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Parking issues discussed at forum

University officials address student questions on parking lot restructuring and safety issues

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News Editor

University officials addressed concerns from students ranging from car break-ins to the restructuring of parking lot E at a forum sponsored by the Student Government Association on Oct. 3.

The forum allowed students to voice their concerns to Mark Stanley, vice president, Office of Student Affairs, Jeff Butler, assistant vice president, Department of Public Safety, SGA representatives and other university officials.

While no decisions were finalized, some good suggestions were made, according to Katie Herschede, president of SGA.

One student suggested the return

of a shuttle bus from Kroger to campus to help alleviate long lines and crowded lots.

Another suggestion was open parking throughout campus where, instead of lots being classified as faculty or student, all parking would be on a first come first serve basis.

A big concern for students at the forum was Lot E, a space converted from student to faculty parking this year, and, particularly, the unused parking spaces in this lot throughout the day. SGA is currently trying to negotiate the use of Lot E with the Transportation Advisory Committee. There are representatives of SGA counting cars in Lot E "every hour on the hour," Herschede said.

Another important concern raised

by the students was the safety of residential parking - the new gravel lot, in particular. The gravel lot is somewhat removed from housing, is poorly lit and does not have a call center. Students, especially those who come home late at night, wanted to know what was being done to reduce car break-ins and improve safety measures. The Department of Public Safety and SGA will be working together to take a proactive stance to improve safety measures, according to Herschede. It is of particular importance, considering the addition of 400 new residents on campus next year, Herschede said.

Although no final decisions were made at the forum, "SGA will follow-up on concerns and work on solutions," Herschede said.



Enrollment has increased by over 1000 students since last year, however, parking spaces have only increased by 400. In a six-week period, the university issued 3974 parking tickets, at \$20 each. The revenue from tickets is used to pave roads and build new parking lots, according to university officials at the parking forum on Oct. 3. The current university policy does not allow parking tickets to be appealed. However, SGA is working with the Parking and Appeals Committee to consider changes to the policy, according to Katie Herschede, SGA president.

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Stacey Sutton/Photo Editor
Melissa Alvarez, President of the Latino Student Union, speaks at the meeting.

Latino groups discuss future

Budget restraints may limit plans for expansion

JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

The expansion of the office of Latino Student Affairs was among the most talked about proposals Oct. 3 at a discussion on "Education: Are We Meeting the Needs of Latino Students," sponsored by the Latino Student Union, Students Together Against Racism, Black United Students and the International Student Union.

The office is currently run by one, full-time staff member, Coordinator Leo Calderon, who is responsible for, among other things, recruiting and retaining Latino students.

"We have to enlarge that office," said Irene Encarnacion, a lecturer in the Literature and Language Department and advisor for Amigos, the Spanish club. "Because having an office that is just dedicated to Latino students is something that other universities do not have."

"If we have an office, which the purpose of that office is to dedicate their time to Latino students, I think that's amazing," she said.

"[Who] do we go to in order to expand [the office]?" asked Melissa Alvarez, president of the Latino Student Union.

Jerry Smith, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management, said possible budget cuts were ham-

JEN VOHRST
Staff Writer

Progress made in the last five years under Northern Kentucky University President James Votruba's direction has set the stage for future development.

Future plans to evaluate, define and strengthen NKU's mission and core values are being discussed in a program called "Visions, Values and Voices." A presidential panel will work with faculty, staff, students, and members of the community in a series of interactive meetings.

The initial Postsecondary Education Plan will come to a close in February 2003.

Since Votruba became president of NKU in 1997, enrollment has increased from 10,000 to 14,000 students, 100 new faculty members

have joined NKU, and the construction of the \$38 million, state-of-the-art Natural Science Center has brought NKU national recognition.

On Oct. 1, the panel met with NKU faculty to reassess the Postsecondary Education Plan and its potential direction for the next five years. Faculty members were asked to express their thoughts on what NKU's "defining characteristics" should be for the future. In response, faculty agreed on the importance of keeping the university "learning centered" with a close faculty/student ratio, the continued recognition of NKU as an established commuter institution, and increase in academic standards among current and hopeful students.

Those in attendance also mentioned the need to rebalance the

ratio of full and part-time faculty members and look toward employ-



ing a majority of full-time staff, with an increase in the number of

professors with doctorates.

While the university continues to advance through architectural growth and student enrollment, the main concern among faculty is in maintaining the interactive, personal teaching environment the university has been recognized for. A "learner centered" reputation has become NKU's "calling card," and rightly so, considering the benefits of small classes, the free teaching styles of the faculty, and the undergraduate research opportunities available.

Faculty members have heard students commenting positively on the close, stable learning environment offered at NKU, and feel a strong need to oppose the threat of losing healthy faculty/student relations in the shuffle if NKU continues to expand.

In order to maintain a financially confident and educationally stable learning institution, NKU will need

more state funding to accommodate the steady growth of the campus. Votruba said that by 2006 it won't be possible for NKU to take on any more projects or advancements without impacting quality, if the university cannot get necessary funding to help with the expansions.

Votruba and the panel hope the publicity directed at NKU by the opening of the new Natural Science Center and the positive public recognition the university has received lately as a result of civic engagement efforts, has the community talking.

The meeting, held Oct. 1, was only the 5th of 30 interactive conversations between NKU faculty, students and the surrounding community. All are invited and all are encouraged to participate.

For information on the next meeting, visit NKU's website at www.nku.edu/visions/

Exhibit displays 19th century Kentucky life

Renovated log cabin may serve as showroom in the future

JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

The first annual Kentucky Archives Week opened at NKU Monday with a week-long exhibit housed in the log cabin that sits off of Nunn Drive.

The exhibit features a sample of artifacts from the Steely Library archives that center around "all things" that are representative of Northern Kentucky in the 19th century," said Jennifer Gregory, Curator and Archivist at Steely.

Among the artifacts on display are passports and immigration papers, which represent the effect of the population explosion on Kentucky, and a diary kept by a Civil War soldier, which reveals what his day to day life was like. Photographs are also on display, including a picture of the Newport volunteer fire department in the mid-1800's standing in front of their pump.

In order to preserve the originals, the artifacts on display are copies, Gregory said.

She said the originals are available for viewing in the archives at Steely Library.

