

Spam e-mail frustrates students

SUSAN NELTNER
Reporter

The Internet, which has made some things easier at NKU, causes frustration when it's slow, or doesn't work at all.

Administrators are currently working to speed up NKU's WebMail system, which has been slowed by a growth in spam, but, for many students, e-mail difficulties are an inconvenience they are not used to.

"People don't expect their e-mail to cause them trouble," Nicole McClure, a senior political science major, said. "We expect it to work every time."

Students at Northern depend on their e-mail to be reliable, especially when it is related to one of their classes.

Hannah Pennybaker, a freshman English major, said that although she has never had a problem with her

account (except for the fact that it is slow on occasion) she feels sorry for those who rely on their e-mail to keep them connected with their professors.

"I've heard horror stories from other people trying to check their [e-mails]," Pennybaker said.

Sally Cox, a junior Education major, has one or two horror stories of her own.

"Professors say they never receive my e-mails," she said.

Venting her frustrations towards Northern's e-mail system, Cox said, "It's slow and stupid."

Angela Williams, a junior Education major, agreed with Cox, saying, "Sometimes it works great, and

"People don't expect their e-mail to cause them trouble. We expect it to work every time."

-Nicole McClure

Information Technology, said, "WebMail has had a growing problem regarding response times and failed logins."

"Because of a massive growth in e-mail due to spam, our system has not been able to keep up with the growing demand of e-mail traffic," Steuver said.

The system currently has 26,433 accounts, including "22,464 students, including those from last year, 1,728 faculty, 1,696 staff, 319 group, 31 student groups and

sometimes it doesn't. You just can't depend on it."

Thomas Steuver, manager and coordinator of Network and Infrastructure Systems/Security in

180 retired faculty and staff," Steuver said.

Steuver added that even if many of the accounts are not used on a daily basis, they receive at least one message during the day.

Along with the maintaining the accounts, NKU's system is processing incoming and outgoing e-mail, and scanning for viruses, Steuver said.

To solve the issue, "We are separating many of these processes into separate systems to reduce the load on one system," Steuver said.

On March 31, Steuver and his team executed a Virus Scanning Gateway Server, which, according to Steuver, should reduce the load the e-mail server is currently carrying.

"We are working on additional solutions, including spam checking, but I don't have many details about them at this time," he said.

Involvement: SGA issue #1

BURKE LOFLAND
Staff Writer

Student involvement is a popular issue for this semester's candidates for Student Government Association.

The candidates say students around campus are unaware of what the Student Government Association does and the issues its members resolve.

"The sad fact is, on this campus of 14,000 students, far too many have been left out of the fold," presidential candidate Chris Pace wrote in his election biography.

"We have to reach out to resident students, commuters, non-traditional, graduate students; the list goes on and on."

Andy Hixson, running for vice president of public relations, points

to "getting new ideas and opinions from students who are not currently involved in SGA."

SGA will have a hand in parking issues and the planning of the new Student Union, as well as other issues and events involving students.

"I am extremely proud of Student Government Association, and getting students involved and familiar with SGA is my main focus," said Brandon Neukam, candidate for vice president of public relations.

"Members are responsible for making themselves visible to students, and getting their policies known," said Nathan Hagler, running for a seat in the SGA Senate.

SGA voting will take place April 16 and 17 in the University Center lobby.

Y.E.S. Festival under construction



D.J. Carter/Systems Manager

Sophomore Theatre major, Jessie Smith, works on a piece for the set of the play "The Bandmaster." The play is part of the Year End Series (Y.E.S.) Festival of New Plays. "The Bandmaster" will run on selected dates between April 25 and May 4 at the Black Box Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. Other performances include "Three Girls, Four Seasons" which runs on selected dates from April 24 through May 3 and "Too Good To Say Goodbye" which runs on selected dates from April 26 through May 3. Tickets are available at NKU Theatre Box Office.

Check out pages 6 and 7 for SGA candidate biographies and election information

Scientist funds Brazil trip

SUSAN NELTNER
Staff Writer

Want to win a free trip to Brazil?

By participating in the Amazonian Conference you have that chance. But the Conference is more than just an all-expenses paid trip to the Amazon - it's about the environment - learning about the issues that lead to a better understanding of conservation.

On April 16, the department of history and geography, department of sociology and philosophy, the Environmental Organization of Students, the Latino Student Union and the College of Communication will host the Amazonian Conference in the Otto Budig Center from 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Amazonian Conference is an in-depth look at the environmental issues in the Amazon as well as a discussion on the pressures our planet faces daily.

A Brazilian physicist and environmental educator, Valdir Bento, approached Bob Wilcox, a history professor at NKU, in a fall of 2002, Wilcox said in an e-mail. "Bento was testing waters in the area and decided to try Northern as a place for the Conference," Wilcox said. He added that although Bento established the Conference in the

early 90's, touring in Brazil, Portugal, and Britain, this is the first year it has been offered in the United States.

At the Conference, Bento will hand out a packet of information to participants Wilcox said. Wilcox said his lecture would be aided with the use of slides.

After students go to the Conference they will have a week to review the information given to them by Bento. When the week is up, Wilcox said, those who participated in the Conference would then take a test.

Wilcox added that the person who receives the highest score would win a trip to Brazil, spending 10 days in the rainforest working one on one with nature. The trip will be funded by Bento. "It all comes from his pocket," Wilcox said.

Wilcox said the hope is after returning from Brazil the student will have a different look on life and will be interested in starting an Amazonian Conference environmental organization at NKU.

Wilcox said he is interested in the Conference for many of the same reasons as the speaker. These interests include "encouraging awareness of young people about the environment."

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Forum features gubernatorial hopefuls

Democrat and Republican candidates appear at only free forum in the area

AMANDA VANBENSCHOTEN
Campus Calendar editor

The next governor of Kentucky will be elected this fall. Who do you want to see hold the position of Kentucky's highest elected official? The Student Government Association would like to help you make an educated decision when voting later this year.

Northern Kentucky University will host the Gubernatorial Candidates Forums on April 9 and 10 at Regents Hall. On these two nights, voters will have the opportunity to meet Democratic and Republican candidates for governor and question them on important local issues.

These forums are the first of their kind in Northern Kentucky. They are the only free general gubernatorial forums that will be held in the area.

The Democratic candidates will appear on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. Slated to appear are

Bruce Lunsford and Speaker of the House Jody Richards. There may also be other last-minute candidates appearing, according to Student Government Association President Katie Herschede.

The Republican candidates will appear on Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Rebecca Jackson, Congressman Eric Fletcher, State Representative Steve Nunn and Senator Virgil Moore will attend.

About 4,000 local elected officials and community and business leaders have been invited, as well as, NKU students and local residents.

"This event is another example of NKU's commitment to engaging the Northern Kentucky community in dialogue that will help shape the future of this region and of the Commonwealth," Herschede said.

The event is co-sponsored by the NKU Student Government Association, the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement and the NKU political science

Department. If next week's forums go well, Herschede said that SGA hopes to bring the Democratic and Republican primary winners back to campus in September or October for a debate.

Dr. Dean Minix, chair of the political science department, will host both nights of the event.

"We're lucky to host the forum," he said. "It's an opportunity to showcase the university to the next Kentucky governor. I'm honored to host the event."

One major point highlighted by both Minix and Herschede was funding. Minix said NKU is the most under-funded university in the state.

Herschede's goal is to "make clear to those who seek state leadership that it makes no sense to have the least-funded university reside in one of the state's largest economic engines."

"All Northern Kentucky citizens must rally at these events to show that we care about the next governor's commitment to Northern Kentucky," added Herschede. "We cannot depend on someone else to do it for us."

Enistee joins on instinct

TRAVIS GETTYS
Reporter

As the semester draws to a close, many graduating seniors lose interest in their classes and their minds drift to thoughts of finding a "real" job or taking a post-graduation trip.

Kelli Baumgarten said she also has a hard time keeping her mind on schoolwork, but, unlike most of her classmates, she is thinking about her Army basic training after May's graduation ceremony.

