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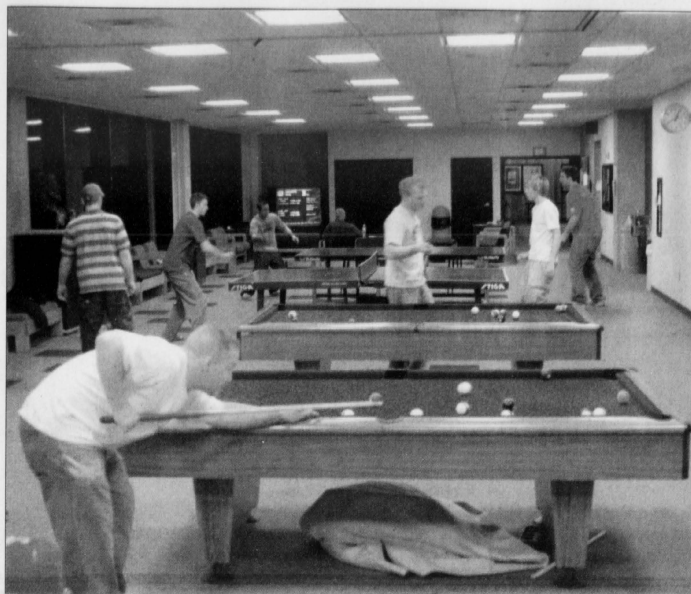
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## Renovation to improve student recreation



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Kyle Clevenger shoots pool with his friends in the University Center game room, which will see renovations over the summer, according to a resolution passed by Student Government Association March 29. The resolution provides for painted and decal'd walls, updated furniture and a new television.

## Game room to see facelift

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A resolution passed by the Student Government Association Senate March 29 calls for a facelift to the University Center game room.

Sen. Josh Ruth proposed the game room renovation, which would consist of repainting and decaling the walls and purchasing a new television, an arcade machine,

a pinball machine, two pool tables, an air hockey table, a ping pong table, a foosball table and soft seating furniture.

According to Ruth, the projected budget for the entire project is between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

"This is something I've wanted to do all year," Ruth said.

The resolution states that "the current game room is in dire need of repair," and that these renovations are needed "in order to make the game room a more welcoming and pleasant environment."

Dean of Students Kent Kelso thinks the project is a good idea and is happy to see SGA taking the initiative.

"The area is definitely in need of a face lift," Kelso said, noting that some parts of the room are becoming "archaic."

"I think [these are] the types of things that SGA needs to be doing," Kelso said. "It's really a very visible way to impact students and also to generate some goodwill from students to the organization."

The Senate agreed to post \$3,000

toward this project.

However, Vice President for Administrative Affairs Joe Myers believes SGA will amend the resolution at some point in order to post more dollars toward the renovation.

Myers said that as of March 29, SGA has a remaining balance of \$15,425 available in their budget.

"Something like this is for the students [and] is a worthwhile expenditure of our money," Myers said.

SGA is also looking to receive an

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## Funding up in air

NKU projects uncertain as state lags on budget

By AMANDA VANBENSCHOTEN

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The Kentucky House of Representatives rejected the Senate's proposed state budget by a vote of 58-38 March 29, which leaves funding for Northern Kentucky University projects up in the air for at least two more weeks.

"It's frustrating, because the university is so in need of the things that were in the budget," said NKU President James Votruba.

The budget provided for \$47.5 million to build a special events center at NKU, a \$5.5 million funding increase from previous estimates.

It allowed for construction on the center to begin in 2004 or 2005, a year earlier than initially planned.

The proposed budget also included \$38 million to help build a new student union.

"The Senate version of the budget was the best version the Northern Kentucky region and NKU has ever seen," said Sen. Katie Stine, R-Campbell, Pendleton.

A committee of conferees from the House and Senate will meet during the next two weeks to negotiate a compromise.

The draft of the budget will then be presented to the legislature on April 12 and 13, according to Majority Caucus Chair Rep. Jim Callahan, D-Campbell.

"I'm confident if we work together, we can and will develop a budget that we can deal with at the present time," Callahan said.

"We have to balance the bottom line. We can't come in with an unbalanced budget."

"I think NKU is still going to see a lot of positive things in this budget," Votruba said.

"But I don't expect it to get any better. That was a terrific budget that was proposed."

The bill passed through the Senate March 29 by a vote of 22-0-16.

All Republicans in the Senate approved the bill, but Democrats abstained from voting.

It was presented to the Democrat-controlled House for a vote later that day.

Callahan said he felt the House did not have adequate time to review the budget bill before voting on it.

"We had a \$14.9 billion budget, and we never saw it," he said. "It's unprecedented. Any reasonable man, be it Democrat or Republican, (would) certainly want to have the ability to look at it."

"We didn't have that luxury of time," Stine said. "I'm disappointed in what the House did. It got into a political dogfight, which is unfortunate."

She encourages students to contact their state representatives and ask them to consider the needs of NKU when revising the budget bill.

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## Student survey: keep NKU tuition low

SGA poll results indicate many support sacrificing academic progress to offset hike

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Northern Kentucky University students overwhelmingly support taking drastic measures to keep tuition low, according to the results of a recent survey by the Student Government Association.

The SGA Tuition Committee reported the results of its university-wide tuition poll to the Senate March 29. Results sug-

gest that students support increasing class size and oppose hiring more full-time faculty and funding the new Student Center if it means paying more tuition than necessary.

Of 500 surveys randomly selected, 75 percent of respondents support increasing class size in order to keep tuition low. 81 percent said they would not be in favor of hiring more full-time faculty at an added expense to students. 80 percent said they would not be in favor of continuing to fund a new stu-

dent center if it meant increasing tuition.

"These are all tough numbers," said committee chair Eric Fegan.

He said he is "amazed" at the number of responses to the survey, which was mailed approximately six weeks ago to every student enrolled at NKU. Nearly 1,300 students have returned surveys to the committee, and Fegan said more come in to the SGA office each day.

"We do think it's given us an excellent start," Fegan said.

"It shows how many students really care [about tuition]," said Sen. Mike Tobertga, who helped the committee tally the results. He said that nearly 10 percent of the student body has responded, which is significantly larger than the 3 percent voter turnout at the November SGA election.

Tobertga said that non-traditional students have most vehemently protested a significant increase in tuition, because they typically carry the burden of working full-time and raising a

family while attending school.

Scholarship students also have, in general, been outspoken about keeping tuition low, according to Tobertga.

"It was interesting to see that scholarship students care about tuition, contrary to popular belief," he said.

The committee will consider the survey results and meet with administrators in the coming weeks to review the final funding cuts handed down by Frankfort. It will present a tuition resolution to the Senate

within the next two weeks, according to Fegan. The resolution, if passed, will be submitted to the Board of Regents for final approval. Fegan said he hopes the board will take the SGA recommendation into consideration. The Board of Regents is expected to make its final decision regarding a tuition hike in May.

"We don't set policy for the Regents," Fegan said. "But we can change policy. We're fighting."

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## Bourbon teaches business lesson

Many students can say they have learned lessons from alcohol. Few can say that the lesson is to take career risks. Maker's Mark CEO Bill Samuels Jr. recently taught some NKU entrepreneurial students the true value of the bottle.



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**MAR 28 2004**  
**Sunday 9:02 p.m.**  
Classification: TRAFFIC -  
Vehicle Stop  
Location: NUNN DRIVE  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle traveling on Nunn Drive at a high rate of speed. Driver was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding.

**MAR 28 2004**  
**Sunday 7:55 p.m.**  
Classification: TRAFFIC -  
Vehicle Stop  
Location: UNIVERSITY DRIVE  
Disposition: Closed  
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**MAR 28 2004**  
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Vehicle Stop  
Location: CAMPBELL DRIVE  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle traveling on Campbell Drive at a high rate of speed. Driver was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding and Failure to Produce Insurance Card.

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## campusbriefs

**SGA appoints new senator**  
NKU's Student Government Association appointed freshman Richard Washington to the Senate March 29.

Washington was recommended by SGA President Chris Pace, and was voted in unanimously. Washington's appointment filled an empty hole on the Senate, which is now full with 30 senators.

**Complex may accompany events center**

NKU Foundation officials believe an office, hotel and retail complex may be opening in two years to "complement" the proposed special events center. The complex would be

built on foundation land next to NKU's main entrance to the Highland Heights campus.

**Panhellenic Association wins award for campaign**

The NKU Panhellenic Association received the Gamma Phi Beta Programming Award at the annual Southeastern Panhellenic Conference in Atlanta, Ga., March 27 for their "Sisters Wanted" campaign.

With over 1,300 conference participants, Panhellenic also received a grant for \$250 for their campaign.

"The goals of the program were to combat stereotypes about Greek life, promote [the] campus image of Greek life and

to increase campus visibility of Greek life," according to Tiffany Bellant, assistant director of Student Life. To accomplish these goals, Panhellenic posted fliers with Greek life statistics, hosted the annual "Color Me Greek Party" and participated in FrodoFusion in hopes of providing more information about sororities.

Panhellenic sorority sisters also had T-shirts made that advertised the "Sisters Wanted" campaign and welcomed residence hall students with balloons, cards and door hangers.

Panhellenic concluded the campaign with Safety Week, which the Residence Hall Association co-sponsored.

**Banking seminar to aid students**

NKU's Human Resources/Payroll and Tax Department is sponsoring a Banking Basics seminar Monday, April 5, to inform students, faculty and staff about banking and money management. Held in the University Center room 303 from 12 to 1 p.m., the seminar will cover such topics as how to balance a checkbook, the difference between a debit card and a credit card and budgeting, according to Cathy Wisner, payroll specialist. U.S. Bank will provide lunch for all in attendance. Anyone who wishes to attend must RSVP to Wisner at 572-6137.

## nationalbriefs

**Hearing is first of four 9/11 inquiries**

On March 23 and 24, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States held the first of four hearings to investigate the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The hearing discussed whether the U.S. government properly anticipated the terror attacks. Former and current government officials and terrorism experts gave testimony on the counterterrorism policies of the Clinton and Bush administrations. Witnesses such as former counterterrorism chief Richard Clarke said the Bush administration pursued al-Qaida less aggressively prior to the attacks than the Clinton administration.

The commission will present a report of its findings after the fourth hearing, scheduled for June 8 and 9. The commission is an "independent, bipartisan commission" created in late 2002, according to its Web site.