According to the Kentucky

Department for Libraries and Archives, there are almost 300 archival and manuscript repositories in the state that hold archival documents that document Kentucky history and life.

Many of these institutions are participating in the week as a way to highlight the materials available for research.

In addition to displaying the materials, the Steely Archives exhibit will serve as a sort of coming out party for log cabin, which usually sits quietly off to the side of

the road.

"Originally we said we wanted to open [the log cabin] at one point and decided it would be a great time to do that," Gregory said.

She said the cabin had to undergo some renovation to house the exhibit, including repairing shutters so the windows could be opened.

Gregory said there are plans to use the cabin again, but since it can't be heated or cooled, the times of the year it can be used are limited.

She said she is currently working to find volunteers to help keep the log cabin open to the public.

The exhibit will run 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. through Oct. 11. Admission is free.

If you go

When-1-4 p.m. through Oct. 11

Where-The log cabin off of Nunn Drive

Cost-Admission is free



Curator and archivist, Jennifer Gregory, looks at the historical documents on display in the log cabin.

Lori Cox/News Editor

NEWS

DPS Reports

OCT 6 2002-Sunday-07:23pm Location: PARKING LOT A - THEFT-Theft By Unlawful Taking-Under \$300-Female subject reported that subject(s) unknown removed her purse from her vehicle while it was parked at the listed location. Under investigation....

OCT 6 2002-Sunday-06:59pm Location: DORMS/NORSE HALL - HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS -Female reported that she has received numerous harassing phone calls in her dorm room from an unknown subject. Under investigation....

OCT 6 2002-Sunday-03:51am Location: DORMS/KENTUCKY HALL/BLUEGRASS/WING - SECOND FLOOR - THEFT-Theft By Unlawful Taking-Under \$300 - Male reported that subject(s) unknown removed his (Beige) Laundry Bag from the listed location. Under investigation....

OCT 6 2002-Sunday-03:51am Location: DORMS/NORSE HALL - ASSAULT - Female reported that she was assaulted by another known female at the listed location. Subject suffered minor abrasions in the incident. Subject did not require medical attention. Incident remains open....

OCT 5 2002-Saturday-07:30pm Location: FINE ARTS BUILDING - SECOND FLOOR - IMPERSONATING A PEACE OFFICER/CARRYING CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPON/CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A FORGED INSTRUMENT-2ND DEGREE/ ARREST-Female University employee reported that a male subject was at the listed location stating that he was an off campus undercover police officer and needed to check their currency for authenticity. Male subject was found to be in possession of a forged police identification card and a concealed handgun. Subject was arrested for Impersonating A Peace Officer, Carrying A Concealed Deadly Weapon and Possession Of A Forged Instrument. Subject was transported to and lodged in the Campbell County Jail. Case closed....

OCT 5 2002-Saturday-04:09pm Location: DORMS - RESERVED PARKING SPACES - TOW-Tow Vehicle - (White) 2001 Saturn was towed to impound for parking in a reserved parking space without authorization at the listed location. Case closed....

OCT 5 2002-Saturday-12:41pm Location: DORMS/ WOODCREST/ SYCAMORE - SECOND FLOOR -

MEDICAL. RESPOSION- No Squad -Male reported that steps at the listed location broke causing an injury to his ankle. Subject refused a squad or any medical assistance. Report forwarded to Maintenance for repairs to the steps. Case closed....



OCT 4 2002-Friday-06:00am Location: CAMPBELL DRIVE - DORM CONSTRUCTION TRAILER - INTRUSION ALARM Intrusion Alarm received, via the Alarm Monitoring Company, from listed location. Upon arrival, Officers observed and spoke with several construction workers sitting at that location. Workers were arriving for duty and had not attempted to enter the trailer. Officers checked the trailer, finding everything secure. Report forwarded to the construction company. Case closed....

OCT 4 2002-Friday-08:53am Location: PARKING LOT E - TOW-Tow Vehicle (Red) 1993 Ford was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed....

OCT 4 2002-Friday-09:24am Location: PARKING LOT E - TOW-Tow Vehicle (White) 1988 Chevrolet was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed....

OCT 4 2002-Friday-09:26am Location: PARKING LOT F - TOW-Tow Vehicle (Blue) 1995 Chevrolet was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed....

OCT 4 2002-Friday-01:20pm Location: PARKING LOT Q - TOW-Tow Vehicle 1992 Ford Station Wagon was towed to impound for numerous outstanding parking citations. Case closed....

OCT 3 2002-Thursday-03:08pm Location: PARKING LOT Q - THEFT-Theft By Unlawful Taking-Under \$300 Male reported that subject(s) unknown removed his 2002-2003 N.K.U. Parking Permit from his vehicle while it was parked at the listed location. Under investigation....

Latino: Expansion needed

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per the office's expansion.

State legislators have had difficulty coming up with a budget, leaving NKU officials in the dark about the institution's operating budget.

University officials have been preparing for budget cuts as high as 5%.

Smith said he had just come from meeting where President Votruba said the cuts could possibly be deeper.

"When you talk about taking 5% away from an operating budget of an institution it's not a time when you can talk about expensive moves," said Smith.

"They're great ideas, they're wonderful ideas, but the vibrant economy of Kentucky and this country is gone right now. Higher education is hurting throughout the country, it's hurting, it's bleeding in Kentucky," he said.

Smith suggested Latino organizations position themselves so they are ready when funding does

become available.

"I think what we're going to have to do is find some ways to enhance what we've got for right now and posture ourselves for movement in the things that you're talking about when the funding will allow that."

Smith said it is possible that Calderon will be relocated, at least some of the time, to the Welcome Center NKU wants to build as a central entrance way to the University.

"We're talking about expanding Leo's office over here, where I'm looking at some ways to stretch what I've got and I've already kind of forewarned Leo that he may have to be at [the] welcome center part of the time," Smith said.

"That will hurt us so badly," said Encarnacion.

"We're not going [to have enough people] to push for an office," said Luisa Gomez, vice president of LSU. "But if we get more people to come in it's going to be something the University has to do."

"What Leo represents is an

investment in the future and we don't want to undermine that investment," said Smith. "On the other hand if there's a five percent or more budget cut it's got to come from somewhere."

"Well I'm going to tell you we're not going to give up [on the expansion]," said Encarnacion.