In July, the senior journalism major will report to boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo. for eight weeks.

Then she will go to Arizona for a 20-week counterintelligence training program, where she will learn interrogation skills and decoding techniques, distinguishing false enemy intelligence and atleast one language.

Baumgarten made her decision to enlist during the buildup to war with Iraq, but she isn't sure peace can be achieved through violence.

"I'm extremely liberal," said Baumgarten, who writes horoscopes for the Northernite. "To be honest, I voted for [Al] Gore because he's an Arries, one of my favorite signs."

"I don't know how I'll fit in," said the 22-year-old. "I probably won't."

Baumgarten, who admits that she is "quirky," first became interested in the military as a teenager when she visited her cousin at Air Force boot camp.

"I just liked the aura that I got from the base," she said of the visit.

"Things felt productive." The Louisville native said she began thinking seriously about joining the armed forces last year as her interest waned in the career choices offered by her degree.

"I'd rather create news than report it," she said.

During Christmas break, Baumgarten tried to visit an Air Force recruiter, who had apparently stepped out.

Instead, she stopped by a nearby Army enlistment station, and decided to join after hearing their recruitment pitch.

"Joining the corporate world and even being a journalist wasn't appealing to me," Baumgarten said. "I don't like money, so I wanted to work towards something bigger than myself, and not just a paycheck."

Baumgarten also views her five-year commitment to the Army as a personal challenge. "I hope to reach a point where I know my potential," she said. "I haven't been put to the test. I need another challenge besides school and, when I get out,

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DPS Reports

APR 7 2003-Monday-11:41am Location: FINE ARTS BUILDING - FOURTH FLOOR - COMPLAINT RECEIVED - Male Faculty member received a message on his voice mail at which an unknown Male subject threatened harm to himself and others. Under investigation....

APR 7 2003-Monday-09:35am Location: MAINTENANCE BUILDING - DAMAGE TO VEHICLE - Male employee ed that damage had been done to a University vehicle while it was checked out over the weekend. Case closed....

APR 6 2003-Sunday-02:07pm Location: DORMS - WOODCREST APARTMENTS-OAK - Complaint Vehicle Stop - Officer observed vehicle fail to stop at three stop signs. Upon investigation, it was found that the Driver's Ohio License was suspended with a no arrest restriction. The Driver was issued Kentucky State Citations for Driving with a Suspended License, Disregarding a Traffic Control Device, No Proof of Insurance, and Failure to Wear a Seatbelt. Case closed....

APR 5 2003-Saturday-09:23pm Location: NUNN DRIVE - NEAR UNIVERSITY DRIVE - TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop - Officer observed vehicle fail to stop at three stop signs. Upon investigation, it was found that the Driver's Ohio License was suspended with a no arrest restriction. The Driver was issued Kentucky State Citations for Driving with a Suspended License, Disregarding a Traffic Control Device, No Proof of Insurance, and Failure to Wear a Seatbelt. Case closed....

APR 4 2003-Friday-02:38pm Location: SCIENCE CENTER - SECOND FLOOR - MEDICAL RESPONSE - Squad - Female subject having difficulty breathing and feeling nauseated at the listed location. The Central Campbell County Squad responded. Subject refused transportation to the hospital. Case closed....

APR 4 2003-Friday-02:00pm Location: DORMS/NORSE COMMONS - THEFT-Theft By

Unlawful Taking-Under \$300 - Female subject ed that her NKU University ID Card had been lost on 4/3/2003. Residential Life employee stated that a Male subject had attempted to purchase a meal by using the victim's ID Card. Officers located the Male subject, at his residence, and issued a Kentucky State Citation for Theft By Unlawful Taking. Under investigation....

APR 4 2003-Friday-08:14am Location: GREAVES CIRCLE - OUTSIDE FINE ARTS BUILDING - AUTO ACCIDENT- No Injury/PROPERTY DAMAGE - No Injuries. Male University employee ed that a Pepsi Cola delivery driver had backed his truck into a light at listed location. NKU Electricians were notified and responded to check and secure the light. The vehicle remained in service. Case closed....

APR 3 2003-Thursday-11:01pm Location: DORMS/NORSE COMMONS AREA - FIGHT - Residential Life Assistant ed several fights in progress at the listed location. DPS Officers requested additional police units respond for assistance. Highland Heights, Cold Spring and Campbell County Police units responded. Upon their arrival, Officers dispersed the subjects, without further incident. Under investigation....

APR 3 2003-Thursday-09:34pm Location: DORMS/WOODCREST APARTMENTS-CIRCLE - VERBAL ALTERCATION/ARREST - Female subject ed a verbal altercation in progress. Upon arrival, Officers located and spoke with the subjects. During questioning, one of the subjects fled the scene. Subject was located and arrested behind Willow Apartments. Subject was transported to the subject to St. Luke Hospital-East for further evaluation. After treatment, subject was transported to and lodged in the Campbell County Jail. Subject was charged with Alcohol Intoxication-1st or 2nd Offense and Disorderly Conduct. Case closed....

Students work phones, keep tuition down

Phonathon raises \$200,000 for annual fund

KRISTEN LEHMAN
Reporter

NKU's spring phonathon raised \$200,000 this year. Marina Harper, director of Annual Giving at NKU, manages the phonathon, where students and alumni make calls to alumni to ask for donations.

The phonathon is conducted two times a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Over the years, student callers have significantly increased the funds raised.

The money raised at the phonathons goes toward the annual fund. This fund supports all areas and organizations at NKU. "Every corner of the university is touched by the annual fund," said Harper. Donators decide which campus organization their donation goes to.

Harper said she will begin hiring for the fall phonathon. The phonathon is held on campus in the Lucas Administrative Center on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students work from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and get paid \$7 an hour. In fall of 2003, the phonathon will run from Sept. 7 through Oct. 30. Students can work to earn money for their own use or work the hours and contribute the money to the campus organization of their choice.

Keena Neal, a senior sociology student, says she enjoys working at the phonathon. "I like helping NKU because the school has helped me a lot," she said. She believes it's a good experience and finds that the alumni are generous and interested in being informed on how NKU is progressing.



Photo Contributed

Students work the phones in Lucas Administrative Center to raise money.

Harper said many of the alumni are willing to give back to NKU because of the education they received.

The value of their degree increases if NKU is able to continuously improve its prestige through new resources made possible with the help of the money they donate.

According to Harper, there are three streams of revenue for the university: tuition (covering 50 percent), government and state funding, and private funding and donations (such as the phonathon).

She said it's important to maintain contact with the alumni and that their generous donations help keep tuition low.

There is anywhere between six to 15 people who work each night, said Neal. To keep things exciting, Harper will hold a "lucky draw"

each night in which she draws out the name of a person working, who receives a gift certificate.

"The phonathon is an exciting way for students to bring in money for themselves and for the school," said Harper.

If interested in becoming a part of the phonathon, students should contact Harper. After describing the job and the phonathon, she will set up a short, in-person interview. If she finds the job suitable for the student, they will receive a hire confirmation letter with the dates that the student can work. If too many people sign up to work, there is the possibility of being placed on a waiting or substitute list.

Marina Harper can be contacted at the LA 503, by phone at (859) 572-6503 or harperma@nku.edu.

Center helps teach English to immigrants

IFRC's class size suited to individual needs

JESSICA OUSLEY
Reporter

International Family Resource Center volunteers help to introduce adult, immigrant and refugees learn English.

The center offers a variety of classes to students who want to learn English or become an American citizen. Some of the classes offered are basic (for students who understand very little English), some are beginning, some intermediate and some are advanced.

The classes are suited by the student's individual needs and a test is given to help place the students accordingly. Volunteers also teach students survival skills such as how to read a newspaper, fill out an application, relate reading to writing, and how to calculate money. The Advanced course teaches government and culture (citizenship). A computer laboratory is also provided to help students learn about computer software.

"Last year we had students from 71 different countries. Twenty per-

cent spoke Spanish. We had refugees from Afghanistan and Africa," said Gretchen Scronce, AmeriCorps VISTA outreach coordinator for the International center.

