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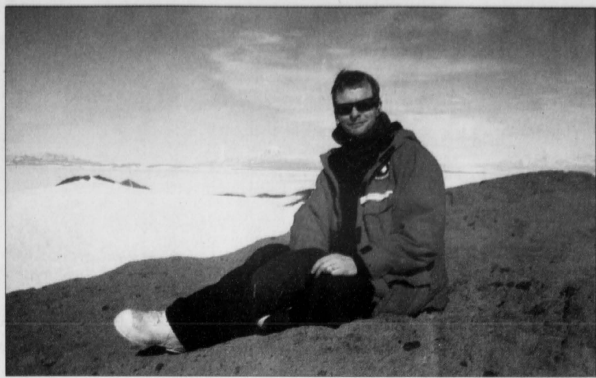


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## Antarctica

Professor returns after launching cosmic ray device

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Antarctica is a wonderland of ice, polar bears, and penguins. Man would seem out of place. But, Scott Nutter doesn't think so.

Nutter made seven predictions before he visited Antarctica. Most of them were dead-on. He did grow a beard, bring more cold weather gear than he needed and he never saw Peter Jackson when he stopped in New Zealand on the way home.

Nutter, an associate professor of physics at Northern Kentucky University, was part of a team that traveled to the bottom of the world in mid-December to launch a device which measured cosmic rays. The instrument was called CREAM, an acronym for Cosmic Ray Energetics and Mass.

"Cosmic ray is the worst name," Nutter said. "Because people think it's something out of science fiction." "Cosmic rays are interstellar travelers," Nutter said. "People always want to travel to the stars and what's so incredible about these rays is that it's like the stars are coming to us."

Nutter said that by studying these rays, astrophysicists can decipher what's going on in the universe. The rays are elements that were accelerated to nearly the speed of light in a violent process like a supernova.

Stripped of the ray's electrons, only the nuclei remain. The most common elements that make up these rays are hydrogen and helium.

Besides a lot of pictures, Nutter wasn't able to bring back much from



Photo contributed by Scott Nutter

Nutter working in the lab.

Antarctica. "No rocks or any other biological objects can be brought back (from Antarctica)," Nutter said. "They did have a small commissary where I could buy things like T-shirts."

"When I was there it was actually warmer than it was here," Nutter said. "At that time there was a cold spell here and the temperature was in the teens. In Antarctica it was between 20 and 40 degrees."

There was perpetual daylight during Nutter's expedition since it was

summer in Antarctica.

The balloon was launched at McMurdo Base. The base is a research destination for about 1,000 scientists of all varieties—from biologists to geologists.

Nutter said Antarctica was the perfect place for the launching because when the balloon was sent about 130,000 feet into the atmosphere (25 miles), it got caught in the polar vortex.

"The balloon goes around in a circle," Nutter explained. "One revolution takes 10 to 15 days, and after that time you can choose if you want to take it back down yet. If it falls by accident nobody gets hurt because there's nothing there."

NASA funded the experiment and Nutter said scientists from 4 or 5 other universities participated. Nutter himself was responsible for constructing one part of the CREAM instrument.

In acknowledgment of Nutter's contribution, an NKU logo was attached to the device and the emblem of Norse pride reigned at the top of the atmosphere for 32 days during two revolutions around Antarctica.

"That was my first time in Antarctica," Nutter said. "And I'm probably going to have the opportunity to go back in a couple years for the same type of experiment."

During his trip Nutter maintained a blog at <http://antarctic-scot.blogspot.com>. In it, he documented everything from the 32-hour flight to Antarctica to the goofy things New Zealanders say.

## Facebook policy to form for athletes

Code of conduct to include usage guides

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A policy outlining Facebook.com guidelines for Northern Kentucky University student athletes is being discussed, according to Jane Meier, director of intercollegiate athletics. Beginning in August, a Facebook policy will be included in the student athlete code of conduct.

Facebook is an online social network of college students nationwide that allows users to post personal information, photographs and comments for their friends and schoolmates to view. Though the Web site prohibits nudity in photographs, it does not, how-

ever, screen for illegal activities such as drug use, underage drinking or these activities on university property.

"Right now my position from a department standpoint is not to restrict (Facebook) usage," Meier said. "Though the policy will not necessarily restrict student usage, Meier said that coaches would have the ability to decide if their team members will be allowed to participate in the online student network."

"Some coaches have indicated that they don't want their athletes on it," she said. The discussion of a policy spawned after the popularity of Facebook among students at NKU surged. Meier said

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## Anthro professor receives award

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From earning a masters in anthropology to working at major archeological sites, Jeanine Kreinbrink has done it all.