"I don't want you to give up," said Smith.

Dr. Tom Rambo, a professor in the department of biological sciences who occasionally conducts research in Costa Rica, stressed the importance of making Latino organizations and events more visible in order for the expansion to take prominence with NKU officials.

Holding events in more visible locations and the creation of promotional T-shirts were among the ideas discussed at the meeting.

"I think that the most important need to begin with is to get these people who are Latinos to feel included and to be part of the group," said Gomez.



Most students at NKU are getting ready for mishims. These students in Karate I take their final exam Oct. 7. Karate II will start Monday Oct. 14.

SGA mulls school spirit

D.J. CARTER
Systems Manager

"Lake Inferior" may one day be named something less negative.

University visitors may pull into parking lots with kitschy -- and catchy -- university-themed names. They may walk onto a campus with a black-and-gold color scheme, especially noticeable in well-placed directional and identification signs.

Student Government wants to make sure that when you come onto NKU's campus that you: (A.) have no doubt where you are, (B.) see the good of the university reflected in its positively named landmarks and elements, (C.) are impressed with a feeling of University spirit and pride that when you come onto there, and (D.) aren't embarrassed by the name of the Norse mascot.

To accomplish these things, they unanimously passed a resolution to form an Ad-Hoc School Spirit com-

mittee at their Sept. 30th meeting. The committee will be made up of five SGA senators and four members chosen by Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Shanley to represent Athletics, Student Life and two other departments.

Dean of Students Kent Kelo chose to serve as ex-officio member of the committee. He is responsible for most of the departments the committee will be working with. Therefore he wanted to be present to make sure these departments are collaborating well with students.

Kelo sees the focus on university pride and spirit as a positive step towards student retention and alumni giving.

SGA lists the renaming of "Lake Inferior," Hey-U! (the Norse mascot), current and/or future street names, campus parking lots and the implementation of new street and

lots signs as the committee's goals.

The resolution was sponsored by SGA senators Joe Myers (a junior) and Laura Fischer (a senior). Myers said the resolution came out of the strategic goal setting session of Student Government's annual retreat. He was optimistic that the projects could be accomplished.

All of the ideas have been well received by the administration except for the move to change the NKU street names, Myers said.

SGA President Kate Herschede stressed the importance of what SGA is undertaking.

"It is critical to establish school spirit and strong campus traditions. Not only will our current students benefit through these initiatives, but future students, alumni, and the community will all be partners in these efforts."

SGA expects to have a full report of the committee's efforts by the last scheduled SGA meeting of the semester.

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NEWS

Online classes expanding

BARBARA KINGSLEY
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. The waves lap the white beaches of Jamaica. Tim Green poses for a photo by a magnificent waterfall. As the ocean roars and seagulls sing, Green begins teaching his Cal State Fullerton graduate class microcomputers in the elementary classroom.

Green, a California State University-Fullerton professor, dials out the computer from his father's house, and posts discussion questions for his students back home.

Online learning is nothing if not convenient. And despite some rather spectacular "virtual university" failures in recent years fed by the dot-com bust, local colleges and universities are steadily expanding their online offerings.

Cal State Fullerton launched its first online master's degree program in September, in instructional design and technology, a course designed for working people to use technology for teaching. The University of California-Irvine will offer a master's in criminology in January. Community colleges like Coastline have been offering online courses for seven years.

CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed has said he'd like to see two online master's degree programs per campus, or 5 percent of courses online, up from less than 1 percent now. He believes even using online tools in a traditional class will "enrich the learning experience" and save space, which is crucial at a time of booming enrollments and slim budgets.

"We're always going to do some things in traditional ways," Reed said. "But if we use technology and Web-based assignments, we can put all that together, then students won't have to come to class every day. Maybe they'll come for a lecture one day out of three. That will

clear up a seat, and seats are what we need."

At least 60 percent of campuses have at least one online course, according to a 2001 survey put out by the Encino-based Campus Computing Project. About 35 percent of classes nationwide have Web pages. 20 percent use an online course-management system and 47 percent use Internet resources, according to the survey.

College administrators are moving enthusiastically but more carefully since the first rush to online learning when the Net was new. The dot-com money isn't there any more. And educators now know online education is not for everybody.

"My students hate it," said Cal State Fullerton political-science professor Sandra Sutphen, who posts course information for her students online. "OK, hate is a little strong. They're frustrated by the fact the system is slow. Most have dial-up modems and it's cumbersome. They have to know how to type. They want face-to-face interactions."

Online courses tend to attract people like Amy Shultz, 26, a fourth-grade teacher from Anaheim Hills. Shultz took two online classes over the summer. Online classes take some getting used to, she says. "The difference is you're not in face-to-face interactions with other people. The professor has to foster that communication because you haven't seen these people before."

Students log into their online classrooms as they would their e-mail accounts. Instructors post assignments and questions for discussions. Students file papers via e-mail. If there are tests, students might file them from a remote learning center, where they have to show identification.

While students have a reputation for being tech-savvy, some are clearly nervous about being depend-

ent on it for their grade. One of Green's students voiced unease when sending her final paper to Green, who is also acting director of distance education. "If there are gaping holes please let me know," the student pleaded in an e-mail. "I think (pray) I'm sending the correct version."

Online learning exploded onto campuses in the late 1990s in the glow of the dot-com boom. Universities hitched onto online ventures, certain that the students would come, said Kenneth C. Green of the Campus Computer Project. New York University launched NYU Online as a profit-making venture to develop courses for businesses. It was abandoned in 2001 after the university poured in \$20 million. The California Virtual University was created in 1997 with much fanfare by the University of California, California State University and other colleges, but that died in 1999.

Jia Frydenberg, director of UCI's distance learning center, says some of these grand projects stalled because universities underestimated how much technical support they needed, as well as the differences between the corporate and academic worlds companies want to get products to market fast and academics don't see that pressing need.

"Everybody had good intentions," said Frydenberg. "They wanted something so badly they glossed over the inherent differences."

UCI is focusing its online learning toward midcareer professionals, people highly motivated to take online classes and boost their careers, but who can't or won't drive to campus. She says online works best for students who "sneak," who ask questions and demand answers. For students who sit back and let things happen, it's easy to drop out. And the attrition rate is as high as 20 percent to 30 percent.