Classrooms provide a small class setting, making it more accessible to give students individual assistance. A typical classroom consists of one volunteer per four to 10 students.

An interpreter is available for students who only speak in their native language and needs an English translation. Scronce said the center has translators who can interpret 80 different languages and can be paired with the student upon request.

The center would like to include an orientation class, which will be held on Friday mornings. Students wanting to take one class can do so for free; additional classes require a \$100 fee.

Classes are offered every day except Friday. Sessions run simultaneously beginning at 8:45 a.m. until 2 p.m., each an hour and a half long.

"I have a lot of fun; you gain skills and [it] is a great way to meet new people."

-Gretchen Scronce

"I think it's [International center] a great program. It is interesting to work with people from different backgrounds. This is a great asset for Greater Cincinnati," said Scronce. "I have a lot of fun; you gain skills and [it] is a great way to meet new people." Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer must have an interest in working with adults from other countries, and no experience is

required.

For additional information, call (513) 354-5717 or go to www.gscronce@gmail.org. International Family Resource Center is located at 200 McFarland Street in Cincinnati.

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Test your knowledge

By: Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)
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In the past 15 months, there have been numerous reports on the Iraq crisis, from

PRESIDENT BUSH

1. According to Bush, Iraq, North Korea and what other nation constitute an "axis of evil"?
a. South Korea
b. Afghanistan
c. Iran
2. In which address to Congress did Bush first use the phrase, "axis of evil"?
a. 2001 State of the Union
b. 2002 State of the Union
c. 2003 State of the Union
3. On Sept. 12, 2002, Bush made a speech about Iraq at the headquarters of the United Nations in what city?
4. The last U.S. incursion ordered by Bush was to oust a regime in Afghanistan that was harboring terrorists. What was the name of the regime?
5. Donald _____ holds the post of secretary of defense in Bush's Cabinet.
6. Name the Cabinet agency that Bush created last year.
7. Bush has accused Saddam of having ties to what terrorist group accused of attacking the United States on Sept. 11, 2001?
8. One of Bush's Cabinet agencies, the Defense Department, is located at the White House. True or False?

the point when President Bush said the country is part of an "axis of evil," to the

SADDAM HUSSEIN

1. What political party does Saddam belong to?
a. Baath Party
b. Communist Party
c. Iraqi Conservative Party
2. How old is Saddam?
a. 57
b. 61
c. 65
3. What is Saddam's official title?
4. Saddam is a Sunni Muslim. True or False?
5. Saddam granted an interview last month to U.S. TV journalist:
a. Peter Jennings
b. Dan Rather
c. Tom Brokaw
6. Saddam spent time in jail in Iraq. True or False?
7. How many children does Saddam have?
a. 2
b. 5
c. 7
8. What former Soviet leader does Saddam consider one of his personal heroes?

battles on Iraqi soil. Below is a quiz compiled by reporter Tim Keefe of The State in

9. Saddam received _____ percent of the popular vote in Iraq's last election in 2002?

10. Saddam enjoys some American movies. True or False?

IRAQ AND OIL

1. Iraq has the second-largest proven oil reserves in the world (112 billion barrels) behind what country?
a. Russia
b. United States
c. Saudi Arabia
2. A common chant among anti-war protesters is "No _____ for Oil."
3. Saddam has said as a response to U.S. attacks, he will burn Iraqi oil reserves. True or False?
4. "Oil-for- _____" was a U.N. program introduced to ease the impact of economic sanctions on the Iraqi people after the Persian Gulf War.
5. How many gallons of oil fit in a barrel?
a. 12
b. 42
c. 142
6. Iraq's largest oil fields are located in Baghdad. True or False?
7. From which country does the United

Columbia, S.C., on how much they actually know about the war and its players:

States import the most oil?

- a. Canada
- b. Saudi Arabia
- c. Mexico

8. The United States imported oil from Iraq in 2002. True or False?

9. Bush has said gaining control of Iraq's oil fields is one of the main reasons the U.S. elected to go to war with Iraq. True or False?

10. Iraq set fire to Kuwaiti oil wells in the Persian Gulf War. True or False?

WHO SAID WHAT?

2. "People ask me why I am, in a sense, risking everything politically on this issue. But I say to them in all honesty that I do not want to be the prime minister to whom people point the finger and say, 'You took the easy way out....'"
3. "The tyrant of this era thinks that he is an alternative to God and is his shadow on Earth. The tyrant imagines himself, God forbid, as God.... Tyranny will be defeated — or at least will be of no use to it."
4. "I think they're exercising their constitutional right, and I would fight to my death to make sure they could. But let me tell you, those Americans that go to Iraq and become human shields are, in my opinion, engaging in an act of treason."

WNKU drive helps keep music playing

BY VAN ASHCRAFT
Reporter

WNKU, Northern Kentucky University's award winning radio station, held the bi-annual fund drive last week hoping to receive \$100,000 in pledges.

The station, which is classified as adult alternative, plays music not found on other area stations and also plays programming supplied by National Public Radio.

According to WNKU's music director, Michael Grayson, the \$100,000 received from listeners covers only about half of the station's budget for six months. The remainder is covered by the university, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and underwriters, consisting mostly of local businesses, such as concert venues and restaurants.

National Public Radio is free to listeners, but not free to the stations that choose to air their programs. The cost to WNKU runs about \$78,000 per year for the programs supplied by NPR such as Morning Edition, Weekend Edition, All Things Considered and The World Cafe. The cost also includes any additional news coverage, such as the newscasts and coverage of press conferences for Operation Iraq Freedom.

Amazon: Conference may be held annually

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ronmental pressures on our planet, and becoming interested in taking action to protect environments," Wilcox said. He said it is important to embrace every possible chance outside the classroom to educate people about the environment.

Another reason Wilcox said it is

important to have the Amazonian Conference at Northern is because it will, "further environmental education on campus and our campus needs it."

Not only is Wilcox interested in the conference for educational purposes but he is curious about the happenings of the environment. "I have a personal interest in both

environmental issues and the Amazon," Wilcox said, "since both figure in my research and teaching at NKU."

"The ultimate hope," Wilcox said, "is that if response is favorable, NKU can host the conference annually and contribute significantly to environmental awareness of the Amazon."

Baumgarten: Joining for soldier's discipline



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"I'll know that I contributed." Her commitment became official on Jan. 17, when she took the oath of service before the American flag. "That was when I knew there was no going back," Baumgarten said. "This kind in front of me was like, 'Does anyone else feel like crying?'"

"It's not like a normal job," she said. "It's not like you can just quit."

Since the war began, Baumgarten said she has tried to avoid coverage of the war, and tries not to participate in class discussions on the topic.

"I don't know what's true," she said of media coverage, particularly television. "I'm hoping to get more insight once I'm on the inside."

She said she isn't afraid of the dangers of war.

"I'm not afraid that I'll be killed," she said. "I'm afraid that I'm going to go in and not be able to cut it at boot camp."

Baumgarten said that, while she believes that the White House has "inside information" that justifies going to war with Iraq, she doubts that Saddam Hussein's government had a role in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I think the U.S. is responsible for terrorism, in a roundabout way," she said. "You cause your own destruction. [Iraq] might be responsible, but people don't just lash out unless they've been attacked."

Baumgarten describes her motivation for joining the Army as "more of becoming a soldier instead of fighting for the United States — more discipline and self courage, rather than patriotism."

"Just because I'm not 100 percent patriotic, I don't think that will hinder my performance," she adds. "It would be my duty to perform. You don't have a choice."

As a soon-to-be-soldier, Baumgarten rejects the notion that those who oppose the war are unpatriotic or unsupportive of American troops.

"Everybody's entitled to their own opinion," she said. "If that's what you believe, you should express it."

People who try to censor voices are just burning the Constitution with every person they try to silence. That's what we're fighting for. That's what this war is about."

Baumgarten compares her decision to join the Army to the one she made to attend NKU. She said she visited the Highland Heights campus on a whim and decided to enroll that day.

"I make decisions and I just stick to it," she said. "I want to be the best soldier, and I don't want to fall behind. I want to come out with a clear understanding of purpose."