Now, Kreinbrink, a Northern Kentucky University alumni and part-time anthropology faculty member, is the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to NKU alumni who have made significant contributions to the university or to the community.

"I was pretty excited (about receiving the Distinguished Service Award) especially when I found out I will be the first anthropology major to receive this particular award," Kreinbrink said.

When she was an undergraduate, Kreinbrink started

out as a history major and then switched to art after realizing history was not what she wanted to study. While majoring in art, she enrolled in one anthropology class and was so inspired she knew she had to major in anthropology. She finished her bachelor's degree at NKU and went on to receive a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Along with teaching part time at NKU, she has a full-time job at Natural and Ethical Environmental Solutions as a coordinator for the archaeology department. Kreinbrink also does volunteer archeology work in the community.

She was recently responsible for overseeing the excavation of the Battery Hooper site. Battery Hooper was important in the defense of the city of Cincinnati during the Confederate soldiers dur-

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## Program expands minority focus

Multicultural Visitation Program targets potential NKU students

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High school seniors from the area and neighboring states journey to NKU to see if it's their college of choice. With its Multicultural Visitation Program, the university looks to improve its appeal.

The program, also known as MVP, is held twice a year on campus for prospective seniors from area schools.

Many of the minority students recruited for the program travel by a bus that is sent from Louisville to NKU. But recently, NKU invited students from Dayton and Columbus to increase diversity.

"Originally, the program was targeted more toward African American students," said Gennine Brewer, assistant director of Admissions. "But when the mission of the institution changed to provide for more multicultural-

"I feel great about going to NKU next year."

—Tunice Masden

ism, it made sense to invite other minority students."

Brewer, who's been the primary coordinator of MVP since 1999, said that the program is a great opportunity for minority students to get involved in college and feel comfortable around other students with similar interests.

The program, which starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m., gives students a chance to tour the campus, learn about the academics NKU offers, and even have a question and

answer session with current students.

"It's just an opportunity to showcase the university to the students and their parents," Brewer said.

Irelynne Estevez joined the team in 2001 as an admissions counselor and has since helped form the program. To her, the program has been a success, and she finds it to be very influential to students.

"I'm very happy with the turnout that we had on Dec. 3 because I think that when the program started, we struggled a little," Estevez said. "This last one was the largest program we've ever had. I think we had about 75 students compared to last year's 15."

Part of the reason for the program's success is the growing area of recruitment and the people involved in the program. In 2004, one person recruited students, whereas now three people are recruiting, according to NKU's Web site.

Between Jan. 15, 2005 and Jan. 14, 2006, the number of

black applicants rose 38 percent, the number of Asian applicants is up 36 percent, and the largest growing minority group of applicants is Latino, which has increased 170 percent since last year, according to Brewer.

Tunice Masden, who will be attending NKU in the fall, was at the Dec. 3 program. She said everyone made her feel very welcome, and she's looking forward to attending the university.

"I feel great about going to NKU next year," Masden said. "When I got there, the school was all set up, and I got a hug from some people."

According to Estevez, MVP is a great program that helps minority students, especially those who haven't mastered English, and it gives a great opportunity to get in touch with others in the same situation.

"A lot of the students have never even been to a college campus," Estevez said. "It lets them see that this is possible. College is possible for them."

## Homegrown Talent



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Barry Aishton and Herman Hule perform during APB's Homegrown Talent Show. For further coverage see page 7.

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## Facebook

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that she is concerned about the image of the athletic program if derogatory pictures or messages are posted about students or coaches on Facebook or other similar Web sites.

"We're wanting a policy that protects students and the (athletic) program," Meier said.

She also said the idea for the policy came because of "a lot of red flags" such as photographs of underage students drinking at parties and at parties with alcohol being held on campus — which are violations of not only the university but also the student athletic policies.

"Athletics is a very public thing," Meier said. "People automatically identify with student athletes. If something negative happens in athletics, it becomes very public and eventually affects the image of the university."

The concern of athletic Facebook usage surfaced once coaches realized their students were on the site. Several coaches have already required student athletes to delete their Facebook accounts.

Todd Axalon, head baseball coach, said that when Facebook was first brought to his attention, he warned his players of some possible problems the site may present. He said once he visited the site, he didn't like what he saw and "told them to close down their accounts."

Other coaches have brought the possible consequences of posting on Facebook. Cross Country Coach Steve Kruse said he told his athletes to use their best judgment with Facebook.

"I brought their attention to the fact that people are watching," Kruse said.

Some coaches have been more reserved in revealing any team Facebook policies. Nancy Winstel, head women's basketball coach, said, "I have team policies that are strictly between me and my players."