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ECHOES OF WAR

A Thousand Years of Military History in Popular Culture



Professor talks about his latest book

JASON DOBINS
Northern Contributor

The often quoted phrase, "those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it," may be the antithesis to Professor Michael Adams' new book, "Echoes of War."

The book is an offshoot of his course called Battles and Behavior, a class that covers how military history is remembered in popular culture: why people remember certain events and how those events have affected the public's imagination of the past.

Got all that? Good. "Echoes of War" begins in the 11th century—when knights became the dominant figure on the European battlefield—and follows several European and American battles up to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Adams, the regent's professor of history and director of the military history program at Northern Kentucky University, has structured the book to show why we remember certain battles and how they have affected the way Americans live.

Take the movie "Glory," for example: Hollywood's depiction of how black troops were assembled into the 54th Regiment and used to spearhead a suicidal attack on Fort Wagner. They were one of the first black regiments in the American military and the beginning of the eventual desegregation and non-discriminatory practices of the U.S.

armed forces.

"I was looking at that as an example of how we get in the Civil War, a [coming] together of the African American community and the Federal government, in what's still a very important relationship," said Adams. "Some regular regiments have come out of that war and there has never been a break in that relationship. Look at Colin Powell, for example, he goes right back to Fort Wagner."

Adams also discusses the public's shifting opinion regarding the American General George Custer, who became famous after his defeat by the Sioux Indians at Little Bighorn.

"Custer has gone from being a great white man, a great exponent of white culture to being someone we now hold accountable for the [miss] treatment of Native Americans," said Adams. "And then in the latest views of Custer, someone who got his [troops] killed because he didn't understand the changes in military technology that were taking place."

Custer is still someone we want to examine, said Adams. But what happened to his command shows what could happen without an adequate understanding of new technology. Custer's troops were armed with new weapons but they didn't understand how it changed the way a battle was fought, he said.

Adams also explains how histori-

ans might perform a public educational service during wartime by comparing the past with the present. For example, he uses the prelude to the American Revolution to lend insight into the War on Terror. "Terrorist, we tend to stereotype as evil, demonic people. But they have a point of view," he said. "And they're often people who have grievances that they cannot express in conventional military terms, they don't have a state, they don't have an army so they hijack a plane or something."

The Son's of Liberty, who organized the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party, were terrorist by any other name, said Adams. The British government had the sympathy of some of the colonist who objected to the destruction of property, but lost that support when it closed the port of Boston until the colonist paid for the tea. Adams said the British responded too aggressively.

"How could they pay for the tea if you didn't let them trade," he said.

As a result, he said, colonist who originally sided with Britain had a sudden change of heart and joined their fellow colonists.

Adams said the Bush administration is in danger of creating a similar situation by turning sympathetic nations into enemies. "When you think of the sympathy the U.S. had on Sept. 12, 2001, it was enormous,

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Alumni contributes to campus activities

Chris Burns helped establish alumni lecture series as well as a chapter of Phi Alpha Theta Fraternity

CHAD CUFFY
Northern Contributor

Many students' have come and gone at Northern Kentucky University. Some have not left a single trace of their existence on this campus, while others remain involved, even 15 years after graduation.

In May of 1987, Chris Burns accomplished what every student who goes to college dreams of—graduation.

Burns graduated from NKU with a double major in history and journalism. While a student at NKU, he helped start a chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta fraternity on campus as well as becoming the editor of the Northern.

Starting his collegiate career Burns, attended the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati State, which was then Cincinnati Technical College, before settling down at NKU. Burns said he did not like going to either school and he finally chose to attend NKU because of the smaller campus and the smaller classes that were available.

Business courses were the first classes Burns took at NKU. He said that Dr. Larry Giesmann of the Biology Department suggested he try a different field since he was not succeeding. After taking a course on the history of western political thought and the realization of his enjoyment for writing, Burns decided to try history and journalism.

Burns said some of his finest moments at NKU include becoming the editor of The Northerner. This was especially gratifying because

they "had a great staff." Burns said that the staff included students who went on to teach at Xavier University and write for the Kentucky Tribune. He said that the staff of The Northerner made it the most fun.

He said he is glad he became a part of the history department. According to Burns, with the help of Dr. James A. Ramage of the History Department who became the faculty advisor, they were able to start up the NKU chapter of Phi Alpha Theta in 1985. Since then, Burns said the fraternity has won 10 of 11 national awards for best chapter.

Earning his college degree was one of Burns' proudest achievements. He said the "day of graduation at Northern was just a great day." He is also glad that he is able to see his two girls grow up, even though they are still in grade school, and to be with his wife.

In 2001 Burns won the Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to alumni who have contributed to helping improve life at NKU. Burns said he is proud to have been able to see his mother's reaction when he won this award.

Since college, Burns has worked for the Recorder newspapers for seven years and now is the manager of national sales support and development at Broadwing. Broadwing is the parent company for Cincinnati Bell.

Burns is still connected at NKU by collaborating with Dr. Ramage on a book on Ulysses S. Grant. He also works as an adjunct in the journalism department by teaching history of mass communication. Burns is a member of the alumni council

and a member of the alumni lecture series committee.

The alumni lecture series is a program that was started by Burns and Roger Adams and was approved in May of 1998 by President James Votruba. The program has primarily been designed around political figures with two speakers attending each lecture. Burns says that they want to differentiate themselves from other lecture series events in the area by having two speakers, usually with different views such as conservative vs. liberal or Republican vs. Democrat. He says that they do not want to try and compete with what already exists, only to be different.

So, now what is left for Chris Burns? He said that he may go into teaching full-time some day because he enjoys education, particularly at the college level. However, even by expressing his interest to teach some day, Burns did say that in order for him to leave his position with Broadwing, the perfect situation would almost have to be literally "fall in my lap."

Two points of advice Burns would like to give for students who want to succeed in the "real" world. He said to build relationships because 80 percent of jobs are filled because of whom you know and that you should not "burn bridges."

Burns said that he would like to continue to volunteer at NKU. He enjoys the campus because you can call anyone, leave them a message and expect a call back.

Burns said, "I feel like Northern is a home to me." He said it feels "almost like a family."