Baumgarten said she is unsure of her long-term goals after serving in the military, stressing that she prefers to make only short-term plans.

If she doesn't stay in the Army, her goals include learning to play saxophone, owning a motorcycle, learning martial arts and possibly teaching.

"I think it would be cool to drive up to school on my motorcycle," she said, "and when the kids are learning musical instruments, I could learn saxophone as well."

Baumgarten said some people don't understand why she's joining the Army.

"I've been called crazy for joining," she said. "Especially since I'm not in total agreement. And my answer to that is, I probably am. Rational people bore me, anyway."

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"T-Roy" opens for Nappy Roots

NKU rapper making it big.

NICK GREENWALD
d/x WRFN

Rap artist and entrepreneur Tarris "T-Roy" Horton is no stranger to performing music.

"I've been performing for about seven years now," he said.

He'll expand his resume when he performs as an opening act at the Nappy Roots concert, April 15.

"I've performed with Nappy Roots before," he said. "It was at [Kentucky] State homecoming of 2000."

He's also performed with hip-hop artists Juvenile, Foxy Brown, and Twista.

"It was down at Music Hall," he said. "I didn't want people to go on first, I love it, and I love to set off the night."

Despite his past experience, he's not taking the performance at NKU lightly.

"Obviously, this isn't the biggest show I've done, but it's big to me personally," he said. "This is Northern Kentucky University and this is where I go to school. This is where I do my business now so I take it very seriously."

"It gives me a chance to give something back to my friends, the people who support me, and fans who support me around here."

Carter said his style of rapping is compared to Andre from Outkast or C-Lo from Goodie Mob.

"I think very deeply in what I say and I try to use as many clever metaphors as I can," he said. "So there are a lot of educated words in my rap style, and a lot of educated stanzas, because I've studied poetry and literature. So I try to implement all those things into my rhymes."

Horton is currently gearing up to release a new album "L.O.T.A."

"With the album I'm releasing, 'L.O.T.A.' it tells a story. I like to use a lot of characters for when I rap," he said. "So if someone were to hear one of my songs they wouldn't understand it right now. They would understand it a little bit, but you would have to listen to my songs four, five, or six times before you fully understand what I'm saying."

"All my songs tell a story about something," he said. "I'm not one of those guys who are just out there glorifying themselves. I'm rapping to lift people up, for what music is made for, for pleasure."

Horton said he uses profanity if he needs to, but the rhymes have to be deeper than cussing.

"If I have to cuss to get my point across I will, but you can make cuss words rhyme only so much. I don't like to listen to nobody who's not saying something," he said.

"When I want to listen to something, I want to hear someone saying something. I just don't want to be like everybody else. Anyone can

listen to my music. I might say some crazy, messed up stuff, but not use too many cuss words."

T-Roy said his two sons are part of the reason he doesn't "use many cuss words in his lyrics."

"My sons are partly the reason why I don't cuss. They listen to my music and they sing my music back to me," he said. "They want to listen to my music."

T-Roy also owns his own label, Country Boy Entertainment, or CBE for short.

Originally from Elizabethtown, T-Roy started the label in part with money from a song he made about Kentucky basketball.

"In 1998 I made a Kentucky basketball rap song. They put me on the news and it was about both UK and Louisville. UK won the national title so I made a [University of] Kentucky rap song," he said.

"I sold probably 500 copies independently in my own city. Then I did it and put it out in other cities. I never got back though, I didn't care I just wanted people to hear it. The rest is history."

In the meantime he opened his own barbershop and used the building to cut hair and create music.

"So now I took the profits from the Kentucky basketball rap, plus I'm a barber so I own my own shop, and ran CBE out of the back. So I had people from all over the county coming to me wanting to do rap music. At one time I had 26 people on my label. It was a little too much for me to handle. That along with cutting hair and two songs. It was just a lot to juggle at one time."

He came to NKU to pursue a degree and is currently a Purdue and Television major.

"One day I decided I wanted a degree, so I came to NKU and brought CBE with me. I did not stop doing music when I left Radcliff and I'm going to keep on doing music," he said. "Now I'm focusing on myself, for so long I was focusing on others and you tend to lose site of your goals, so now I'm all about myself and my music."

CBE will have free compilation discs, while supplies last, if you go to the Nappy Roots concert between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Listen to WRFN live at: geocities.com/wrfn2002

Horton



Christine Loss/Twentieth Century Fox

Trapped in a phone booth, Stu (Colin Farrell) plays a deadly game with an unseen caller.

'Phone Booth' not worth quarter

AMIE YOGI
Reporter

Have you ever wanted to watch someone talk on the phone for an hour and a half?

If you have, then go see the new movie "Phone Booth." Otherwise, don't.

Colin Farrell plays Stu Shepard, a high-class prick publicist in New York who is only after money and

fame. Shepard spends his days talking on his four cell phones and ordering around his glibbie assistant.

However, every day he calls Pam (Katie Holmes) from the phone booth on 53rd and Eighth Street so his loving wife Kelly (Radha Mitchell) will not know of his new love interest.

What Shepard does not know is that a rooftop sniper is watching

his every move. One day the sniper will call Shepard and torture him about the way he is living his life. Hence, the rest of the movie.

The suspense can only last until you realize nothing else is going to happen.

Farrell plays a good role in this movie, and the acting is believable, but that's about it.

The overall plot and action of the movie is boring and never

delivers the huge climax you're expecting.

You'll see Farrell in a better light in other movies, including "Daredevil," "The Recruit" and "S.W.A.T.," but "Phone Booth" is one that you would likely fall asleep watching.

Overall, I would not recommend this movie to anyone. It is dull and unexciting, and you would be better off saving your money.

Pay The Girl proves college pays off

AMANDA VANBENSCHOTEN
Staff Writer

How many times have you sat in class, wondering if the work you put into projects, term papers and presentations will pay off in the future?

If so, the rock band Pay The Girl has a message for you: "Work hard and never give up, because it's only after when you quit," said frontman Jason Phelps.

The Athens, Ohio, band struggled through college, playing five nights a week at local Ohio University bars and hangouts for low pay.

Their hard work is starting to pay

off, though, with a record contract and national tour.

TVT records, the same label that carries Default, Naughty by Nature and Nine Inch Nails, signed Pay The Girl in 2002.

Pop star Shakira then handpicked the band to open for her 2002-2003 tour.

Phelps said touring with Shakira was "the opportunity of a lifetime that a lot of musicians would kill for. It was a dream come true."

The band was "nervous, at first, but once we hit the stage it was like magic," Phelps said.

Pay The Girl consists of Phelps on vocals and guitar, Mark Cooper

on guitar and backing vocals, Dave Harris on guitar, Drew Phillips on bass, and Greg Braun on drums.

Inspired by the music of Led Zeppelin and the Black Crowes, Phelps said Pay The Girl is "very rock" live. "We consider ourselves a rock band with multiple genres," he said.

Their self-titled debut album was released in March 2003, and the album's first single, "Freeze," receives frequent airplay on Cincinnati's Q-102.

So, what makes the band Pay The Girl different from every other band that has followed this path?

"We've always been song-diver-

en," Phelps said. "Lyrics are, to me, the most important part of a song."

It's also their name.

It's a throwback to the band's college days, when they were so broke that when it came time to pay the bill at their favorite diner, the band members passed the check around to each other, saying, "Pay the girl!" Today, Pay The Girl is focusing on the future: The band is in talks to film a music video of their hit single, "Freeze."

They are also on a club tour of the Midwest.

Their next area performance is at the University of Cincinnati on May 8.

Retraction and apology

Dear Northerner readers and fellow NKU students,

It was brought to my attention that my review of the Evanesence CD in the March 19, 2003 issue of The Northerner was misinterpreted. It was said that the review sounded too close to the band's write-up on their Web site.

That was not my intent. My only intent was to inform my readers, specifically my fellow students, about a great new band.

Any similarities between the two was purely coincidental and absolutely unintentional.

I apologize for any confusion or misunderstanding this caused.