**Children persecuted as witches in Africa**

Children in Angola and other impoverished areas of Africa have to deal with starvation, illiteracy and poverty on a daily basis. They now also have to fear persecution and death due to suspicion of witchery, according to a March 28 Chicago Tribune report. The article reports that children in Uige, Angola have been "hanged, stoned to death, raped, burned and drowned in rivers after being accused of sorcery." The children range in age from five to teenagers. Officials attribute the surge of fear of witchcraft largely to the effects of the nation's 27-year-long civil war, which ended almost two years ago and left the nation psychologically battered.

# Ky. Senate approves NKU summit

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The proposed Summit for Civic Literacy, which would attempt to increase youth interest in government, was given the green light to be created and held at Northern Kentucky University by the Kentucky Senate March 27.

Senate Joint Resolution 80 passed 34-0 and is now waiting on the governor's signature. Sen. Jack Westwood, R-Crescent Springs, sponsored the resolution, while endorsement came from Secretary of State Trey Grayson, R-Park Hills.

"Young people's civic and political knowledge is inadequate," Westwood said at a Feb. 5 press conference. "Civic literacy is essential to the furthering of representative democracy."

Westwood also referenced a 1998 study by the National Assessment of Education Progress that said nearly one-third of high school seniors lacked a basic understanding of how American government works.

The resolution cited a 2000 study by The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, which found that only 39 percent of Kentucky's youth aged 18 to 24 voted.

Supporters of the summit believe this low turnout of young people at the polls could be a result of the lack of civic literacy.

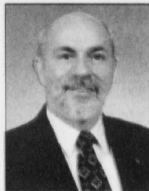
The resolution stated that "individuals who have a clear understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in a representative democracy are more likely to exercise those rights and responsibilities to competent and responsible citizens."

The summit will be formed by the Secretary of State's office, and will be assisted by the Department of Education and the Administrative Office of the Courts, with an ultimate goal of devising a strategy for enhancing civic engagement and literacy in Kentucky.

A plan of action would then be recommended before the 2005 Regular Session of the General Assembly, based on the committee's findings that will be reported to the Office of the Secretary of State no later than Dec. 1.

According to Westwood and Grayson, the summit should be organized this fall.

The resolution calls for the committee to be composed of a "diverse range" of students, teachers and administrators from K-16 education and media, civic organizations and elected officials.



Photograph Contributed  
Sen. Jack Westwood sponsored a resolution that will organize a summit this fall at NKU to try to increase civic literacy in youth.

The NKU Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement will facilitate the summit, with the help of Laurie DiPadova-Stocks, founding director.

# Student Government

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

# Spring Elections

Polling Sites:

- 1) University Center Plaza Level Informations Desk
- 2) Norse Commons Near Cafeteria Entrance
- 3) Nunn Hall 3rd Floor Near Elevators

Wednesday April 14 8am-7pm

Thursday April 15 8am-7pm

Student ID Required to vote

SGA Election website: [www.nkusga.org/election](http://www.nkusga.org/election)

# othernews

## Relay to aid in cancer battle

Donations from national fundraiser will support research, education, advocacy

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Northern Kentucky University will host the first college-based Relay for Life, an annual, worldwide event created by the American Cancer Society to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

Beginning on Friday, April 16 at 8 p.m., the relay is the ACS's signature overnight event in which team members will take turns walking or running around a track at the Albright Health Center.

"The Relay for Life is an overnight event to symbolize that cancer never sleeps," said Mike Tabben, PR chair for the Relay for Life. "The opening ceremony includes an opening lap by cancer survivors. There will also be a luncheon ceremony, often referred to as the 'Ceremony of Hope.' This is a time when each participant remembers those lost to cancer, support those who have cancer, and honor those who have fought off cancer."

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"While those two ceremonies are dealt with in a sentimental way, the Relay For Life is a celebration of life and has plenty of food and drinks provided throughout the night, as well music, games and prizes," he said.

This non-competitive event involves teams consisting of 8 to 15 members who are asked to "raise a minimum of \$100 each" through donations, garage sales, car washes or other events prior to the relay, according to the ACS Web site. T-shirts are given to team members who reach the minimum goal.

"Last year, more than 3,000 communities nationwide participated in Relay for Life and raised more than \$243 million, making the event the largest fundraiser in the U.S.," according to an ACS press release.

"All funds raised at Relay for Life support American Cancer Society programs designed to reduce cancer incidence and mortality through research, education, advocacy and patient services."

Junior Rebecca Hoh, a psychology major at NKU, is a cancer survivor and has been the Cancer Survivor Chair since November 2003.

She was involved in planning this year's Relay for Life at NKU and will also participate in the event.

"I am a cancer survivor, my grandmother lost her battle and my aunt is going through treatment now for breast cancer, so I have several reasons to participate in the relay," Hoh said.

Hoh overcame Retinoblastoma, a form of eye cancer that develops in the cells of the retina of children, typically under the age of five.

"About four months after I was born, my parents noticed that there was something wrong with my eyes; light didn't reflect off my right eye and it was shrinking," Hoh said.

"My eye doctors and parents thought it was just a cataract, so they scheduled a surgery to correct it. When the surgery came, however, my doctors discovered that it wasn't a cataract but rather Retinoblastoma, and it was not only affecting my right eye, but it was starting to affect my left eye as well."

"(My parents) chose to have my right eye removed, and to prevent any further damage to my left eye, they chose to freeze the tumor in the optic nerve in that eye."

"An ocular prosthesis was put in place of my right eye. I was then considered in my 'remission' stage, where I remain in the present."

Hoh said her experiences as a cancer survivor have shaped the person she is today and taught her that "being a cancer survivor isn't something to be ashamed of; it is something to celebrate."

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-Rebecca Hoh

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Hoh continues to celebrate life through participating in the annual relays.

"Relay is important because it celebrates survivorship and it memorializes those who have lost their battle with cancer," Hoh said.

"This event is a good way to get the community involved in a common cause, to find a cure for cancer," she said.

"It gives people the chance to do something for their family, friends, relatives, coworkers, etc. who have been touched by cancer, whether positively - survivorship - or negatively - lost their battle, and it gives hope to those who have been diagnosed with cancer."

The first relay took place in May 1985, when Dr. Gordy Klatt "took the first step of his 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Washington," according to the ACS Web site.

Klatt traveled 83 miles and raised \$27,000, inspiring 220 people to participate in the event the following year.

Since the first relay, 3,800

communities across the United States and eight foreign countries now participate in the Relay for Life.

NKU was selected to host the event because "the American Cancer Society thought that it was a natural fit as college-based relays are growing in number and we are always looking for new communities to have a presence in," Tabben said.

"NKU and the community is a leader in the fight against cancer because the university is 1 of 225 universities participating in this year's relays."

WNKU and Kruger are co-sponsoring the event.

The deadline to register a team was the last week of March.

However, the ACS encourages students and community members to attend the event and support the fight against cancer.

For more information, contact the ACS office of Northern Kentucky at (859) 647-2226, or visit the ACS Web site at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

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The legislature's decision on the state budget will not necessarily cause a tuition hike at NKU, according to Votruba.

"I don't see a further reduction in our budget for next year unless Kentucky revenue falls short," he said.

He said an increase in tuition would be caused by the rising cost of education, which

includes such university needs as improving academic programs, repairing campus buildings, and paying for the mounting cost of health care.

University officials will decide by mid-April how much of a tuition increase to recommend to the Board of Regents, regardless of the General Assembly's decision on the

state budget April 12 and 13. He said it is possible that the General Assembly will not reach a decision when it reconvenes.

"It's hard for me to know how this plays out," he said. "Part of it is making sure we have enough budget reserves in case future cuts are necessary," he said.

Votruba said he hopes to announce the tuition hike decision prior to the May Board of Regents meeting in order to get feedback from students before the board makes its final decision.

The issue of a tuition increase has been a volatile issue on campus since the state announced cuts to postsec-

ondary education funding in January, which included a cut of over \$4 million to NKU funding.

Gov. Fletcher has proposed alternative initiatives, which include funding for the special events center and new student union, as a way to compensate for cuts to NKU base funding from the state.

Votruba said university officials would continue to lobby in Frankfort for the university's needs.

He said state senators and representatives of the Northern Kentucky Region have "really been there for NKU."

"We'll continue to tell NKU's story down there," he said.

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10500	ENG 200.022	INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE	FRIDAY, 3-5:45 PM
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# Renovation

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additional \$2,500 from the Program and Activities Grant, which is overseen by Kelo, Executive Vice President Eric Fegan, and President Chris Pace.

Kelo believes it is very likely SGA will receive the maximum amount from the P&A.

This money, combined with SGA's pledge of \$3,000, would give the project a budget of \$5,500.

"\$5,500 doesn't go a long way when it comes to renovation," Kelo said.

Kelo says that the walls will be painted, new furniture and a television will probably be purchased, and the pool tables should be recovered with this money.

He does not think the entire list of tasks is feasible.

"Two video games would take the whole budget," Kelo said.

Kelo believes another factor of this project is the anticipated new student union center.

He does not think SGA should spend too much money on the game room because it will go through several renovations when the new center is built.

"There's a number of things that space is gonna evolve into when the new student union is built," Kelo said.

"Well, that's still three years down the road. What do we need to do with it now?"

"Giving it a facility is not a bad idea. Students want to have pride in their space."

Ruth says that student organizations might help contribute to the project.

"[The game room] is truly there for the students and student organizations," Ruth said.

"We wrote the resolution in hopes to see that other student organizations will wanna help and see the place improve for their use."

Kelo sees this project as "another step toward trying to generate student spaces that reflect campus spirit."

He said he thinks this renovation will produce similar effects to those that came from the opening of the new Student Involvement Center in the Office of Student Life, which features NKU logo decals on the walls and black and gold decor to reflect school pride.

"[The University Center is typically looked at as] the principal priority of the students," Kelo said.

"This is where students spend a lot of time. Especially that game room—I think only students spend time in there."

Ruth said he is excited that this resolution has passed the Senate. He believes it indicates SGA is fulfilling their duty to serve the students and their interests.

"Since I've started with SGA, I've felt we've not done enough things to give back to students," he said.

"We don't do enough student projects. That's really one of the things that I really want to see changed for SGA."

Ruth said he has hope for the students, we're here more to help them. We don't use enough of our budget to help the students."

The resolution calls for the renovation to take place over the summer, and to be completed for the fall semester.

*"It's a very visible way to impact students and also to generate some goodwill from students to SGA."*

-Kent Kelo

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## Edwards doesn't speak for all students

Dear Editor,  
I just wanted to be the first to  
applaud Steven Edwards on  
being the first person I know to  
read the minds of nearly 15,000  
students.