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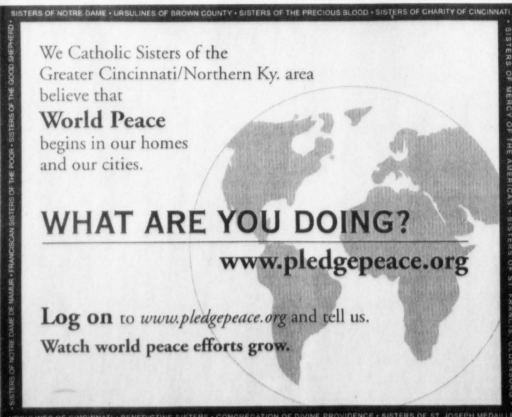
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ENTERTAINMENT

Bringing games to you from across the Pacific

JASON ELLIS
Entertainment Editor

Millions of people throughout the world play video games. Considering most games are made in Japan, a lot of those people probably have no idea of the work involved in producing them and bringing them here for U.S. consumers. That process is called localization.

Localization entails reprogramming the game system to display English words, fixing the program to be more user-friendly, translating text, and rewriting it to seem natural to native English speakers. It also entails translating audio, songs, etc. and in some instances adding or editing animation scenes to make it more compelling.

Translation depends on the type of game that they are working on. "Action games can take as little as two months," Victor Ireland, President of Working Designs said. "An RPG title takes six to 12 months, on average, to localize."

At Working Designs it usually takes a little longer because they have several games in the process at the same time. "It depends on how much dialogue and animation," said Ireland. "And how many songs there are, in addition to the core game and text." More of those things add up to a longer localization time.

People working on the project have to play the same game again and again, sometimes 30 or more times, from beginning to end. "When we hire someone new," Ireland said. "We always warn them that they will hate whatever game they are working on and they never believe us, but it's always true."

"They have to do the most mundane things to make sure they don't break the game," Ireland said. "It just gets old."

This process goes in reverse for the programmer. "The programmer's joy with a localization project is zero at the beginning," Ireland said. "Because that's where all the hard work for him lies."

If there are voice-overs in the games, there are several ways they go about casting. There is the age-old cattle call, "Much like American Idol who think they can sing," Ireland said. "There are a lot of really poor actors who think they can act. Adding them makes for a very long and depressing day."

The criteria for choosing games to localize are quite simple. "Is it a good game, if it is we look at the graphics and marketability," Ireland said. The quality of the core game is our first concern."

The total cost of localization depends on the project. "Sometimes less than \$100,000, many times multiple hundreds of thousands of dollars," Ireland said. "If there's a lot of dialogue and animation, it takes more time, and costs more."

Obviously, Working Designs isn't the only company that localizes games, there are many more that the masses enjoy on a regular basis. Now you know how your games get from Japan to your living room.



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Reese Witherspoon, Patrick Dempsey and Candice Bergen star in Sweet Home Alabama

'Sweet Home Alabama' good date movie

JOHN H. KEATHLEY III
Northerner Contributor

Sweet Home Alabama opens with two young kids, Melanie (Reese Witherspoon) and Jake (Josh Lucas), running on a beach in Alabama while lightning flickers overhead.

Flash forward 18 years and now Melanie Carmichael (she changed it from Smoother) is a fashion designer in New York City, a whole new world from her beginnings in Alabama.

Designing her own clothing line and dating Andrew McDonnell (Patrick Dempsey), the mayor's son,

Melanie's life seems perfect in NYC, especially when Andrew proposes to her at Tiffany's.

However, there is just one problem... Melanie is still married. Now, Melanie must return home to Alabama where she hasn't been in years in order to get a divorce from her childhood sweetheart Jake. From here, the movie becomes a story of conflicts: big city vs. small town, Andrew vs. Jake. For the winners of these conflicts, go check out the movie.

Reese Witherspoon, star of "Legally Blonde", turns in another great performance as Melanie. Also, Josh Lucas, who co-starred in "A

Beautiful Mind", is very likable and funny as Jake.

While the movie is a bit predictable, as well as stereotypical, at times, the cast shines. Also, the jokes are good-natured and actually very funny, which makes this film more comedic than most romantic comedies I have seen.

Overall, I give it 3 stars out of 5. Guys, if you are going by yourself or with a group of friends you might want to skip this movie. Yet, as far as date movies go, this one is pretty good. Girls, grab your friends, or dates, and head out to see Sweet Home Alabama because this movie is made for you.

Bogarts' Shows Update

The TapRoot show on October 16 has been cancelled

"Due to some unfortunate circumstances, the Cincinnati date has been cancelled on the upcoming tour, and will be replaced with a show in Grand Rapids"

-Taprootmusic.com

Upcoming Shows:

The Misfits, Sunday October 20, 8p.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Cartoon veggies are a hoot in Bible story

CHRIS FLOWERS
Northern Contributor

If there was one thing I can say about the movie VeggieTales: Jonah is that I loved it. Anyone who even remotely likes the VeggieTales show will have a blast seeing this flick. Of course all the standard rules apply to a VeggieTales show; they have to have some kind of moral, it has to pertain to something Biblical, and it has to have humor to keep everyone watching entertained. This one has all of that and enough, Fish slapping goodness to keep even the most devout atheist watching. I bet even Satan would like this flick.

The movie is based around the story of Jonah in the Bible. Of course they don't stick completely to the story, they add their own humorous bits to it. For example; Jonah is told by God to go to the city of Nineveh to give them his mes-

sage. In a dream sequence about that city everyone there is running around hitting each other with fish. Yes, I said fish. I don't remember anywhere in the Bible people were slapping each other in the face with fish. Never the less it is hilarious.

Another key aspect to making this movie worth watching is that they keep everything fresh. If anyone watches the show at all they are familiar with *The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything*. When Jonah is running from God, he asks them to sail him the farthest from Nineveh possible. The pirates are hesitant about it until Jonah tells them that money is no object, and they remember about the tab that they have run up at the local snack bar for Mr. Twixies Cheese Curls.

The adventure on the sea is a total hoot. In the Biblical version there is a huge storm because God is angry with Jonah disobeying him and not

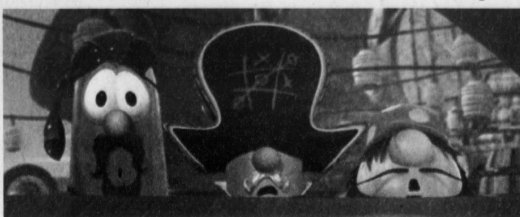


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going where he told him too. No one knows that the storm is caused by God being angry with Jonah. To see who would have to jump off the ship they do the most obvious way of choosing, they play a knock down drag out game of Go Fish! Touches like that is what makes the movie

really cool and worth watching.