Thank you and good luck to you all in your future endeavors.

Jason Ellis



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Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Senior Shaunta Mitchell safely slides feet first into third base after hitting a base-clearing triple. The throw to third went away allowing Mitchell to sprint to home plate for an inside-the-park home run.

Lewallen has 'perfect game'

Freshman pitcher Krystal Lewallen hurled a perfect game Sunday afternoon as the Northern Kentucky University softball team defeated Kentucky Wesleyan College, 8-0, to complete a double-header sweep at the Frank Ignatius Grein Softball Field.

Lewallen, a graduate of South Oldham High School, recorded 12 strikeouts as NKU won its ninth consecutive game. The Norse

improved to 22-9 overall, 11-3 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

In three starts this past week, Lewallen posted a 3-0 record with 34 strikeouts and a 0.37 earned run average. She is now 11-4 this season with a 0.60 ERA and a team-leading 120 strikeouts.

Cystal Wilson and Kara Lorenz each drove in two runs to lead the NKU offense. Stephanie Leimbach added three hits and scored a pair of

runs.

In the opener, NKU pounded out 22 hits en route to a 16-1 win over Kentucky Wesleyan. Angie Lindeman was 3-for-3 with two doubles and five RBI, while teammates Kristin Koors and Heather Brossan each added two RBI.

NKU will play a non-conference doubleheader at Campbellsville University at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Article by Sports Information

Black Belt TV? Give me a break

ELIAS HALJAN
Sports Editor

Squash TV, the Fencing Network: the Surfing Channel. Why not?

While reading my latest Sports Illustrated as I do every morning during breakfast, I stumbled across a column titled "Must-Not-See TV" by Rick Reilly (The Life of Reilly). The column introduces us to five new sports cable channels—Black Belt TV, Football Network, the Ice Channel, the Tennis Channel, and College Sports Television that will debut within the next few months.

After reading the article, I couldn't help but wonder "WHAT NEXT?"

I mean seriously, all these reality shows that are out or coming out are bad enough, who wants to watch karate 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week? I'm sure someone does.

Personally, I can handle the Football Network, the Tennis Channel and maybe the College Sports

Television, but Black Belt TV? Give me a break. I might be able to handle these other networks, but I really don't see the need for them.

When the National Football League season ends, two months pass without any football. What are we going to watch on the Football Network in those two months? I'm sure the network will think of something exciting.

So what is next? Why not Squash TV? Why not the Fencing Network? Why not the Surfing Channel? I'm sure there are people out there interested in the game of squash. I know people enjoy fencing, but watch it on TV? What about surfing? It would be pretty cool to see some surfer dude wipe-out on a killer wave. Totally!

I know some more good future channels: the Ping Pong Network, Badminton Channel or better yet Curling TV.

Nothing would be better than watching extraordinary athletes

chasing a giant puck on ice with broomsticks. OK, maybe Curling TV coincides with the Ice Channel, we'll have to wait and see.

Don't get me wrong, I think the idea of new cable networks is a good thing. It would create job opportunities in our slumping economy, and give us something else to watch besides "Hot or Not." I just think we should create networks that have a good chance of lasting.

The Golf Channel is the perfect example. Golf is a sport that can be played year round, in some places at least, so it always has something interesting (to golfers) to show. Also, the Golf Channel gives us a drug free way to combat insomnia. I don't know about you, but whenever I'm having trouble falling asleep, I just turn on the channel and I'm out.

So get ready to see a new wave of cable channels next time you channel surf, but don't be surprised if you see them disappear quickly.

Norse sweep Wisconsin-Parkside with 10-3 win

Matt Dolan drove in three runs Sunday to lead Northern Kentucky University to a 10-3 victory over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside at the Bill Aker Baseball Complex at Friendship Field.

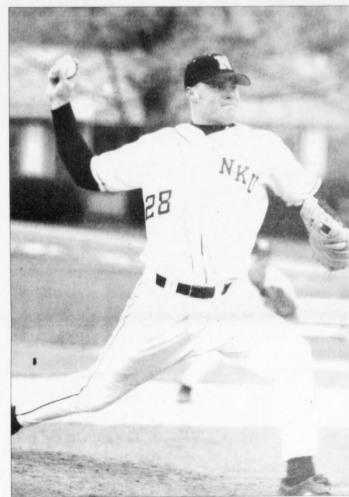
Jerrold Fraley and Keith Jackson each added two RBI for NKU, which improved to 17-11 overall, 10-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Connor McGeehan went 3-for-5 and added an RBI double for the Norse, who completed a three-game sweep of Wisconsin-Parkside (11-13, 8-7 GLVC).

Jackson gave NKU a 2-0 lead in the second inning with a two-run triple. Dolan followed with an RBI single that plated Jackson to give the Norse a 3-0 lead.

NKU starter Chris Unkraut pitched six innings and allowed just one run on six hits. Unkraut also picked up six strikeouts to even his record at 2-2.

NKU will hit the road for a GLVC doubleheader Wednesday at the University of Indianapolis. The first game will begin at 1 p.m.

Article by Sports Information



Tim Downer/Photo Editor

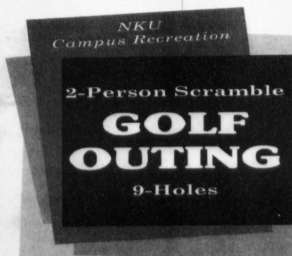
Brad Baker pitches against Wisconsin-Parkside

Upcoming Sports Events

April 9	Baseball: at Indianapolis (DH)	1:00 p.m.
April 10	Baseball: vs. Ashland (DH)	2:00 p.m.
April 11-13	Softball: at GLVC/GLIAC Showdown	TBA
April 11	Men's Tennis: at Bellarmine	TBA
April 12	Men's Tennis: at Southern Indiana	TBA
April 12	Baseball: at Missouri-St. Louis (DH)	1:00 p.m.

Fri, April 25th tee off 2:00PM at A.J. Jolly

- Cost: \$14 Student(s)
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Chris Pace

Second year law student/political science
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Student Bar Association (class rep), American Bar Association, SBA Executive Board, Team NKU, College

Republicans.

"Eric and I feel that SGA has built a solid foundation over the past few years, and we are ready to take this organization to the next level! The sad fact is on this campus of 14,000 students, far too many have been left out of the fold. We have to reach out to resident students, commuters, non-traditionals, graduate students, the list goes on and on. No matter how strong the voices of those 35 in Student Government are, we are nothing without you 14,000. But if we can unite, then there is no issue we cannot conquer. Whether it be an All Student Parking Appeals Board, Greek Housing paid for by Greek Students, or simply keeping tuition as low as we can, nothing is impossible-I don't believe in that word! We can do it together, we can unite those 14,000 voices, and they will echo throughout this campus! I would appreciate your support on April 16 and 17."

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Eric Fegan

Sophomore/Finance
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Treasurer and Alumni Relations Chairman for Phi Kappa Alpha, Chairman of Team NKU, CEO/ Vice President.

"Our platform will further the interests of the student body and add life on campus. We will create an All Student Parking Appeals Board, champion Greek Housing on campus and lobby for and represent the student body to keep tuition and fees as low as possible without hurting the future growth of our University."

JUDICIAL COUNCIL



Josh Estep

Junior/Radio and Television
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT- Residential Housing Association, WRFN, WNTV

"I am just a normal guy who would like to make some sort of impact on the campus. I hope to bring a different perspective to the table hopefully one that has never been looked at before so I can make people think of things in a different way."

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS



Joe Myers

Junior/Political Science
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Team NKU, College Democrats, work at Fidelity on campus.

"I feel that the students of Northern Kentucky University should elect me because I will work tirelessly for ALL students, especially that's students who often get overlooked, such as commuters and non-traditional students. As a Political Science major I am well-qualified to interface with the legislature in Frankfurt, which is one of the main duties of this office. And, finally I will keep close track of the Student Government budget in order to curb unnecessary expenditures and make sure that the money is always being used for the benefit of students."