In his letter to the editor last  
week, "Hixson puts students  
first" he quoted what every  
student thinks about Andy  
Hixson, except me.

I'm sure I'm not alone here,  
but then again, I don't have his  
talent.

Steven also says that Andy  
doesn't do it for the money –  
prove it. Supposedly Andy has  
been cashing checks for work  
he doesn't do.

Well, stop cashing checks  
and start doing work.  
I personally just met Hixson  
this week and he seems like a  
nice guy.

I have nothing against him or  
anyone on his ticket, but I do  
resent comments made about  
Eric Fegan and everyone on his  
ticket.

It all seems like the beginning  
of three weeks of dirty  
politics – cheers to the winner.  
But I guess Steven already  
knows who that is, so let's just  
ask him.

Jeff Covens  
Senior, middle grade education

## Hixson ticket lacks diversity

Dear Editor,  
I am writing this letter in  
response to the article "SGA  
race takes off" (March 24

issue, front page).  
Andy Hixson talks about  
diversity, which is one of the  
core values of NKU, both in his  
interview and his platform.

I don't know what type of  
diversity he is talking about.  
He does not show any interest  
in the international students  
who play a major role in multi-  
culturalism on campus.

On the other hand, the  
Fegan-Pollitt team clearly  
states that they are in favor of  
international scholarships and  
more resources for minorities.

This is the first step in the  
right direction and Andy  
Hixson refuses to take it.

Abdul Kazi  
Senior, informational studies  
(IFS)

## SGA needs wake-up call

Dear Editor,  
I'm amazed at the reality that  
SGA – students elected to represent  
and express the student  
body's voices and opinions  
never seem to really have their  
hand on the pulse of the student  
body.

Often when a bill or constitution  
is passed, it's not something  
that many students know  
or seem to care about.

It seems like SGA is motivated  
more by personal goals and  
ideas when passing these bills  
than the students might like to  
see.

A few months ago, SGA  
wanted to pass a bill that would  
have given them control over  
certain student-run organiza-  
tions, yet I can't think of a reason  
SGA should take over  
funding control.

## editorial note

# Role of SGA unclear

## Group should communicate better with students

### TODD RUDE

Reporter

Now that I'm in my second  
year here at NKU, I've heard a  
lot about the Student  
Government Association.

I've seen the signs and read  
about the elections.

One thing I don't know is  
who these people are or what  
they do.

I understand that it is a group  
of elected student officials, but  
I haven't heard of them really  
doing anything.

I researched their Web site  
extensively and came up with  
nothing in particular that this  
group has done.

They do list six goals on their  
Web site that they are committed  
to, but just looking at the  
first shows how effective they  
are ("Effectively lobbying  
against unfair tuition increas-  
es").

Seriously, I graduate after  
this semester, but tuition is sky-  
rocketing and doesn't look like  
to be coming down any time soon.  
I guess they failed their first  
goal.

I also understand that they are  
allocated funding to spend  
on behalf of the students.

I want to know what they  
buy.

Its Web site had no records  
of spending or any records of  
what they have accomplished.

As stated on their Web site,  
their sixth goal is "Giving all  
students a voice."

Well, I don't believe that  
they ever asked my opinion or  
what the average student  
thinks.

If this group claims to be all  
for me, shouldn't they all know  
them and communicate with  
them?

Something else that troubles  
me is the fact that SGA mem-  
bers can be elected without a  
majority vote and only need  
100 votes to get in.

Do we really want people  
representing us that are elected  
by such a small percentage of

the student body?

Shouldn't our election sys-  
tem at least resemble that of  
our nation in the slightest way?  
I believe it should, and some  
changes should be made.

I will graduate from NKU  
without knowing or really car-  
ing, until now, what the SGA  
does or who they are.

So SGA, if you want to be  
the students' voice, ask them  
what they think.

If you want to be taken seri-  
ously, have a fair election sys-  
tem.

For now, I'm like the informa-  
tion page on the SGA Web  
site: blank.

after another, he said.

The hearings did, however,  
raise some concerns whether  
the Bush administration did or  
did not brush away the al  
Qaeda threat.

If this was indeed the case,  
the perception of Bush being  
tough on terrorism may be  
proven false.

It will be hard to sort through  
the testimonies and rule one  
way or another.

One woman who had lost a  
family member summed up the  
situation when she said in an  
interview with CNN that the  
commission may be heading  
for "paralysis by analysis."

Thankfully though, most  
organizations and people  
involved have learned from the  
mistakes made. Referring to  
prevailing attitudes prior to  
9/11, Clarke said, "People  
(tended) to think you're nuts"  
when you discussed terrorists'  
plots.

Now government officials  
and also the public are much  
quickier to respond to threats of  
any sort.

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## norse poll responses

Compiled by Mark Bennett

Do you think  
NKU athletics  
should move to  
Division I?



Brian Boes  
Junior, radio/television

"Yes. It's better for the school."



Shance Lawrence  
Freshman, nursing

"No. We don't even have  
a football team."



Chris Eisler  
Freshman, undeclared

"No. I don't think we should  
be Division I until we have  
Division I facilities."



Agnieszka Fiszor  
Senior, international studies

"Yes. Let them try."



Nick Behmer  
Sophomore, physical education

"Yes. All the athletics and the  
school are getting bigger, and  
we need more players."

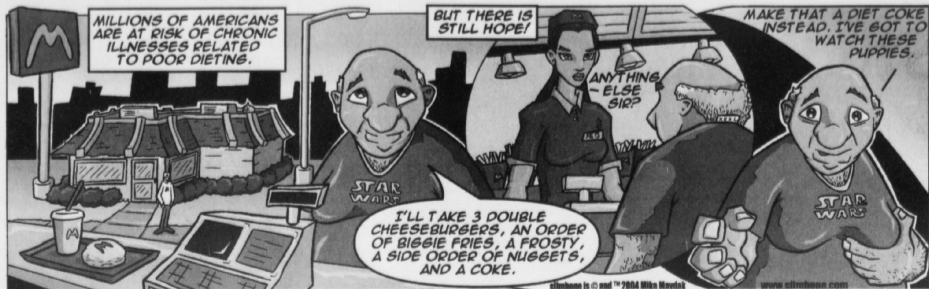


Tom Wilson  
Freshman, undeclared

"Yes. We've shown how good  
we are in Division II.  
It could bring in more revenue  
for the school and could lower  
the tuition increase."

slimbone

by mike maydak



horoscopes

For the week of March 29-April 4, 2004

By Lasha Seniuk, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

**Aries**  
(March 21-April 20)  
Facts, figures and past documents create work controversy over the next few days. Early Tuesday, expect key officials to review progress and ask for faster results. Team leadership or vague instructions may be strong concerns. Avoid group discussion, if possible, and wait for added help. Social relations are also bothersome. After Friday, watch for new friendships to be mildly strained. Competing family values are highlighted; remain diplomatic.

**Taurus**  
(April 21-May 20)  
Over the next few days, watch for unique social proposals or unusual declarations of love. Friends and lovers may reveal their private ideas, feelings or needs. If so, expect the next nine days to bring related romantic discussions, final social changes and complex home decisions. Rekindled love or new promises are needed; remain attentive. After Saturday, home finances may require revised legal agreements or detailed property negotiations. Be consistent.

**Gemini**  
(May 21-June 21)  
Use your own talents to further the knowledge or vision of a fellow worker this week. At present, positive contacts and worthwhile ideas will arise from business cooperation. Watch the medical fields, community services or public relations industries for fast advancement. Wednesday through Saturday, close family members may ask for greater freedom. Restlessness and social boredom are key influences in home relationships. Take time to finalize new group plans.

**Cancer**  
(June 22-July 22)  
Outdated friendships or business partnerships may reappear over the next few days. Although new proposals are promising, clearly state your present-day plans, accomplishments and aspirations. Before next week, firm boundaries will be needed in social and workplace relationships. After Saturday, some Cancerians, especially those born in July, will experience a surprising romantic invitation. Go slow. Unexpected social or family information may soon arrive.

**Leo**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)  
Before Wednesday, loved ones may reveal unexpected opinions, ideas or expectations. Areas strongly affected are relations with older relatives, siblings or long-term family friends. Encourage an atmosphere of positive discussion. Progress and shared understanding are difficult, but available. Thursday through Saturday, financial restrictions will steadily fade. Almost five weeks of limited resources or strained work relations are due to end; plan wisely.

**Virgo**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Social politics or minor differences between friends may be draining over the next few days. Before Thursday, expect friends or loved ones to appear emotionally distant. Allow others their needed private time. Deep thoughts and new revelations will soon lead to sustained growth. Wednesday through Saturday also accent rare business discussions. Authority figures or older relatives may demand serious revision of long-term plans. Remain patient; passions will be high.

**Libra**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)  
Business and social contacts may lead to surprising opportunities. Remain open to all invitations, comments or proposals. Group activities will soon provide a new level of career growth. Expect friends and co-workers to provide valuable advice. Later this week, romantic or social plans may be quickly canceled. Unusual family demands and forgotten obligations are prime concerns. After Friday, watch for rare emotional tangles to become temporarily annoying.

**Scorpio**  
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)  
Colleagues and older officials place advice or assistance. Joint ventures and delicate projects will bring a steady stream of compliments or opportunities. Early Wednesday, discuss new business or job plans with loved ones. Shared ideas will be helpful. Thursday through Sunday, a close friend may announce a group event or planned celebration. Marital status and family decisions are highlighted. Expect sudden announcements.

**Sagittarius**  
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)  
Early this week, ask friends or close relatives for detailed explanations of past events, family gatherings or emotional decisions. Important insight is available. After midweek, watch for key relationships to experience peaceful discussions or renewed intimacy. In the coming weeks, many Sagittarians will rekindle affections with loved ones or resolve past family disagreements. Late Saturday, your ideas, needs and expectations will be taken seriously; don't hold back.

**Capricorn**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)  
Romantic attraction and flirtation are strong influences. After Tuesday, watch for new friends or co-workers to offer rare invitations or sultry comments. Use your best judgment. Over the next six days, emotional proposals may be purposely vague or easily misinterpreted. Remain patient, however, and expect clarity by early next week. Wednesday through Saturday, business resources expand. Carefully study new legal documents. Job proposals are genuine.