I am not an avid church going person, but I did really enjoy this movie.

Any movie that has talking veggies, people slapping each other with fish and can implement the Bible into everything has to be good. I really enjoyed this movie and think

that anyone else that sees it will too.

I give this picture a cool 4 out of 5, which is my highest rating yet. kudos to Big Idea for actually trying on this movie and not just throwing out trash like Cartoon Network did on the Powerpuff Girls movie.

Upcoming movies

PHILIP WUNTCH
The Dallas Morning News

WHITE OLEANDER

Michelle Pfeiffer, Renee Zellweger and Robin Wright Penn headline an impressive cast in this tale of a young girl who goes through a series of foster homes when her mother is convicted of murder.

THE TRANSPORTER

Action ensues when the deliverer of mysterious packages breaks the cardinal rule: Don't open the package.

KNOCKAROUND GUYS

Seasoned mobsters, including John Malkovich and Dennis Hopper, are discouraged when sons Vin Diesel and Barry Pepper follow in their footsteps.

TUCK EVERLASTING

Yet another impressive cast—Sissy Spacek, Ben Kingsley, William Hurt and Amy Irving—enacts the story of a teen who stumbles onto a magic spring that promises immortality.

THE RULES OF

Attraction—James Van Der Beek, Shannyn Sossamon, Ian Somerhalder indulge in all sorts of sexual shenanigans on a New England college campus.

BROWN SUGAR

Taye Diggs and Sanaa Lathan find romance.

POKEMON 4EVER

Travel through time with Celebi, the newest Pokemon, and see if Vicious can be stopped from doing his dastardly deeds.

Online journals are no longer private

JOSH FLOWERS
Assurance Entertainment Editor

Ever just wanted to read someone's journal? Just open it up and find out what they really think about you or what they think about others? Everyone wants to know what everyone else is really thinking. Now with the website LiveJournal.com you can get your wish, well sort of.

Live Journal is online community where people can share the happenings of their lives with friends and millions of strangers. It works similar to a message board where you post and people can comment. The main difference being you are the one in control.

You can change your journal style, add pictures, and even surveys. Unfortunately unlike a real journal you can't just hide it under the bed.

A young computer science major by the name of Brad Fitzpatrick first created the web based program Live Journal in March 1999. Since then it has increased to over 700,000 mem-



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This is Frank the goat. Live Journal's official mascot.

bers worldwide. It has grown past Fitzpatrick maintaining the site and now there is a whole team managing it.

Livejournal.com seems like an oxymoron. A journal is a private thing not something for other's to read, but after a couple of weeks you might be thinking differently.

It can be addictive seeing into the lives of others. It's also an easier alternative to e-mail. Instead of sending an e-mail to everyone you can just post your thoughts to people at once.

It's a great place to meet new people or have new people find you. You can list your favorite interests and search for users based on theirs. You can search for people who like your favorite band or even your favorite food. You can also search regionally for users that live closest to you or the furthest distance possible. A quick search found several Northern Kentucky University students have already found Live Journal for themselves, so why not be one of them?

Biggie and Tupac still bring controversy after deaths

LOLA OGUNNAKE
New York Daily News

His friends begged him not to do it.

"They said I'd get killed," recalls Nick Broomfield, director of the controversial new documentary "Biggie and Tupac." And going into the project, the 54-year-old English director wasn't so sure he'd make it out alive, either.

"For a while, I was imagining the worst," Broomfield admits.

But delving into the unsolved murders of rappers Tupac Shakur and Notorious B.I.G. (a.k.a. Biggie Smalls) proved too juicy an adventure to let mortality stand in his way. The deaths (Tupac was gunned down in Las Vegas Sept. 7, 1996; B.I.G. was killed in a Los Angeles drive-by March 9, 1997) have long been linked to the East Coast/West Coast rap war of the late '90s. One-time friends Biggie and Tupac became mortal enemies after Tupac

accused the portly rapper from Bed-Stuy of organizing an attempt on his life.

Broomfield's documentary posits, however, that the murders were orchestrated by Marion (Suge) Knight, founder of Death Row Records. The film alleges Knight had been bliking Tupac's millions in royalties and that the rapper was intent on leaving the label and founding his own. The movie suggests Biggie's murder was meant to cover Knight's trail.

To support his theory, Broomfield relies on several people, including former LAPD investigator Russell Poole, who resigned after higher-ups thwarted his efforts to connect roque cops to the Biggie murder. Poole says, "There's information in the documentary even the police don't have."

Not everyone is buying the film's allegations. Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Chuck Phillips' L.A. Times expose, which ran in early

September, implicates Biggie in Tupac's death. His story maintains that Biggie's gun was used in Tupac's murder, and that the rapper promised members of the Crips gang \$1 million for the hit.

A spokesman for Death Row refused to comment on Phillips' story or the movie, but Knight has denied involvement in either killing.

Broomfield says, "I met Chuck Phillips a couple of times when we were doing research and I knew that he was very pro-Death Row, so I wasn't surprised at the general slant of his piece. But I was surprised by the specific allegations about Christopher Wallace (Biggie's real name). It was unbacked-up reporting."

But Phillips, who has viewed Broomfield's documentary, is standing by his story.

"My sources are different," says Phillips, "and I don't draw that conclusion at all."

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Website of the week

This is a new section hoped to run every week. It is the website of the week.

The first website of the week is newgrounds.com. New Grounds features a variety of things, mostly portal submissions, like games and flash movies. Quite possibly the funniest part of the site is the section devoted to video game spoofs.

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SPORTS

No. 1 Norse defeat UW- Parkside

WILDER, Ky. - Kristen Noakes and Kendra Zinser both scored goals Sunday afternoon as the Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team defeated the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 2-0, at the Town & Country Sports Complex.