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS



Thomas Scott Miller

Junior/Finance
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Phi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Finance Student Organization

"I will do my best to uphold the standards and values of all students and do my best to help the students body with any problems that we may have."



Cheri Taylor

Sophomore/Biology
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, Health Professions Club, Norse Force

"The students of NKU should elect me to this position because I will dedicate my efforts to ensuring that their voices are heard in the Student Government and Faculty Senate meetings. I will work with the faculty and administration to meet the needs of students. I intend to vote on issues that will benefit NKU students, and I will object to decisions that will hurt the welfare of NKU students."

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS



Brandon Neukam

Junior/Political Science
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT- Resident Assistant-NKU Housing, Association of African Charities, International Studies club, Presidential Ambassador, tutor at NKU, writing center

"I will be dedicated to my position. I believe it is a key stone and I would put it above other organizations. I am extremely motivated and determined to do the job well and become a resource to student needs. I would be an asset to students for many reasons, but above all my loyalty and fervor for the entire spectacle that this position offers is what I stand on."



Andy Hixson

Sophomore/Marketing
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Alpha Tau Omega Philanthropy Chair, College Republicans Second Vice President.

"I will work hard for this university if I get elected. I will also work well with the other officers. I have proven myself as a motivator and a leader. I am ready for this position."

SGA SENATE



Nathan Hagler

Freshman/Economics
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT- College Republicans, Alpha Tau Omega, Presidential Ambassadors, Honors Program

"Because I'm involved with several organizations, I've gained the abilities of the student body to find out their views on issues facing the University. I'm also a good communicator who can listen to the opinions of the student body and relay them to other members of the Student Government."



Lindsay Hunter

Junior/Political Science
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Residential Housing Association, Honors Program, Presidential Ambassadors, Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students, IT liaison in Residential Village, Team NKU,

Honoringcom Spirit Stick winner.
"I have many goals I wish to accomplish as Student Government Association Senator. I want to create more theme housing in the Residential Village,

improve the appearance of NKU both inside and out, expand the current recycling program, work with the Registrar office to improve the Degree Audit program in Norse Express, and to help keep tuition low for students in the future."



Jillian Lauren Sample

Freshman/Undeclared
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT- Web Master and Public Relations Crew Leader for Delta Gamma, Greek Life consultant for Transitions.

"I feel that I'd be a good representative of the student body at Northern because I'm friends and acquainted with a diverse variety of students on campus. I know Greeks, Honors students, those involved in campus, those who are not. I have friends that are theater majors, athletes, dorm students and commuters. I feel that I could represent them well by listening to their individual and group needs and incorporating them into the duties of an SGA Senator."

Dustin Thomas Lewis

Sophomore/Speech Communication
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Director-Northern Kentucky Leadership Institute, Vice President of Activities Programming Board, Philanthropy Chair for Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Norse Leadership Society Gatlinburg Retreat Chair,

Service on Saturday volunteer, Welcome Week Committee, Homecoming Committee, Advisor for Freshman Service Leadership Committee, Leadership Task Force

"I believe that I have a real heart for NKU. I live, work, and go to school on this campus. Before I graduate I want to help impact the school and make NKU the best university it can be. If I am elected, I promise to make decisions on behalf of the entire campus to help all students benefit from SGA."

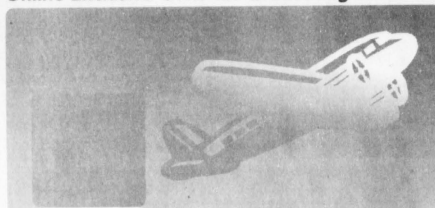


Noah Meeks

Sophomore/Pre-engineering, Chemistry
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-President of College Republicans, Team NKU, Baptist Student Union.

"I will fight tooth and nail for students. It's time we had an SGA that doesn't raise tuition. It's far past time for an All Students Parking Appeals Board. Finally, I'll work with the Executive Team to begin the process of getting Greek housing at NKU."

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**Michael Tobergta**

Freshman/Political Science, Public Administration
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-College Republicans
 "One semester serving the student body is not enough. There is still work for me to do. I listen to what students need done and I fight for them. I never give up...period. I'm tired of SGA being the University's lap dog. High quality leadership for a higher quality future."

**Harold Trey Orndorff**

Underclassman
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-ASH, Christian Student Fellowship, Young Republicans
 "I am new blood to SGA, ready to start on key projects concerning students. To begin with: free speech area, parking, unnecessary tuition and building problems."

**Jared Moore**

Freshman/Underclassman
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Norce Force President, Transitions leader for 2003, Alpha Tau Omega
 "I have had very much leadership experience in high school and my first year in college. I would like to represent my fellow students any way possible. I think that this is one of the best ways possible to represent my fellow classmates. I was on Student Government all though high schools and represented my student body very well."

**Brandon Kieley**

Sophomore/Political Science
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Alpha Tau Omega
 "I am a committed individual who is self-motivated and I care about my school greatly. I would like to be a part of the process to help make NKU a better place for all of us."

**Adam Charles Billiter**

Freshman/Underclassman
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Pi Kappa Alpha
 "I am a young emerging leader at Northern Kentucky University with high goals and a desire to help the University expand and improve for the future."

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Freshman/Radio and Television
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-BUS, Art, NKURocks
 "I feel I can bring a new view and a new approach that may be for the better, and that ones that know me, know that I'm a people person and I hate to have people upset with me so I do what I say and say what I do. My main focus is to make a difference and let the people that may not get heard, be heard. And I'm a team player."

**Photo Unavailable****due to technical difficulties****Julie Noland**

IL, Chase/French
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Fundraising Chair for a Chase Federalist Society.
 "I have a strong desire to promote student welfare and further the reputation of the school."

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Underclassman
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-S.T.A.R., BMO, LSU, NAACP
 "They need me."

David Okafor

Sophomore/Economics
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Latino Student Union, S.T.A.R., Residential Housing Authority
 "I) To be a voice of the International and African students on campus,
 2) To bring the true spirit of multiculturalism on campus and promote equality and fairness among all students.
 3) To enlighten and encourage students on academic, cultural and physical well-being and diversification."

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Freshman/Information Systems

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**Charlie Reibling**

Freshman/Underclassman
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Alpha Tau Omega
 "I will do my best to keep the students happy. I will fulfill my duty as an SGA Senator. I am concerned with issues such as the rising tuition at NKU."

Benjamin Harrison

Freshman/Political Science
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Christian Student Fellowship, Society of Objective Individuals.
 "I believe I'm ready to take a leadership position here at NKU. As your senator I promise to work with the executive team to bring success, not just to the SGA, but all students. I will work harder than I ever have for you in the SGA."

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Freshman/Underclassman
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Alpha Tau Omega
 "My involvement in the Student Government will give me that opportunity [to] deal with the issues which concern the students of this university. My involvement in Greek Life has provided me with a good base to have a position in the Student Government at Northern Kentucky University."

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Freshman/Information Systems
 CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT-Secretary for African Student Union, Vice President of Informational Technology Club, S.T.A.R.

Election Facts

"Each Executive Board officer shall be elected in the Spring Election.

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Two (2) Judicial Council members shall be elected in the Fall.

Two (2) Judicial Council members shall be elected in the Spring."

"The Spring election dates shall be the Wednesday and Thursday after the second Monday of April."

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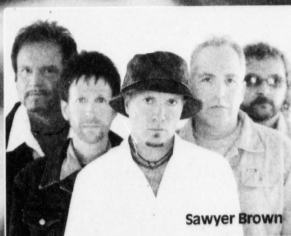
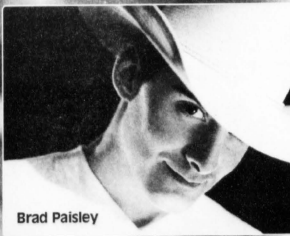
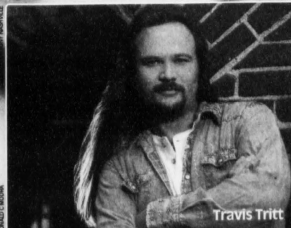
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Letters to the Editor

Opening Day escape from war

KYLE BURCH
Staff Writer

more importantly fans of America. No signs labeled Bush as a terrorist; no voices said we are only after oil.