**Aquarius**  
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)  
New projects or a secondary application for recent research, paperwork or policies changes may inspire lengthy discussions. Share all suggestions and ideas. Over the next three days, older colleagues will expect active participation. Career options may expand in the coming weeks. Remain attentive to minor legal details. After Thursday, a friend or lover may reveal private social fears. Public embarrassment or family isolation may be key issues; offer heartfelt support.

**Pisces**  
(Feb. 20-March 20)  
Loved ones may request special advice concerning family relations, financial diplomacy or changing roles in the workplace. Don't avoid difficult subjects. Others may need to rely on your awareness of group politics or emotional undertones. After midweek, delightful flirtations and rare social overtures arrive without warning. Someone close may soon offer controversial romantic options. Remain open to sudden love affairs and renewed sensuality.

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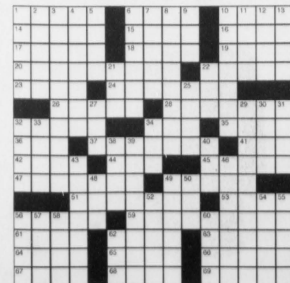
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### wednesday

- Black Women's Organization bake sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 3rd floor of Landrum.
- Zeta Phi Beta bake sale, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Old Science.
- Eating Disorder Screening from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Norse Commons.
- The celebration of Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Regent's Hall. Everyone is invited to this open house where there will be free lunch.
- Norse Visitation Day, 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. Reservations required. Call Maribeth Carskaden at 572-1400.
- "A Positive Discipline for Preschoolers" workshop, 5:30 p.m., BEP 147. Admission is \$5. Call 572-1591 for reservations.

### thursday

- Final Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to noon, 1:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the UC Ballroom, with appointments every 15 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Julie Brindell at 572-6514.
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- Master Advisor Workshop from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in room 240 in Steely Library.
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### friday

- Norse Visitation Day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. Reservations required by calling Maribeth Carskaden at 572-1400.
- The Black Faculty and Staff Association is having their annual Recognition Banquet to recognize student, faculty and staff achievement, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

### friday continued

- The University Housing Little Sibs Weekend will run until Sunday, April 4. It will start today at 5 p.m. and end Sunday at 1 p.m. in Norse Commons. For more information call 1-866-572-5676.

### saturday

- University Housing is having an Open House from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Norse Commons. For more information call 1-866-572-5676.
- A National ACT will be held in room 500 of the Old Science from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- International Student Union's International Potluck, 5 to 8:30 p.m. in Regent's Hall.

### monday

- The Day Them will be in the UC Plaza from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. until Friday, April 9.
- Campus Recreation Center Spring Break for children ages 6 to 12. The adventure camp will run until Friday, April 9 and be from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. For prices and information contact Jill Kleiser at 572-5728.
- Norse Visitation Day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. Reservations required by calling Maribeth Carskaden at 572-1400.
- Military History Lecture from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Budig Theater. "Into the Wilderness: The Lewis and Clark Expedition" lecture will be at 3 p.m. in the Budig Theater.

### tuesday

- There will be a Norse Visitation Day from 12:45 to 3 p.m. in the Steely Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Maribeth Carskaden at 572-1400.
- The Job Expo will be from 2 to 5 p.m. in Regent's Hall.
- The "Soiree Baroque" opera will be in the Black Box Theater at 7:30 p.m.

## Dinner showcases cultures

If you smell the sweet aroma of ethnic cuisine and hear music blasting from Regent's Hall on Saturday, you'll know that the International Student Union is having its annual International Potluck dinner from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

This potluck event will feature a variety of home-made foods from many different countries around the world.

Not only will you get a taste of many different cultures, but you will have the opportunity to enjoy live cultural performances and entertainment.

The events will include the following: a fashion show, a Japanese tea ceremony, Reggae music, international dances from Africa, Caribbean, Indonesia, Pakistan, and India, an American disco presentation, and musical performances ranging from blues to classical.

There will also be an international student guest speaker to talk about the American experience from differing cultural world views.

Anyone interested in attending the event will need to obtain a free food ticket either in advance or at the door.

The event requires that a person bring a homemade dish that will feed eight to ten people.

The cash tickets have already been sold out. "We don't want people to buy tickets," said Joseph Ohermg, social and chair of the International Student Union.

"We're not trying to raise funds, just having fun." "Most international students will make food from their own culture (to share)," he said.

Ohermg said the event is a "showcase of multiculturalism."

The organization expects about 500 students to attend.

If you want to join them, get your apron and your chef hat on and start out from the rest.

(Please, don't forget to wash your hands before you begin!)

To find out more about the International Student Union, you can visit our Web site at [studenthome.nku.edu/isu/](http://studenthome.nku.edu/isu/).



Tim Danner / Assistant Photo Editor  
 The ISU will hold its annual potluck dinner, where students can make and sample fares from around the world.

## THEATRE REVIEW

# 'Heart' a emotional account of war

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With our world in the midst of a war, it's hard to understand what our soldiers are feeling when they are away from home.

But with the fifth play in the Northern Kentucky University's Theatre and Dance Department, audiences have a chance to experience the raw emotions that surface during and after combat.

"A Piece of My Heart" is a story of several women who struggle to survive in Vietnam.

The play is based on a book written by Keith Walker. Playwright Shirley Lauro took Walker's book, which is about 26 women who were in Vietnam, and transferred it into "A Piece of My Heart."

The six women in the play are in Vietnam for various reasons: one to play in a band, one to serve as a head nurse and one as a strategist.

Another serves in the Red Cross, one is a hippie-turned-nurse, and one believes that being a nurse and helping others will be her niche in life.

In his note to the audience, director Michael King said when the department began the play, they did everything possible to make the play as accurate



Photo contributed by the Department of Theatre and Dance  
 (From left to right) Emily Hyberger, Elizabeth Alexander, Melissa Patterson, Karie Miller and Kaitlin Becker (front) star in "A Piece of My Heart," a story that follows the struggles of six women during and after the Vietnam War. This is the fifth edition in the Theatre Department's series.

as it could be.

Under his direction, the seven cast members accomplished this difficult task.

Upon walking into the Black Box Theatre, one immediately enters another world. One that, thanks to the set design, can make the audience feel as if they were leaving Highland Heights for Vietnam.

Once seated, the audience is

then drawn into the experiences of each of the women. The Black Box Theatre was the perfect place to hold the play, because it is so intimate and in-your-face that it only aids in the storytelling.

Even though the stage is enclosed, the transition from scene to scene was done with a subtle smoothness.

One minute the character

would be outside, and the next they would act like they were ducking through a door, while the music and lighting changed. This made it appear as if the character had just entered a psychedelic get-together.

Just like working with a surrounded stage might have been difficult, working with a script that was full of soliloquies must have posed a challenge.

But King put a nice twist on this aspect of the play.

In one scene, instead of having the women talk to the audience about her family or friends and their reactions to her coming departure, King made the other actors on stage act like the family members and name the words while the character spoke.

That stage direction made it

easy to pay attention and was more than beneficial in the telling of this amazing story.

Another benefit the play had was that it called for only seven cast members.

Because of this, no actor stood out from the rest.

Each of them equally portrayed their characters with a passion that truly exemplified the personalities of the character they had become on stage.

Just as the women who worked in Vietnam gave a piece of their heart to every person they took care of, so too did the actors give a piece of their heart to their characters.

King said he wanted to have this play be as accurate as possible.

By the end of the play, the audience can honestly say that, under King's direction, the cast did exactly that.

"A Piece of My Heart" is a great way to learn about Vietnam and the strength of every man and woman who lived through it.

The play runs through

Sunday, April 4 in the Black

Box Theatre on the NKU campus.

Tickets for students are \$6

and \$9 for faculty and staff.

Call the box office at (859) 572-5464 or send an e-mail to [boxoffice@nku.edu](mailto:boxoffice@nku.edu) for tickets.

## MASTICATORS' RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Cheesecake Factory worth the expense

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The Cheesecake Factory is famous for, um, its cheesecake. But the restaurant also offers an extensive menu.

The company also just happened to open up its third restaurant in Ohio, which will be the first to ever grace Cincinnati with its presence.

The location of the new store is at the Kenwood Towne Center, off Montgomery Road in Kenwood.

According to the menu, the company celebrated its 25th anniversary in February 2003.

So The Cheesecake Factory

has been around for a while and is nationally famous, but can it meet the expectations of its team of masticators?

The atmosphere is exquisite, with dim lighting, tall ceilings and large open spaces.

The restaurant has an Egyptian motif, complete with palm trees, giant columns and befitting murals on the ceiling. It looked really expensive, and it was.

The wait seemed a little overwhelming at first (45-60 minutes) but it actually took only 25 minutes.

We made the way to the bar to alleviate the wait. Much to our surprise, domestic bottled beers were \$4.00 each, which is

quite expensive, but we knocked them back like it was spring break.

The appetizer list was elaborate, featuring everything from wings to Thai lettuce wraps.

We settled on the crispy taquitos.

Nothing out of the ordinary here, but the chicken inside them had a nice kick.

Appetizers ranged from \$6.50-9.95, with the exception of the sample platter, which is \$24.95.

The service was adequate, but not that great for the amount of money we spent.

I had the Jamaican black pepper shrimp, because who should know more about good

food than the Rastas?

The shrimp were sautéed in an extremely spicy black pepper sauce and cooled off by a mango salsa.

The dish provided an interesting mix of flavors, but it worked very well.

It was spicy enough to make a grown man cry like Jon Kim after an interception.

Masticator Darby had the herb-crusted salmon fillet, which was served with a mound of mashed potatoes.

"The salmon was cooked to perfection and flaked with a slight touch of the fork. Very tasty, worth every penny," he said.

Masticator LP had the chick-

en madeira, which is a sautéed chicken-breast-covered with melted mozzarella cheese and drowned in a mushroom madeira sauce.

"I chose this because the menu said it was their most popular chicken dish," she said.

For dessert we had (what else) the famous cheesecake.

With 35 flavors to choose from, the decision was daunting.

Before you go...

Location: 7875 Montgomery Rd., near Kenwood Towne Center

Phone: (513) 984-6911

Web site: [www.thecheesecakefactory.com](http://www.thecheesecakefactory.com) (with full menu)

Prices (Entrees): \$8.95 to \$26.95

I'm not a fan of cheesecake, but the chocolate Oreo mudslide was incredible, and instantly changed my anti-cheesecake stance.

Overall, with entrees ranging from \$8.95 to 26.95 and cheesecake from \$5.95 to 7.50, it isn't cheap.

But you should find a way to afford it and see why it has gained such fabulous acclaim.



MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Sunshine' a genre-bending affair

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Imagine if you could erase the memory of an ex-boyfriend or girlfriend. The good times and the bad just simply gone, like the person never existed. Would you choose to forget the entire relationship?

This is the choice faced by Joel and Clementine in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." Jim Carrey is Joel, a shy, vulnerable man taken by surprise when he discovers that his girlfriend of nearly two years, Clementine (Kate Winslet), has erased him from her memory. Completely.

Unable to cope with the news, Joel undergoes the same

procedure to remove Clementine from his mind. Joel must get rid of everything that reminds him of his former love: gifts, drawings, pictures, and every other possible memento.

With the mind-altering procedure complete, neither Joel nor Clementine have any recollection of each other.

However, a chance encounter on the subway may be just the thing to rekindle a forgotten love.

"Eternal Sunshine" isn't a drama, a comedy, a romance or a science fiction movie. Rather, it is a perfect mix of all those genres. The result is one of the most fascinating films you'll ever see.

Charles Kaufman, who wrote

"Adaptation" and "Being John Malkovich," has penned another excellent movie, full of colorful dialogue and interesting plot twists.

Carrey's performance is a far cry from his "Ace Ventura" days. It would not be a surprise if he wins a few awards for his work in this movie.

The same could be said for Winslet, as the chemistry between the two main characters was perfect.

Elijah Wood and Kirsten Dunst also star in the film and add two interesting subplots that keep the movie fresh throughout.

"Eternal Sunshine" is a must-see movie you won't want to erase.



You can erase someone from your mind. Getting there and all your heart is another story.

Photo contributed by Focus Features  
Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet play ex-lovers who try to have their memories of each other erased.

BAND PROFILE

# Krinj going strong with new lineup, CD

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Over the past few years, the members of Krinj have created quite a big following in the local music scene with their "new alternative rock" sound. The band's new lineup is finally in place, and they hope to have their second CD out by mid-summer of 2004.

Members, Brandon Migliorisi (lead vocals, guitars), Ben Franks (bass, vocals), Ian Bolender (lead guitar, vocals), and Markie Schulte

(drums, percussion) finalized the group in 2003 after former member Kelly Osage left the band in December of 2002.

The group recruited Schulte as a replacement.

After changing the lineup, the band said it has developed its sound, point of view and knowledge of the music world.

"We have since become much more professionally minded as far as playing shows and opening up for national acts," said Bolender, an undeclared sophomore at NKU.

Krinj has shared the stage

with national acts such as Koxfex, Tokyo Rose, and Hey Mercedes.

Krinj has been making quite a name for themselves at venues such as The Mad Frog, Radio Down and York Street Cafe.

The band also performed at NKU's Residential Village for a continuing series of concerts called "Rock the Halls."

The band has been performing quite a bit recently in order to promote its new CD, scheduled for release this summer.

"We've been working on the CD for seven months, but

money has been an issue," said Schulte, a senior history major.

"We already owe Brandon a ton of money and have to repay him before we spend more money."

But Krinj said that with a lot of positive attitude, hard work and CD promotion, the album should be quite a success.

This frame of mind has helped to create a large fan base for the group.

With musical influences such as Cobain and Cambray, Third Eye Blind, Ani DiFranco, and Abandoned Pools, Krinj's music has a pop, radio-friendly

sound, with a few emotionally, dark songs.

Songs such as "Our Last Night" shine with strong high notes and melodic guitar parts.

Other songs such as "Not That I Care" and "Dream" are so amazingly catchy that you can't help but sing along.

While on stage, Krinj has a few of their own favorites. "Nothing Left" is a great song. I feel like it has the most raw emotion of any song I've ever played," said Migliorisi, an undeclared sophomore.

The pop-like melodies and clean vocals can be compared

to the likes of The Juliana Theory or Anadivine.

While most of the band's lyrics may pertain to everyday life, band members hope to make a strong impression on the music scene and have fun doing it.

"I just want to get successful enough to use the band as a means of saying thank you to everyone in my life," Bolender said.

So while the CD is still in the works, Krinj will continue to perform at local venues.

Stop out and see them and support the local music scene.

## Where The Party Never Ends...

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**SAT, APRIL 3, 9 PM**  
Elanore, Angel of Disgrace, Michael J. Mollo, Arminia & Blaq Lily and Six or Seven

**SUN, APRIL 4, 8 PM**  
Chris Demele with special guest Harmony Gullette

**MON, APRIL 5, 8 PM**  
NCAA Basketball National Championship Game and Indoor Cornhole Tournament

**THU, APRIL 8, 9 PM**  
Worth, Langus and Spindle

**FRI, APRIL 9, 9 PM**  
Fine Art, Hudson Thrush, American Hardcore, Strip the Image and Patient Zero

**SAT, APRIL 10, 9 PM**  
Gardenhose, Waterproof Blonde, Small Town Sleeper and Karizmata

**SUN, APRIL 11, 9 PM**  
The Big Wu

**THU, APRIL 15, 9 PM**  
JK McKnight, 2 Days Away, Chris Demele

**FRI, APRIL 16, 9 PM**  
The Reck

**SAT, APRIL 17, 9 PM**  
The Chippendales

**WED, APRIL 21, 7:30 PM**  
Asleep at the Wheel w/ opening act The New Radio Cowboys

**THU, APRIL 22, 9 PM**  
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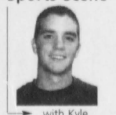
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Sports Scene



with Kyle

# NCAA gives fans a thrill

What is it about the first two weekends of the NCAA tournament that captates the nation's attention?

If not for the tournament, who would ever root for Nevada, Pacific or Marquette?

Who would even know where Valparaiso is?

The month of March is a college basketball fan's most exciting time of year.

If your favorite team fails to make it to the "big dance," it can leave you feeling as unfulfilled as a December without Christmas.

When the brackets come out, every fan feels like an expert. That is, until noon on Thursday comes around and the madness begins.

Thurston Lactner was the Wolfpack of Nevada who caught the attention of the nation.

The country loves to see the underdog knock off the perennial contender.

It captures the spirit of Horatio Alger all in one weekend.

The month of March has made legends out of superstars and unknowns alike.

Even after 14 seasons in the NBA, one all-star game appearance and a strong showing in the Olympics, Christian Laettner was never more known for his last-second shot to beat Kentucky in the 1992 NCAA tournament.

Who remembers that Pete Carril coached the Princeton Tigers, knocking off defending champion UCLA in the first round of the 1996 tournament behind an impressive display of back-door cuts and strong defense.

So it was Xavier and Nevada playing the role of David knocking off Goliath this year.

Who will play the role next year?

Will it be Monmouth knocking off Duke?

Maybe Winthrop taking down North Carolina.

The only thing you can be sure is that it will happen, and when it does, it will draw thousands of people's bracket predictions across the country.

You can't predict the upsets, but you can (and will cheer for those underdogs who are fighting to make a name for themselves, if only for a year.

This is why sports fans love the NCAA tournament.

Even if your team gets ousted from the tournament, you will still be excited to watch a game where a 13 seed is going to upset a four seed.

You will continually follow these "Cinderella stories," because you begin to feel a certain loyalty towards the underdog teams.

I've rooted for Weber St., Detroit, Miami, Ohio, Southwest Missouri State, the College of Charleston, and so on and so on and so on.

Not because I was a fan of the story that they were creating in front of a national audience.

I don't remember any players from any of those teams. I do remember the drama that played out on the court, however.

It's fun.

Unless it's your team that's getting upset.

Then it's an entirely different feeling altogether.

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# Northern sports

# Good scores NKU win, Lewallen sets record

RENSSELAER, Ind. - Junior right-hander Rick Wood allowed just four hits in six innings Sunday as the Northern Kentucky University baseball team defeated Saint Joseph's College, 7-1, in the first game of a doubleheader.

Wood now 4-1 this season - also finished with six strikeouts for the Norse, who broke open a close game by scoring five runs in the sixth inning. Jerrod Fraley was 1-for-3 with a home run and two runs batted in, while Justin Mundt was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

In the nightcap, Saint Joseph's avoided the sweep by posting an 8-1 victory over the Norse.

NKU, who swept a doubleheader from Saint Joseph's on Saturday, is now 13-13 overall and 6-6 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

NKU will travel to Ashland, Ohio, on Tuesday for a doubleheader against Ashland University at 1 p.m.

Krystal Lewallen hurled a four-hit shutout Saturday and became Northern Kentucky University's all-time career leader in strikeouts as the Norse posted a 2-0 victory over Grand Valley State University at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference/Great Lakes Valley Conference Challenge.

Lewallen, a sophomore pitcher from Crestwood, Ky., struck out 11 Grand Valley State batters to pass Kim Bina on NKU's career strikeout list with a total 320.

Lewallen also upped her season record to 14-1 with the victory as eighth-ranked NKU defeated 14th-ranked Grand Valley State.

Heather Cotner had a run-scoring single to lead the Norse offense. Megan Owens and Becky Napier each scored runs for NKU, which defeated Grand Valley State pitching ace Jennifer Mackson.

NKU also posted a 4-0 win over Wayne (Mich.) State University on Saturday, and the Norse completed the day with a 4-3 victory in eight innings against the University of Findlay.

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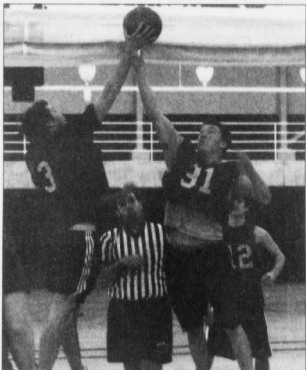
Results from the GLIAC/GLVC Challenge (at Peoria, Ill.)
NKU 2, Grand Valley St. 0
NKU 4, Wayne St. 0
NKU 4, Findlay 3 (8)
NKU 5, Ashland 0



Tem Downer / Assistant Photo Editor  
Krystal Lewallen continued her impressive season, winning four games over the weekend in the GLIAC/GLVC Challenge in Peoria, Illinois. Lewallen has posted a 17-1 record with a 0.18 ERA and 144 strikeouts through Monday.

# Intramural sports crown champs

Attendance on the rise as 51 student teams battle through regular season for championship shot



Candy Kesser / Photographer  
Students who look to stay competitive participate in intramurals at NKU. Basketball is by far the most popular intramural sport offered.

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Northern Kentucky University's spring intramural basketball season came to an end March 27 with the "Night of Champions" in Regents Hall.

Winners were crowned from five different divisions throughout the day, with the grand finale Men's A-League Championship occurring during at 8 p.m.