Amy Martini and Bessie Black recorded assists for NKU, which is ranked No. 1 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll. The Norse are 11-0-1 overall, 5-0-1 in the GLVC. Wisconsin-Parkside dropped to 6-1-1 overall, 3-1-1 in the GLVC. Noakes gave NKU a 1-0 lead at the 36-41 mark after taking a corner kick from Martini and sending a shot into the left side of the goal. Zinser sealed the victory for the Norse 11 minutes into the second half when she took a lead pass from Black and chipped in a shot over



Kendra Zinser scored a goal for the top-ranked Lady Norse in its 2-0 victory over Wisconsin-Parkside, Sunday afternoon.

goalie Abbigail Wild.

The NKU defense picked up its sixth shutout of the season and limited the Rangers to just six shots. NKU goalies Megan Zalla, Sam Westerling and Jennie Ulrey combined for the shutout and three saves.

NKU is now 3-4-0-3 in its last 37

matches against GLVC teams. The Norse have not lost to a GLVC opponent since Oct. 9, 1999, when Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville posted a 3-1 win over NKU.

NKU will play a non-conference match at Hillsdale (Mich.) College at 3 p.m. this Friday.

Salisbury earns GLVC honor

MICHAEL FESMAN
Nortner contributor

Junior volleyball player Nicole Salisbury was named Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week.

"I was surprised," Salisbury said. "I was really excited, and I worked really hard to get to this point. I've really improved a lot since I came here in January up until now."

Choosing Salisbury was an easy pick. She started the week with 14 kills, 12 digs and a .303 hitting percentage in a 3-0 win over Missouri-St. Louis on Oct. 1. Next, a career-high 27 kills, 10 digs and a .316 hitting percentage as the Norse came from behind to beat Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, 3-2, the Rangers' first loss of the season. Those numbers put her first on the team with 170 kills and 130 digs and second in hitting percentage at .298.

Salisbury finished the weeks with 21 kills and a .529 hitting percentage in a home win over Georgetown College. She added 11 digs and two service aces on the way to NKU's sixth consecutive victory.

For the week, Salisbury averaged 20.5 kills, 11 digs and a .311 hitting percentage.

Coming south was a change for Salisbury.

"I'm really an outdoors person," she said. "I'm from Michigan, so I grew up outdoors."

Was coming to Highland Heights an easy decision? Salisbury said - mostly.

She had heard of NKU before she visited last December. She said one talk with coach Carlos Chia and the team is about all it took to come here a month later.

"I was looking for a change academically as well," Salisbury said. "So it seemed to fit here."

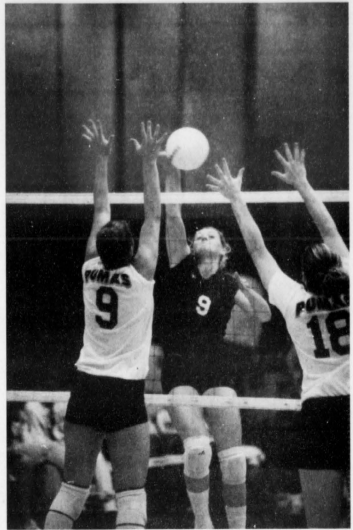
The decision was confirmed the more time she spent here, though Salisbury doesn't spend a lot of time in the woods.

"I also just hung out with friends and that kind of thing," Salisbury said. "I live with two of the girls on the team, and I'm really close with the rest of them."

The Norse are now 8-7 overall, 5-

2 in the GLVC and attempting to win their sixth consecutive GLVC championship. Salisbury said a trip to the Division II national tournament is nonetheless a possibility.

"We started off real slow but things are starting to turn around," said Salisbury. "I'm just being very optimistic from here on out and working real hard."



Nicole Salisbury earns GLVC Player of the Week honor while guiding the Norse. Tim Downer/Athletic Dept. Photographer

Women's cross country garners fifth win

Men place second in Greensboro invitational

D.J. CARTER
Systems Manager

The women's cross country team won The Greensboro Invitational, Sept. 28 in North Carolina without their No. 1 runner, senior Elaine Koenig, who was ill. Junior Anna Moore powered to a second place finish over the 5K course in 19:12. She had maintained second place since the opening mile, and she was all kick, holding off a thundering Marshall University runner at the end. Senior Erin Engel finished eighth in 19:58. Tracy Inman (Fifteenth in 20:36), Emily Sand (Twenty-fifth in 21:00), and Lisa Sand (Thirty-sixth in 21:27) filled

out the rest of the top five.

This was only the fifth meet victory in the history of women's cross country at NKU. The race was mixed between Div. I, II, III and NAIA teams, with the Div. I teams in a separately scored division. The women's effort would have earned a fourth place finish if the divisions would have been scored together—one point behind Elon, behind Wake Forest and Marshall.

The men's team finished second in a strong field of 13 Div. II, III and NAIA schools. The top five men ran in a tight pack, all finishing within 49 seconds of each other on the 8K course. This kind of tight pack is the hallmark of a

competitive team. Runner Sophomore Doug Fulmer led with a sixth place finish in 27:11. Senior Ryan Carskadon, "RC", followed closely behind at 11th in 27:36. Sophomore Mark Teisman (seventeenth in 27:46), freshman Denny Kramer (twentieth in 27:56) and freshman Josh Lane (twenty-first in 28:00) rounded out the top five.

This past weekend the women placed fifteenth of thirty-five and the men twelfth of thirty-seven at the 30th Annual Sean Earl Loyola Lakelmont Invitational in Chicago. The meet showcased some of the nation's top division II programs. Moore led the women in eighteenth place with a 19:03, and Kramer stepped up and led the men with a 26:45.

NKU rolls past St. Joseph's, 3-0

Pugh, Koralewski combine for 27 kills as Norse improve to 8-7

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. - Maggie Pugh finished with 17 kills and a .389 hitting percentage Saturday afternoon as the Northern Kentucky University volleyball team defeated Saint Joseph's College, 30-17, 30-23, 30-24, in Regents Hall. Kristin Koralewski recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 13 digs as the Norse improved to 8-7 overall, 5-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Nicole Salisbury

added eight kills and 13 digs for the Norse. NKU hit .457 in the first game and rolled to a 30-17 victory. Koralewski converted all five of her attack attempts in the first game and added two service aces. Pugh collected seven kills in the second game, and she added six kills in the third game. For the match, Pugh converted 17 of 36 attempts with just three errors. Sara Taylor finished with 48 assists

for the Norse, while Kaliana Kalache had six kills. Jill Ryan led Saint Joseph's (7-8 overall, 4-2 GLVC) with 14 kills. The Norse will play host to the West Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Conference/GLVC Crossover Tournament next weekend (Oct. 11-12) in Regents Hall. NKU will play Wheeling Jesuit University at 6 p.m. Friday.