Instead, more than 42,000 people roared in pride and support for Bush, as their never-ending sea of flags circled above the field.

After that first pitch, we finally got what we needed.

Instead of being purely recreational, baseball served as sort of the mental diversion for the rest of the day.

Although the Reds quickly fell behind in the scoring column, the game still proved to be an escape.

Instead of hearing the latest news on the war, we focused on Griffey's season and whether the new stadium will prove to be a hit or a miss.

However, we knew it was only a temporary escape.

We knew the minute we stepped outside that ballpark, our thoughts would go back to being with our soldiers and our country, because in times of war that's where they should be.

When we returned home, the first thing many of us did was catch up on the latest developments in our fight against Saddam Hussein.

But what's important is that we are finding ways to ease our nervousness, if only for a minute."

After all, that is one of the reasons we are involved in this war.

So we can go on about our lives not having to worry about who or what will terrorize us next.

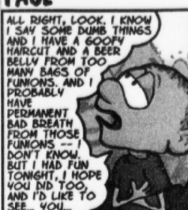
So we can be secure. So we can enjoy a day at the ballpark.

I hope opening day next year will be normal.

I hope we can cheer more for our team instead of our country.

At least we can be sure we will be safe, because of what our soldiers are doing now.

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Toys updated for new, old audience

BREE DANIELLE
Columnist

When I was four, He-Man was the coolest man ever — after my Daddy, of course.

He-Man had a giant sword and was the brother of She-Ra.

He carried a battle-axe and he rode a Battle Cat.

He fought in opposition to evil and waged war against Skeletor in hand-to-hand combat.

Meanwhile, some of his friends simply knew him as Prince Adam of Eternia.

The best thing about He-Man and his buddies is that they came in a durable figure size.

I had armloads of the generic beefy-bodied men with rubberized heads.

Whenever there was trouble,

He-Man was there to save the day. Even though I was somewhat of a tomboy, my sugary-sweet girl side still reigned when it came to all pink things.

I slept with my squishy Luv-A-Lot Care Bear, saved precious pennies in a vinyl Rainbow Bright bank and, of course, I always smelled fresh like Strawberry Shortcake.

Over time, I packed away the Galahad-slained He-Man and traded in Ms. Bright for a Dodge Neon and an iPod.

Recently, on a blue-moon trip to the mall, I discovered that my beloved toys from the past are coming back a bit more "modern" than they were when they left my childhood.

Blue-jeweled Strawberry Shortcakes and a plethora of slight-

ly smaller Care Bears took over an entire rack at Claire's Boutique.

Giant Care Bears smiled at the window at Hallmark.

Rainbow Bright, the same exact doll I had in 1985, is now a reissue "blast from the past" item for \$15 at Hot Topic.

The thing that annoyed me however, was He-Man.

Gone is the goofy medieval haircut and generic body style.

He-Man is now "genderful": a mulet-wearing, hunking creature with a constipated look on his face.

His arch-nemesis, Skeletor, is now a creepy-looking monster.

Battle Cat packs guns.

While I dwell on Prince Adam and his alter-ego, He-Man, I can't help but wonder about the toy companies and their alter-ego, "ideal-less."

Why are they revamping toys from 20 years ago?

Aside from hoping to create a new generation of He-Man, Care Bear and Rainbow Bright fans, the original fans aren't old enough to feel compelled to repurchase toys from their youth.

At least not like the original Barbie and G.I. Joe reissues did.

I may want to reminisce about my days on the front porch with He-Man in one hand and a Luv-A-Lot Care Bear tucked under the other arm, but I'm not quite ready to spend my hard-earned adult cash on the modernized versions of the toys that I loved before.

Except for a new, used Rainbow Bright bank.

I justified needing a bank to put away money to pay off my car.

Uh, yeah—that's it.

Cutting college costs not an easy thing to do

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRIBUNE NEWS
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(KRT)

With the price of higher education soaring, one congressman has a controversial plan to steady costs. Rep. Howard McKoon, R-Calif., who heads a House subcommittee on higher-education policy, recently introduced a bill that would cap tuition increases at twice the rate of consumer inflation.

Any tuition increases over that rate would require an explanation to the U.S. Department of Education and a written plan on how the offending institution would keep future tuition increases down.

Institutions that violated that cap would be penalized, and their eligibility for federal student financial aid would be jeopardized.

McKoon is brave to try to find a solution to the skyrocketing cost of

higher education. Tuitions have risen 75 percent in the last decade, up to an average of \$18,773 a year for private institutions and \$4,081 a year for public institutions. And that doesn't include an array of other charges on one's college bill. So an increasing number of students have to hold full-time jobs during college or graduate with significant debt.

But Congressmen McKoon is wrong to apply a fiscal straitjacket without taking a more comprehensive look at higher education.

At public institutions, rising tuitions stem largely from state-budget shortfalls, resulting from recession-reduced tax revenue and, in some states, shortsighted tax cuts.

At private institutions, rising costs reflect students' willingness to pay for top-notch facilities and professors. Such investment, supported by private demand, generally benefits society.

Surely, most institutions could find more cost-effective methods if they were pressed to do so. But if tuition caps are imposed on them, they will probably justify less popular, though not less worthy, programs, and reduce investment in long-term projects.

College and universities are the envy of the world because of their extraordinary facilities and minds. Mandatory caps could strike at the institutions' ability to maintain such excellence.

While public institutions are still relatively affordable for middle-class Americans, too many private institutions are not.

For years, governments have dealt with this situation through a rebalancing aid program. Students (or, usually, their parents) who could afford the rising tuitions paid them, and in the process helped finance improvements in higher education.

Students who couldn't pay received

financial aid from the federal and state governments and the private sector.

A way to make college more affordable is simply to provide more government support for students at both public and private institutions.

Education is one of the most worthwhile investments that governments can make, in terms of the future strength of the economy and of society in general.

At the same time, colleges and universities must be encouraged to be more efficient. One of C. Northcote Parkinson's laws, "Expenditure rises to meet income," is all too apparent in America's colleges.

In any event, an affordable and prestigious network of public and private colleges and universities, which we all want, simply cannot be accomplished without significant government support.

North Poll

Compiled by: Bethany Richter and Tim Downer

What should be the standards for admission to NKU?



CASEY BUSSARD
Junior/Drawing

"They should have nice shoes."



DENELLE ACOSTA
Freshman/Music

"Based on ACT scores and essays. They need to raise the bar at this school."



RYAN SPRINGER
Senior/History

"Based on GPA, writing assessment tests, high school recommendations, and for transfer students their GPA should transfer also."



LUKE GROESCHEL
Senior/History/Speech

"Should have an average ACT score, should have involvement with their high school, and should have a high school GPA of 2.0 or better."



MARIA TROITA
Freshman/Speech Communications

"Should have a 2.0 GPA (and a) high school diploma. There should not be a lot of standards for those people who want to go to college, because if they had a bad high school experience... people who want to go should be allowed to go."



KRIS TETTER
Senior/History

"Should be based on GPA, teacher recommendations, writing assessment tests, and they should consider community services and other school activities that are done in high schools."

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Horoscopes by: Victoria Baumgarten

Aries- If you have unfinished chores finish them now. You have the energy and the will to spring clean. Also go outside and shed your light to inspire others.

Taurus- Watch out for quick decisions and sharp comments. Wait until you know more. In the end use your practical mind to choose what is best for you.

Gemini- With all the fun you've been having your to-do list is getting heavy. Don't get angry with those who still have leisure time. Ask someone to help you.

Cancer- Now is the time for self empowerment. Take charge and believe in your voice. Others will follow confidence so embrace yourself and lead.

Leo- After getting a new perspective thoughts of change will boil inside. Maybe you need a new path. Your strength and your will can make anything possible.

Virgo- Just by observing you understand how to fix a situation. You may have to change your approach to get the attention your solution requires.

Libra- You may learn something new about yourself. An unfilled desire may surface. Use your skills to satisfy it but complete your day-to-day demands first.