The tournament was the culmination of eight weeks of play where 51 teams in seven divisions battled for supremacy each week at the NKU's Recreational Center.

The Men's A Division was split up into eight fraternity teams and 12 independent teams.

The bracket winners faced off in Saturday's final game.

Twelve teams were entered in the Men's B Division for the season. Two additional men's teams were in the C division. There were also six alumni teams, three co-ed teams, and three women's teams.

"Men's A is a very competitive division," Assistant Director of Recreational Programs Jill Kleiser said. "Men's B is less competitive, and Men's C is just a recreational division."

The teams were seeded for the tournament according their records for the season. "We break them down by fraternity and non-fraternity for the playoffs," Kleiser said.

According to Kleiser, this year's spring intramural turnout was at least equal to, or may even have surpassed, last year's turnout for participation.

"I believe we have more participation in spring basketball," Kleiser said.

"In the fall season, we have a 2-day [basketball] tournament and we had 17 teams entered for that. Having that [the tournament] in the fall gets us ready for this league, and also gets our officials prepared for it. So I think the active participation is up."

In Saturday's games, NPHC defeated the Braves for the Men's A Independent Championship. Pike A defeated ATO A for the Men's A

Fraternity Championship. Can't Touch This won the Co-Ed Championship, defeating the Mustangs.

KB's Baller's, who defeated Theta Phi Alpha, won the women's championship.

NOK took the Men's B Championship with a win over Project Mayhem.

In the final game, for the Men's A Overall Championship, NPHC defeated like A.

The winners of each division won t-shirts.

Teams are awarded points for their finish during basketball, which are figured into crowning overall intramural champions for independent, sorority and fraternity teams, spanning all sports.

The overall champions receive trophies at the end of the season.

Games were played at the recreational center Sunday, Tuesday, or Wednesday during the season.

Participation in intramurals has several benefits.

"First of all, it's fun," Kleiser said. "You meet a lot of people and you get to stay in shape."

# MLB: Yankees may come out on top

By ROBERT JOHNSON  
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Josh Beckett became a hero with one swoop of a glove. On October 25, during game six of the 2003 World Series, Beckett fielded a ball on the first base line, and tagged out New York's Jorge Posada, giving the Marlins their second world championship. Five months after the improbable, I give you a word of advice: do not expect the same thing in 2004.

Here is a look at the lay of the land in Major League Baseball as we rapidly approach opening day.

**AL East:** Predicted order of finish: 1. New York, 2. Boston, 3. Toronto, 4. Baltimore, 5. Tampa Bay

The American League East will once again be a team race. The Yankees and Red Sox follow up their epic seven game ALCS with a race for the ages.

In New York, a trade for

three-time AL MVP Alex Rodriguez, coupled by the signing of all-star Gary Sheffield, sets up a spectacular Yankee lineup with just about every starter having a shot for the All Star Game. Boston will counter with new pitcher Curt Schilling, a perennial Cy Young candidate, as well as Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra. While Baltimore and Toronto appear to be rapidly improving, the race will fall between the Yankees and the Sox. Lou Pinella isn't enough for Tampa as the patience of most gulf-coasters is wearing thin.

**AL Central:** Predicted order of finish: 1. Minnesota, 2. Chicago, 3. Detroit, 4. Kansas City, 5. Cleveland  
Ron Gardenhire has the Twins exactly where he wants them, and Minnesota should easily win its third straight Central Division pennant. The Sox, under new manager Ozzie Guillen, will have to rely on the little they have in order to make another pennant run. Detroit,

who lost 119 games in 2003, will make a strong run toward respectability with the acquisition of Series-winning catcher Pudge Rodriguez. After the acquisition of Juan Gonzalez, the Royals should be improved on offense, but it shouldn't be enough to hang with the rest of the division. Cleveland has nothing, and with Detroit expected to greatly improve, look for Cleveland to run bust this year.

**AL West:** Predicted order of finish: 1. Oakland, 2. Seattle, 3. Anaheim, 4. Texas  
The lack of labor will finally shine on Oakland, and other offseason acquisitions will give them their fourth division title this decade.

Seattle should lag behind not expect them to lead the West in any year. Anaheim will rely on Vladimir Guerrero to stay in the middle of the pack. Texas could surprise people without A-Rod, but don't count on it.

**NL East:** Predicted order of

finish: 1. Atlanta, 2. Philadelphia, 3. Montreal, 4. Florida, 5. NY Mets

Atlanta will win its 14th straight division title - enough to make them a contender, and should clinch the wild card. Wow, I didn't even know the Expos were still in Montreal! The only thing going for Florida is Jack McKeon and Josh Beckett. The Mets are hopeless.

**NL Central:** Predicted order of finish: 1. Houston, 2. Chicago, 3. St. Louis, 4. Pittsburgh, 5. Milwaukee, 6. Cincinnati

Andy Pettite and Roger Clemens will skyrocket the Astros into the top of the NL, then again, so will the Cubs' combination of Mark Prior, Kerry Wood and Greg Maddux. St. Louis will remain in the middle of the pack if Albert Pujols remains healthy. Pittsburgh and Milwaukee are finally starting to get their heads together. I am ashamed to be a

Reds fan! The way they are doing, they have the capability of reaching the century mark in losses.

**NL West:** Predicted order of finish: 1. San Francisco, 2. Los Angeles, 3. San Diego, 4. Arizona, 5. Colorado

San Francisco's main offense will once again come from the powerful Barry Bonds. L.A. still has the firepower to catch up with the Giants. San Diego will need to keep David Wells healthy to stay in it. Arizona is definitely losing its punch. Colorado is still a flat liner.

In the playoffs, the NL will have Atlanta, Houston, San Francisco and the Cubs or Phillies as the wildcard. The AL will have New York, Minnesota, Oakland and Boston. The Braves may pull off a shocker in the NL, while New York will advance in a washout.

In the end, it may very well be the Yankees overpowering everyone, AGAIN, to win the 2004 World Series.

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# hotseat



with John Rasp

In this week's *Hot Seat*, John Rasp interviews NKU softball pitcher Emily Breitholtz.

She is both a student-athlete and enrolled in the Athletic Training program at NKU.

March is Athletic Training Month.

**John Rasp:** Besides pitcher, what position would you like to play?

**Emily Breitholtz:** I used to play first base in high school, so that would probably be my first choice. I would also like to be placed back into the hitting lineup. As a pitcher, I don't get to bat anymore.

**JR:** Which softball player is the most superstitious?

**EB:** It is probably either me or the other pitcher, Krystal Lewallen. She came over to me yesterday and told me that I had only given up one hit so don't give up anymore hits or let any runs score. Right after that I gave up a hit and walked a batter. Me and her are probably the biggest ones.

**JR:** What player or coach is most likely to get tossed from a softball game?

**EB:** Definitely Chip

(Assistant Coach Chip Gregg) He likes to speak his mind and run his mouth a little bit.

**JR:** Shaun Erie said in last week's *Hot Seat* that he could hit a fast-pitch softball player. Do you think you could strike him out?

**EB:** Yes. Definitely. Considering he had a .250 batting average last year, I'm not too worried about him.

**JR:** What kind of pitches would you pitch to Shaun to strike him out?

**EB:** We could start off throwing the heat. Maybe if he started to catch up to that, I'd go offspeed and maybe some moving pitches.

**JR:** Do you think any softball players could hit a NKU baseball pitcher?

**EB:** Yes. I think baseball pitching is a lot easier to hit

than fast-pitch softball, because they are farther away.

**JR:** Which softball players would have the best chance at hitting a NKU baseball pitcher?

**EB:** I would put Angie (Lindeman) up there, or one of our leadoff hitters, Ricki (Rothbauer) or Leimi (Stephanie Leimbach) to drop a little bunt off to get on.

**JR:** What's the weirdest injury you've ever seen in the athletic training program?

**EB:** When a softball player was at bat and she tipped it off her shin. Her shin got really big and she still has to wear a brace on it.

**JR:** Fact or Fiction: The athletic training motto is "nice fixes everything"?

**EB:** Definitely fiction. Ice

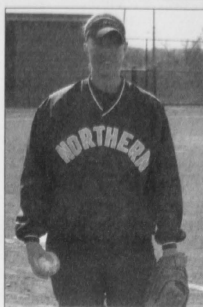
helps a lot with swelling and internal injuries, but there are many more methods to treat injuries.

**JR:** How hard is it to balance Athletic Training and being an athlete?

**EB:** It's not really that hard, but it's more time management. You definitely have to separate yourself from when you're an athlete and have to go into the training room. You also have to switch from being a professional in the athletic training room to an athlete just using the room.

**JR:** What do you plan to do with your athletic training degree after you graduate?

**EB:** I would like to move to Hawaii after I graduate, and then get an athletic training job down there at either a college setting or a clinical setting.



Tim Downer / Assistant Photo Editor  
Emily Breitholtz is one of two dominant pitchers leading the Norse to a 29-2 record this season.

# UConn, Ok. St. look good in Final Four

## NCAA Picks



with Dominick Wise

## Duke Blue Devils vs. Connecticut Huskies

This is a game that features two future Hall of Fame coaches: UConn's Jim Calhoun and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski.

Both teams have two of the best front court players in college basketball: UConn has Emeka Okafor and Duke has Shelden Williams.

Both players are dominant

shot blockers. If one of these two players gets in foul trouble, then their team could be in trouble.

Okafor has played outstanding so far in this tournament, despite playing with back pain. UConn's back court is one of the best in the nation.

Ben Gordon and Talik Brown have been playing their best basketball of the season in this tournament.

This is a team that has breezed through the NCAA tournament.

This game should be UConn's first true test of the tournament.

Duke is on a roll. The team won its first three games of the tournament by an average of 10 points or more, until Sunday, when it had to fight and survive a hungry Xavier team and won by only three points.

Duke has one of the best three-point shooters and free-throw shooters in the nation in J.J. Redick.

If J.J. is on fire in this game, UConn could be in major trouble.

This is a very exciting game, with both teams barely having any weaknesses.

Both know how to light up a scoreboard.

I think Emeka Okafor will be too much inside for Shelden Williams and company to handle.

If Okafor's back gives him some fits, however, I would go with Duke in this contest.

Prediction:  
UConn 87 Duke 80

## Oklahoma State Cowboys vs. Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

This is a game that features two outstanding defensive teams. Eddie Sutton has the Cowboys playing very aggressively. Their style of defense makes up for not having a true center.

The Yellow Jackets started this season on fire, winning its first 10 games. They have one of the nation's best back courts in BJ Elder and Jarrett Jack, who had a career game against Kansas in the Elite Eight.