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VIEWPOINTS

Changes you may, or may not see in the paper

There are two reasons why the editor doesn't put the crossword puzzle in the paper. The first one being that he has a horrible memory and keeps on forgetting. The second reason might be subliminally linked to the first in that he doesn't want to admit the fact that the crossword puzzle takes precedence in some people's minds over the other information in the paper.

He is worried, though, that he'll be shot down so he's planning on keeping it to himself and focusing, for now, on trying to find the answer to find "crossword question here."

THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE BY ALEX JARMAN AND OLIVER MEINERDING



'Barbershop' addresses important issues despite some controversy

Potential qualifiers will have to fill out a questionnaire, produce a promotional video, and collect 50 signatures on a petition supporting their candidacy. Oh yes, they must also be natural-born American citizens who have lived in the United States for the last seven years and be at least 35 years old as of Jan 20, 2005 (this is according to the

But, on reflection, I realized that, like it or not, we live in a world dominated by the media, and if this silly program gets people more tuned in to the political process, then maybe it's not such a bad thing.

So we get stuck with Bush vs. Clinton, Clinton vs. Dole, and Gore vs. Bush, and most of us yawn our way through the campaign and vote for the guy who annoys us the least (which is often a difficult call, as

And with any luck, the chosen candidate will be single, and after the election FX will be able to spin the show off into "Who Wants to Marry the President?"

What are your plans for Fall Break?



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"Going to Florida."



"Going to work and drinking after."



"Going to concerts."

President invites students to 'community conversations'

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LIGHTER SIDE

Students are wired for life, study finds

LESLIE BROOKS SUZUKAMO
Knight Rider Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. Susan Bush and Jessica Armstrong were in pain. No Internet. No life.

When the 20-year-old students lived on campus at St. Paul's Macalester College, the school's high-speed computer network connections gave them autobahn-speedy access to cyberspace.

But when they moved off campus this fall, they electronically sneezed to a halt.

"We don't have the Internet at the house yet, and I'm going through such withdrawal," Bush moaned one recent afternoon.

"We can't get e-mail at home, we can't get the Web, we can't download new music. I am going crazy," Armstrong said.

A recent national survey of how college students use the Internet suggests Bush and Armstrong are hardly unusual.

The Internet has become such a part of college students' lives that they can't fathom living without it any more than Americans can without running water, says the Pew Internet and American Life Project's "The Internet Goes to College" study.

Students' online habits could have a profound impact on future online usage and may help kick the Internet economy out of its doldrums, the researchers believe.

College students have long been in the vanguard of U.S. Internet users, and they've become its most pampered users. Colleges and universities nationwide have spent millions rewriting ivy-covered halls into 21st century information-technology nerve centers.

The University of Minnesota has just completed a \$62 million renovation of venerable Walter Library, part of which involved stuffing fiber-optic lines under floors and

"We can't get e-mail at home, we can't get the Web, we can't download new music. I am going crazy,"

— Jessica Armstrong

between walls to allow Internet access within 18 inches in any direction.

At Winona State University, in Winona, Minn., a policy of "an Ethernet port per pillow" in the dorms is contributing to a housing crunch... many students don't want to leave their high-speed access, says school spokesman Tom Grier.

And at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict near St. Cloud, Minn., even computerless machines in nearly every classroom, meeting room and residence hall.

"Students in their pajamas can use them 24 hours a day. They're ubiquitous here," says Jim Koenig, director of information technology services for the sister schools.

The Internet has long been a college phenomenon, says Steve Jones, the Pew study's principal author and head of the Communications Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Professors developed the technology for the early Net more than 30 years ago. In the 1990s, students dreamed up its most popular tools... the browser, the search engine, music-file swapping.

Jones believes the online behavior of students now is a harbinger of things to come.

Researchers tracking the behavior of Chicago-area students at 10 campuses as part of the study saw a rush to embrace high-speed Internet access by recent graduates. "They were used to broadband in college and it was hard to let go afterwards," Jones says.

While it's hardly surprising that college students like the Internet, Jones was surprised how deeply students have absorbed it into their daily lives.

Nearly four-fifths of college students say Internet use has enhanced their education. Nearly half say e-mail lets them express ideas to a professor that they wouldn't have aired in class, Jones says.

College Internet users are twice as likely as all Internet users to download music... 60 percent versus 28 percent in the general population... and to use instant messaging.

Nearly three-quarters of students depend on the Internet more than on their school libraries, leading library professionals to fret about plagiarism and sloppy research.

Bush and Armstrong, enjoying a recent summer day outside the Macalester Campus Center with friends, described how the Net is woven into their lives.

They take exams online. Professors e-mail them and post

assignments or schedules on Web pages. Some profs require students to e-mail papers or post them online instead of handing them in.

The Web has boosted college social life, too. Not only do students use e-mail and instant messaging to stay in touch with family and college friends, but also to form virtual study groups and to maintain long-distance relationships with high school chums, according to the Pew study.

Armstrong has even sent instant messages to roommates sitting a few feet away. "We kind of do it just to be funny," she says.

"It's like, 'You want to go to dinner now?' 'Yes.' 'Cool.' It's the epitome of laziness," her friend Bush says.

The instinctive networking skills of to-day's college student could reshape the wired workplace of the future, the report suggests.

Multitasking, or running several programs at the same time on the same computer, also could drive adoption of technologies that blur the lines between work and home.

A strong online-gaming subculture could lead to more demand for super-fast connections, eye-popping computer graphics and robust interactivity, the report adds.

The new wired worker could turn out to be someone like David Chiu, a tech-loving Macalester senior. He started using the Internet in junior high before the Web made it easy to navigate.

His silvery, cigarette-lighter-size cell phone can connect a laptop computer to the Web wirelessly. He uses the Web for everyday tasks such as checking New York City subway and train schedules when he goes home to visit family. Online research and games are part of his life too.

"I think I do everything that everybody else does, but I do more," Chiu says.

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