplayer
- 26 Guerrero
- 28 Sudden pain
- 30 Nonsense!
- 31 Set afire
- 32 Call off
- 34 "Vertigo" star
- 35 Daredevil Knievel
- 36 "The Plough and the Stars" playwright
- 37 Nocturnal raptor
- 38 Isy-bitsy
- 43 Dangerous files
- 44 Change the distribution
- 45 Obvious toupee



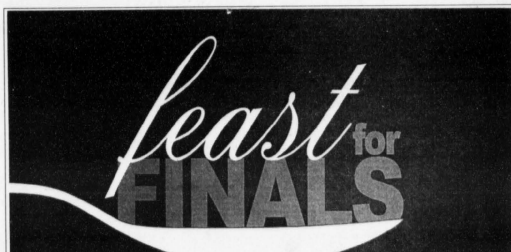
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Solutions



- 49 Artful scribble
- 50 Value highly
- 52 Fertile loam
- 54 Argentine grassland
- 55 Waterproof wool cloth
- 56 Corsica's neighbor
- 57 Wander widely
- 58 Mystique
- 59 Heart follower
- 63 Hamm or Farrow



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