What a job Yellow Jackets coach Paul Hewitt has done in his first year. He is a rising star in the coaching profession. No one would have thought he could lead the Yellow Jackets to the Final Four.

The Cowboys' back court is

also very talented. Tony Allen and John Lucas will be running the Cowboys' offense.

The question is, will Tony Allen's physical style of play expose Georgia Tech's weakness, which could be BJ Elder, who is playing with a torn ankle. The Cowboys' backcourt needs to bring its A-game, because GT's frontcourt is big and dominant.

GT's frontcourt features 7-0 footer Luke Schenscher, who was flawless against Kansas.

He is known for beating double teams by setting up his teammates for jumpers, and he knows how to control the boards.

Clarence Moore has also played a big role in GT's success. His challenge in this game will be to disrupt the game of Joey Graham's, the Cowboy's best front court man.

If Schenscher gets in foul trouble and Elder's ankle doesn't heal enough for him to be 100 percent in this game, GT could be in serious trouble. They were able to survive against Kansas without Elder, but they will need him to help control the Cowboys' back court.

I like the Cowboys in this game. I think Eddie Sutton will finally get his shot at a national championship. I think he will get the Cowboys fired up for this one.

This team will be playing with a lot on their mind, such as the tragic plane crash that killed coaches and players. They will be very hungry and determined to fight to the end.

Prediction:  
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# Whiskey teaches life lessons

## Maker's Mark CEO takes NKU students on a tour of how his family created a proud Ky. tradition: by taking risks, seizing opportunities

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**K**entucky pride is based on many traditions, such as thoroughbred horse racing, college basketball, and bourbon. Students from Northern Kentucky University's Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization had a chance to experience the bourbon scene first-hand when they visited the Maker's Mark distillery on March 5.

Jeff Varrone, a graduate student studying public administration and president of the club, said the reason the group went was not just to check out how bourbon was made, but also to see how entrepreneurs handle themselves in the working world.

"Every semester the Entrepreneur Institute brings in a reasonable known successful entrepreneur," Varrone said. "This allows for students to interact with businesses as well as listen to the entrepreneur together."

Bill Samuels Jr., CEO and president of Maker's Mark, was the speaker chosen to appear in front of the group in October 2003.

It was for this reason that the group had the opportunity to visit the distillery.

The other reason was because Samuels is one of the Kentucky's finest entrepreneurs, according to Varrone. He said Samuels was voted Kentucky's "Entrepreneur of the Year" in 1995.

Entrepreneurs are people who, when the opportunity to take a calculated risk comes into play, will do it, according to Varrone.

Rodney D'Souza, a member of the group, said that "Entrepreneurship is basically going out there and taking risks, and willing to accept that the risk you are taking is going to pay off or not pay off."

A risk Samuels and his company took was when they decided to cater their bourbon to the "everyday cocktail drinker," Varrone said. "Back in the day, bourbon was considered the old man's drink. That's the way it's always been perceived in the cocktail culture."

Varrone said that people's perception on bourbon has changed now, thanks to Maker's Mark. "Samuels' work and his influence personally changed the bourbon industry into the everyday cocktail drink," Varrone said.

"His work has brought bourbon into the every day drink, and now other distillers are trying to promote the same image," Varrone said.

"That's why you see the rise in the bourbon industry," The Samuels family has been in the bourbon industry since 1779.

It all started with the great-great-great-grandfather of Samuels, who not only was a farmer in Kentucky, but also produced whisky on the side to keep him and a few friends happy.

In 1951 Samuels' father, Bob, decided to change the recipe of the whisky so that it didn't have the bite that many bourbons and whiskeys are known for.

He used corn as the main ingredient and tested his theory by mixing it with red winter wheat and malted barley in his kitchen.

In 1952, Samuels' mother, Martha, came up with the idea for the packaging of the product. Samuels told the

group how the famous wax seal came into existence.

"They were looking at the bottle, and a way to market it, and she thought of dipping it in wax," D'Souza said.

Samuels told the NKU entrepreneurs that his father didn't want to dip the product in wax.

In the end his mother won the argument, however, and now every bottle of

Maker's Mark is dipped in the traditional red wax.

"Even though they are making it on an international level, they still do everything hand-dipped," Varrone said.

"It's a tough process, too, because you don't want to over-dip or under-dip, so there is this quick hand movement they have to make."

"They probably mess up one out of a hundred and then it runs down a little. That's why every bottle when you go to the store is unique."

The group who went on the tour had a chance to dip their own bottles and take them home as a souvenir.

It was a

great keepsake of the entire experience of interacting with a CEO and president of the company, according to Varrone.

"Having Bill take us on the tour gave us a chance to get an inside look," he said.

"When I step back and think about the fact that he took the time to spend with a few students from NKU, that makes it a really neat experience."

Samuels spent about three hours with the group, showing them the entire distillery and the process it takes to make the famous Kentucky bourbon.

"It impressed me too, that he gave the tour for us," Varrone said. "He was so willing and open to do this that it blows me away."

Varrone said that while not all groups will have a chance to have a tour given by a CEO, everyone will have a chance to experience the bourbon.

During the tour people actually have a chance to taste, touch and smell the product at every level.

At one point in the tour, the group came upon the bourbon in the early stages.

"The grains working together were in these huge vats," Varrone said. "He let us taste it right there. It was pretty grainy and it sort of tasted like a very strong beer."

Tasting and seeing the product wasn't the only thing that made Varrone happy to be there.

Varrone said by being there and experiencing the product and at the same time being with the man who loves the state of Kentucky and what it's done for bourbon made him understand how people in this state can be so proud of the product.

"I'm not from Kentucky, so Maker's didn't have the history or pride for me when I was out of the state," Varrone said.

"But since I've been here it's definitely made me a fan."

Samuels, while being a fan of the product, is also a fan of the people who love Maker's Mark.

"He gives back, he has good deals and opportunities for the people who love his bourbon," Varrone said.

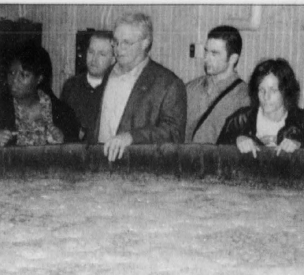
"He loves giving stuff away because he loves seeing people's interest. He loves the people that love what he does."

Since returning from the tour, both Varrone and D'Souza are happy about the experience.

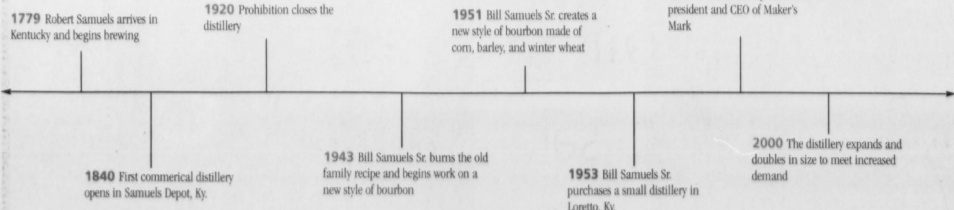
They said they couldn't wait to take another tour at the distillery located in Loretto, Ky., or maybe even set up another similar event with different entrepreneurs in the future.

The group's next event is a lunch series, which will be held later this semester.

To learn more about the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization, visit its Web site at [www.35ci.org](http://www.35ci.org).



Photos contributed by Giles Hertz  
 From top to bottom: CEO Bill Samuels Jr. (second from left) leads the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization on a tour of the distillery grounds; The group inspects vats of the 'beer' that will become some of Kentucky's most recognized bourbon; Tapping the oak barrels that house the aged bourbon; Workers add the trademark red wax to the finished product.





# Job Expo '04

## Students to 'test drive' careers

Cooperative education gives students chance to gain experience, learn job skills



Photo contributed by the Career Development Center  
NKU co-op students working at Procter and Gamble Co. show their school pride

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Let's face it: Some college students are prepared when they graduate, while others are not quite as ready to face the challenges of the working world.

But hoping for a lucky break after graduation wasn't in Kristy Eversole's agenda. This NKU senior used the cooperative education program to start working in her field, industrial and labor relations, while she was still in school.

"The biggest advantage would probably be just getting my foot in the door and having experience in the business world," Eversole said.

Eversole now works for Procter and Gamble as a recruiter. She reviews resumes, schedules interviews, and helps with job fairs.

Once she graduates, her path will already be paved to begin a career with P&G.

She said she has an "advantage over fresh graduates who have never been in the business."

When you leave college for the "real world," full of careers and commitments, you don't want to be left in the dust.

The cooperative education program at NKU can help you take the lead.

Experience is the number one thing students lack when they graduate with a college degree, according to Jeff Schwierjohann, science co-op coordinator. Unfortunately, experience is the number one thing employers are looking for.

"Your degree is only part of your qualifications when you graduate," Schwierjohann said. "Co-op gives students a big jump on the competition."

In essence, the co-op program is an effort to prepare students for graduation and the harsh reality of the "real world."

### What is Co-op?

Cooperative education programs began close to home at the University of Cincinnati's engineering college. NKU's center started in 1976, and it has become an intrinsic part of NKU and the surrounding area.

Cooperative education is a division of the Career Development Center (CDC) that allows students to work while earning class credit. The primary focus of co-op is to prepare students for employment after college.

Co-op is a requirement for some majors and optional for others. The jobs are paid, planned and supervised, and typically in your field of study.

See Co-op, page 2

## Get the best from job fair

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With the help of job fairs, hunting for a job in our slowly-recovering economy won't be as difficult as many tend think.

"There are a lot of jobs out there," said Marcia Miller, assistant director of the Career Development Center (CDC) at Northern Kentucky University. "Getting an entry-level position isn't that bad."

According to surveys, jobs for college graduates will increase 8 to 12 percent in the next year.

And Kentucky's unemployment rate decreased from 6 percent last year to 5.2 percent, according to The Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Miller said attending a job expo is a good start to the job hunt.

"It's good for undergraduates to see who is out there," she said.

But just showing up is not enough: You still need to do some work.

NKU students will have a

chance on Tuesday, April 6 to attend a job fair held in Regents Hall from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This year there are over 80 companies will have tables set up in the hall.

When attending a large job expo such as the CDC-sponsored event, there are a few simple tips for increased success.

Obviously in such a large job fair, it's physically impossible to visit every table.

"Target, then shop," Miller advised. "There are opportunities for every single major."

Even though you aren't going to visit every table, Miller said it would be detrimental to visit just one.

"It's a waste of a good job fair to look at one table," she said.