Scorpio- Try not to step on an one's toes while making your self heard. Trying to be in complete control can be chaotic. You have great ideas and so do your peers.

Sagittarius- Feeling stuck? Your insights may take you anywhere. Discuss your philosophy with others involved. This should get you closer to a solution.

Capricorn- There isn't much information in all the gibberish you hear, but don't avoid a confrontation. By ignoring or denying the truth you hurt all involved.

Aquarius- Self pressure leaves your sparkle clouded, your mind racing without focus and your body left on the bench. Devalue your emotions, you have what it takes.

Pisces- Avoid over analyzing this week and follow your intuition. You have an inner sense of depth others lack. Trust your self and you won't go astray.

Test your knowledge

Answers

BUSH ANSWERS

1. c. Iran. Bush accused Iran of pursuing weapons of mass destruction, exporting terror and repressing its people.
2. b. 2002 State of the Union. Bush said, "States like these, and their terrorist allies, constitute an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world."
3. New York City
4. Taliban
5. Rumsfeld
6. Department of Homeland Security
7. Al-Qaida, the terrorist network led by Osama bin Laden
8. False. Headquarters for the Defense Department are at the Pentagon.
9. True. The House and Senate in October 2002 authorized the president to use force "as he determines to be necessary and appropriate" without requiring U.N. or further congressional approval.

HUSSEIN ANSWERS

1. The Baath Party. This socialist party seized power in 1968 in Iraq when Saddam's cousin, Ahmed Hassan al Bakr, became head of the Revolutionary Command Council. Iraq's top decision-making body.
2. According to records, he is 65, born April 28, 1937.
3. President. In 1979, Saddam forced his cousin, Ahmed Hassan al Bakr, to retire and declared himself president.
4. True. Sunni Muslims control the Baath Party, but they represent a minority of Iraq's population. Shiite Muslims represent a majority (about 60 percent) of the population.
5. b. Dan Rather of CBS News, who also interviewed Saddam in 1990.
6. True. Saddam was jailed for about three years. In 1964, he was imprisoned for rebelling against the Iraqi regime. He escaped in 1967. While behind bars in 1966, he was elected deputy secretary general of the Baath Party.
7. b. Three daughters, two sons
8. Joseph Stalin, who ruled the Soviet Union as a dictator from 1928 to 1953. Saddam has a library full of books on Stalin. Like Stalin, Saddam has given his secret police great power.

9. 100

10. True. Saddam likes movies about conspiracies, and had two of his favorites are "The Godfather" (1972) and "Wag the Dog" (1997).

OIL ANSWERS

1. c. Saudi Arabia
2. Blood
3. False. Experts have said Saddam might do this and blame it on U.S. forces, but Saddam has denied he would resort to such a tactic.
4. Food. In 1991, the U.N. first offered to allow Iraq to sell a small amount of oil in exchange for humanitarian supplies. But it was not until 1995 that Saddam accepted. The program meant ordinary Iraqis had access to monthly basic food rations, although the first shipments of food did not arrive until March 1997.
5. b. 42 gallons
6. False. Iraq's largest oil fields are in the north near Kirkuk (500 wells) and in Rumaila and other fields in the south (1,000 wells).
7. a. Canada. The United States imported about 1.9 million barrels a day from Canada in 2002.
8. True. The U.S. imported about 550,000 barrels a day from Iraq in 2002.

9. False. The Bush administration has stressed the objective of the military campaign is to disarm Saddam and that Iraqis will maintain control of their own oil fields.
10. True. Iraq set fire to about 700 Kuwaiti oil fields at the end of the war. They also launched an "environmental war," pumping millions of gallons of crude oil into the Persian Gulf.

WHO SAID WHAT ANSWERS

2. British Prime Minister Tony Blair, to the British House of Commons on Feb. 3
3. Saddam Hussein, on March 4, in a speech to mark the Islamic New Year.
4. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., on March 2, on NBC's "Meet the Press." Graham was responding to a question on whether anti-war demonstrators were making war more or less likely.

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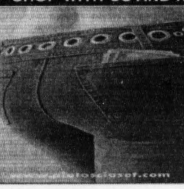
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Channel 15

Wednesday April 9

- 12:00 PM-1:00 PM WNTV News
1:00 PM-2:00 PM The Will Greg and Josh Show
2:00 PM-4:00 PM National Lampoon's Network
4:00 PM-5:16 PM Paris Is Burning
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Gossip
7:00 PM-8:49 PM Paris Is Burning
9:00 PM-11:05 PM RedDragon
11:05 PM-12:21 AM Paris Is Burning

Thursday April 10

- 12:30 AM-2:00 AM Gossip
2:00 AM-3:49 AM White Oleander
4:00 AM-6:05 AM Red Dragon
6:05 PM-7:21 AM Paris Is Burning
7:30 AM-9:00 AM Gossip
9:00 AM-10:49 AM White Oleander
10:50 PM-11:05 PM WNTV SGA
11:00 PM-12:00 PM Election Special
12:00 PM-4:00 PM Zilla Network
4:00 PM-5:46 PM Earth Girls are Easy
6:00 PM-7:45 PM Mad in Manhattan
8:00 PM-9:35 PM Half Past Dead
9:35 PM-11:05 PM Superfly
11:05 PM-12:21 AM Earth Girls are Easy

Friday April 11

- 1:00 AM-2:45 AM Mad in Manhattan
3:00 AM-4:35 AM Half Past Dead
4:35 AM-6:05 AM Superfly
6:05 AM-7:51 AM Earth Girls are Easy
8:00 AM-9:45 AM Mad in Manhattan
10:00 PM-11:35 AM Half Past Dead
12:00 PM-1:00 PM WNTV SGA
1:00 PM-2:26 PM Black Sheep
2:30 PM-4:00 PM The Ring
4:30 PM-6:05 PM Fargo
6:05 PM-7:30 PM Jackie: The Movie
7:30 PM-8:56 PM Black Sheep
9:00 PM-10:55 PM The Ring
11:00 PM-12:35 AM Fargo

Saturday April 12

- 12:35 AM-2:00 AM Jackie: The Movie
2:00 AM-3:26 AM Black Sheep
3:30 AM-5:25 AM The Ring
5:30 PM-7:05 AM Fargo
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1:00 PM-2:00 PM WNTV SGA
2:00 PM-3:00 PM Election Special
3:00 PM-4:00 PM The Will Greg and Josh Show
4:00 PM-5:44 PM The Truth About Charlie
6:00 PM-7:35 PM The Breakfast Club
7:35 PM-8:00 PM The Will Greg and Josh Show
8:00 PM-8:47 PM The Skulls
10:00 PM-11:50 PM 8 Mile

Tuesday April 14

- 12:00 AM-1:44 AM The Truth About Charlie
2:00 AM-3:35 AM The Breakfast Club
3:35 AM-5:22 AM The Skulls
3:30 AM-7:20 AM 8 Mile
8:00 AM-9:44 AM The Truth About Charlie
10:00 AM-11:35 AM The Breakfast Club
12:00 PM-1:00 PM WNTV News
1:00 PM-2:00 PM WNTV SGA
2:00 PM-4:00 PM Election Special
4:00 PM-5:30 PM National Lampoon's Network
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Little Shop of Horrors
6:30 PM-7:00 PM The Adventures of Joe Dirt
7:00 PM-8:05 PM Red Dragon
9:05 PM-10:51 PM Road to Ramble
11:00 PM-12:30 AM Little Shop of Horrors

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16 Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Wednesdays at One" Annet Street Quartet performs Mozart Otto Budig Theater 1pm-1:45pm Free Admission Sergei Polonskiy CD Release Recital Graevs Concert Hall 7:30pm-9:30pm 	17 Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no events listed for today. 	18 Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no events listed for today. 	19 Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no events listed for today. 	20 Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no events listed for today. 	21 Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percussion/Steel Band Concert Graevs Concert Hall 6pm-7:30pm Rites of Spring begin 	22 Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INROADS Greater Cincinnati/Dayton 8am-12pm UC Theatre 108, 11

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