Miller said to have several companies in mind and visit their Web sites for more information before you go.

This type of research is vital when attending a large job fair.

A company's Web site is the best resource, Miller said.

Knowing information such as the company's history and mission statement will impress potential employers. This can

also help you formulate questions of your own and make you more confident when approaching a representative.

"Employers aren't going to reach out and grab you," Miller said. "You have to walk up and be assertive, and introduce yourself."

"This is more of a networking opportunity than an interview," Miller said.

Communication skills are vital.

A handshake, eye contact, and other basic interpersonal skills will only improve an employer's impression of you.

Miller added that even though some tables might offer free things, don't walk about to the company, grab the stuff and leave.

"Go up and talk to the company before asking for the free stuff," Miller said.

According to Miller, how you dress plays a key role in a potential employer's initial perception.

"I think you need to dress for it — not a three piece suit, but something to set you apart from students coming from class,"

said Miller.

Another thing that you will need to set you apart from other students is your resume, Miller said.

CDC offers resume help to students in need.

However, Miller gave a few pieces of advice: The resume can be general, but it is important to outline your skill set and education background.

Miller said that you should highlight your skills, which will only help in selling yourself to the company.

Miller also suggested avoiding "the buddy system."

"It's easier to sell one person instead of two," she said.

Once you are finished making the rounds of the tables you wanted to visit and have introduced yourself to the company, then you can just relax.

"After you have gone through, you can eat all the food you want."

She added that students should make time to come to the event.

"This event's worth doing. It's worth students' time."

## Clothes, not the grade, make the student

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Being interviewed for a potential job is stressful enough, and worrying about what to wear adds to the pressure.

But the old saying holds true: You never get a second chance to make a first impression.

"We would never base a hiring decision on what the candidate is wearing, but first impressions are very important," said AAA Human Resources director, Shannon Groendyke.

Contrary to popular belief, you should always dress your best, regardless of what type of job you are interviewing for.

As if you weren't worried enough, you now have to worry about fitting the fashion police.

But fret not — the CDC has compiled some fashion tips to help you during that make-it-or-break-it moment.

### •For women

First of all, be clean and collected. Having bad breath or dirty nails can be an immediate failure. Don't wear too much make-up, jewelry or perfume.

And don't come to your interview disheveled and in a hurry. You will seem more capable if you're cool and together.

Women interviewees should always wear a quality, well-fitted pant or skirt suit.

If you choose a skirt suit, be wary of the length. A skirt that is too short may be considered offensive to some employers. Below the knees is probably your safest bet.

A button-up shirt with a collar is also a good choice, and it should complement your suit.

Black, charcoal, navy, gray, beige and brown colors are preferred. The shirt, as well as the suit, must be clean and well pressed.

Your shoes should always be closed toed and well-polished. Steer clear of trendy shoes — the classic look is the safest option. If you choose to wear heels, they should be no larger than two inches. You don't want to put literal use to the term "break a leg."

For cooler days, a turtleneck or light sweater is acceptable. Also, dressy boots can be worn to accent the outfit.

Remember: Be professional, not fashionable.

### •For men

Yes, guys, you have to be clean too. And watch out: Don't overdo that cologne!

Don't use too much gel either. It's not as professional as simply clean, well-groomed hair.

Men should always wear a good quality, tailored suit, freshly cleaned and pressed.

Dark or neutral colors are recommended; preferably black, charcoal, gray, beige, navy or brown.

The suit should always be complemented with a tie and button-up shirt with a collar.

Your shoes should always be polished and in good condition.

**Money-saving tip:** Spice up your look by mixing and matching shirts with ties in contrasting colors. You'll look fresh every time you come to work.

Overall, your credentials are of highest importance. But what you wear can be the difference between making the cut and having to press your suit again for another interview.

Look professional, but don't overdo it. Simple, classic and sophisticated are your best bets.

Good luck.



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# Job Expo '04

## 'E-recruiting' sells student resumes

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If you're having trouble finding a "real" job, or if you're just sick of classified ads, you can search for jobs and post your resume using the Career Development Center's online

"eRecruiting" program. "Any student can come in, and we will give them access," said Kelly Harper, manager of co-op education.

This Web-based program offers students the opportunity to search for jobs, post resumes, research employers, and keep tabs on career options, all with a few clicks of a mouse.

And added bonus? It's free. According to the Web site at [www.e recruiting.com](http://www.e recruiting.com), the system hosts more than 100,000 employers and 400,000 job and internship opportunities.

The most desirable aspect is that the site lists employers that are "specifically interested in NKU students," Harper said. However, students can also

search for jobs away from home, intended for college-educated individuals, not just seasoned veterans.

The program has been a big success, Harper said.

It's an asset "to be able to post job opportunities for employer, and have resumes sent, or forwarded to employers."

Students who sign up with

eRecruiting can receive monthly career newsletters.

The eRecruiting system also helps the college outreach to employers, by making job posting easy and affordable, Harper said.

In fact, it's free for both employers and students to participate.

The CDC foots the bill.

Harper said they don't want to discourage employers from posting jobs by charging them, and they don't want students to have to pay either.

If you want to give eRecruiting a try, contact the CDC at (859) 572-5680 or stop by suite 230 in the University Center.

## Seven Cardinal Interview Sins

### • Lack of Enthusiasm

Sometimes being energetic and loving your work makes up for lack of experience

### • Unprofessional Behavior

Be well dressed and punctual. Have a professional answering machine and e-mail.

### • Lack of Direction

Come to the interview table with professional direction and future career goals.

### • Poor Research Before Interview

Know the company and field you're interviewed for, that way you don't ask stupid questions.

### • Lying to your employer

Most interviews are good at detecting deception and they will check your references.

### • Weak Communication Skills

Listen well, don't talk or chatter too much, use attentive body language, and ask proper questions.

### • Failure to Sell Yourself

Show what you will contribute. No one will do it for you.

\*Information contributed by Career Development Center

## Co-op Continued from page one

Participating in the program allows you to gain experience, learn new skills, develop connections, and get references so as to avoid being tossed into the job market unprepared.

Did I mention it's paid?

Even better, the CDC has partnerships with non-profit, government, business and education institutions. This gives you an array of options from which to choose, without having to much through classifieds.

The co-op coordinators will even pair you up with prospective employers in a mutually beneficial situation.

They will do a lot for you, but they can't just hand opportunity to you on a silver platter.

Yes, you have to work.

"We will not get you a job. We will point you in the right direction," Schwierjohann said.

The co-op coordinators are the communication link between you and employers.

They get the leads; the rest is up to you.

It's an independent process, according to Kelly Harper, manager of co-op education. The student and the employer have to decide if the match fits.

Co-op is like an internship: The students register for the course, which counts as upper-level credit, and then write a term paper at the end.

Students can co-op at a part-time job for three credit hours, or go full-time for six credit hours.

**Why should you co-op?**

Co-op allows students to gain experience and develop skills, get a jump on competition, and test drive careers, Harper said.

Schwierjohann adds, "The primary idea is that working in your major enhances your education."

He works to place students from the science programs in jobs within their fields.

Schwierjohann said the goal is for them to "acquire skills necessary to be competitive in the job market."

Harper, who also works as the business coordinator, said, "You have to take advantage [of the opportunities] while you're in school."

Once you've graduated, it's a little late to get your foot in the door and develop job skills or community ties, according to Harper.

Another part of the co-op experience is test-driving a career. Students decide whether they like what their doing.

Employers like to use co-op students to train and fit new people into the workspace, so students can have a full-time job waiting for them when they graduate, Harper said.

Schwierjohann adds that most students like to stay local.

However, it's often worth sacrificing a semester to co-op out of town or out of state.

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Feedback from employers and students allows the university to

Even a bad co-op is still a good experience, Harper said.

"You can get a feel for what's out there and what's right for you," Harper said.

### Connect with companies

Co-op students can connect and develop a relationship within the company, which in turn could lead to references and career opportunities.

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keep pace with developing industries, especially in technological fields.

### How to get started

Go to the CDC and complete an info session (a power point presentation acquainting you with the co-op program).

Then meet with a coordinator to work on your resume and references.

The coordinators will also offer interview tips and other aspects of job hunting with you.

Then you begin the job hunt. The co-op program uses a web-based program called "eRecruiting."

Students can log onto [www.e recruiting.com](http://www.e recruiting.com) to connect with employers, search for job openings, and post resumes.

There are some requirements:

You must have sophomore standing and at least a 2.2 GPA.

If you want to grab some experience, then you can stop by the Career Development Center in suite 230 of the University Center.

Or you can directly contact Kelly Harper at (859) 572-5681 or Jeff Schwierjohann at (859) 572-5966.

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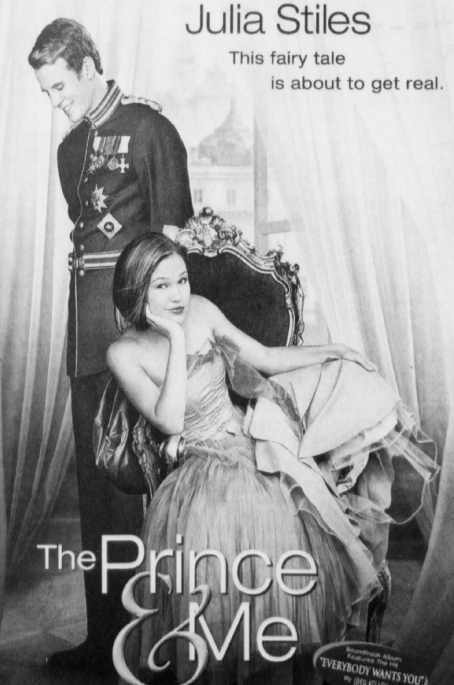
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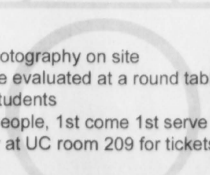
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- Max of 150 people, 1st come 1st serve
- Must register at UC room 209 for tickets by April 10th,  
2004
- One ticket per person
- Must provide transportation, your own equipment  
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# JobExpo

# 2004

Tuesday, April 26 2004

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Regents Hall

Presented by Northern Kentucky University's Career Development Center; The NKU Department of Technology and Gateway Community and Technical College.

The Following Companies and Organizations will be at the Job Expo:

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American Nursing Care	Mazak
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Coney Island Inc.	Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County
Convergys Corporation	Radio Shack
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HCR Manor Care	United Rentals
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Hertz Rent-A-Car	Veritude, a Fidelity Investments Company
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