Softball, cheerleading, tennis, volleyball, men's basketball, golf and men and women's soccer coaches were not available for comment at the time of press in regards to Facebook restrictions on athletes.

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ing the Civil War. Smithsonian Magazine recently published (Sept. 2005) an article on Kreinbrink's work with Battery Hooper.

Kreinbrink hires many NKU anthropology students to work on various archeology projects she oversees. She said her reason for hiring students are that they do a good job and she can tell they are there to learn, not just for the money.

To Kreinbrink, this award is a reward for her dedication.

"I have worked the past 25 years trying to make archeology a big part of Northern Kentucky University and a big part of the community. I feel that this award validates all of the work I have done," Kreinbrink said.

Kreinbrink, as well as all the rest of the NKU alumni award recipients, will receive their awards at the annual the Lasting Legacy Banquet, which will be held Jan. 27.

## newsbriefs

## University founder leaves behind great feats

A university founder, Robert "Bob" Knauf, passed away this past weekend at the age of 81. He began at Northern Kentucky State College on the school's Covington Campus as a music faculty member. While in the role of NKU's director of public relations, he was critical in helping the school's transition to NKU under its then-president, A.D. Albright. Knauf was key to NKU's second-breakthrough enrollment construction boom of the 1980s. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, and children William Glenn, Linda Ann (Teuschler), Margaret Louise and Nancy Elaine. Memorials can be sent to the Robert Knauf Vocal Music Scholarship Fund, c/o the NKU Foundation, or the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 644 Linn St., Suite 1026, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203.

## Campus memorial

The public is invited to a memorial service for the late John Thieret, Ph.D., Jan. 26 in room 207 of the Natural Science Center. The service is at 2 p.m. For those wishing to contribute, donations may be made to the John W. Thieret Research Award. Tours of the herbarnum established by Thieret will be available after the service. R.S.V.P. to rambo@nku.edu.

## Winter blood drive coming

NKU's Winter Blood Drive is scheduled for Jan. 30 and 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held in the University Center Ballroom. To sign up online, visit [www.hosworth.org](http://www.hosworth.org). Two donors will win a Jillian's Party Pack.

## NKU hosts training sessions in new center

The National City Insurance Group will campus this week to hold a two-day training session in the new NKU Advanced Learning Technologies Center. The ALTC, located in Founder's Hall Rooms 217-219, hosted the event.

conducted by Tony Cole. Cole is the president of Anthony Cole Training Group, LLC, a national sales training organization headquartered in Cincinnati. The center has existed for less than a year and is part of the Office of Economics Initiatives. The ALTC is available for use by NKU classes, corporate clients, private organizations and academic colleagues and programs. To learn more, contact Ned Jackson at (859) 572-6558 or [jacksoncd@nku.edu](mailto:jacksoncd@nku.edu).

## Winter Blues Festival set to return

The second annual Winter Blues Festival will take place Feb. 3, at the Newport Syndicate. It is a collaboration between NKU and Campbell Lodge Boys' Home. Funds raised are used to provide music lessons to residents of the home through the NKU EMPOWER Program. Carl Weatherly will headline the event.

## NKU enrollment is on the rise

According to the enrollment report for the first week of classes, the number of students is rising. Enrollment at the undergraduate level has increased 0.1 percent; at the graduate level a 3.9 percent increase and 0.7 percent increase at Chase School of Law in comparison to this time last year. Overall, student enrollment has increased 0.5 percent in comparison to last year.

## Senate holds reception at the state Capitol

NKU students, as well as students from other postsecondary schools in the area, have been invited to attend the Legislative Research Commission's Diversity Reception held at the Capitol in Frankfort, Ky. There, they can meet with state lawmakers and learn about professional opportunities in the legislative branch. It will be in the second floor mezzanine of the Capitol Feb. 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. House Speaker Jody Richards-D of Bowling Green, Ky., and Sen. President Pro Tempore Katie Stine-R of Ft. Thomas, Ky., are scheduled.

ated to speak at the event. Students attending the reception will have the option to tour the Capitol or attend a legislative committee meeting.

## CUMU to head for new home

The Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU) has announced it will move its administrative headquarters to Towson University in Towson, Md., effective Feb. 1, 2006. CUMU brings together universities that strive to national excellence while contributing to economic development, social health and cultural vitality of the urban or metropolitan centers they serve. Eastern Michigan University has housed CUMU since June 2002. NKU President James Votrubas serves as president of CUMU.

## NKU will host district qualifier for the Amateur Athletic Union

Northern Kentucky University's Campus Recreation Center will be the site of the National Amateur Athletic Union's 2006 Kentucky District Qualifier for Taekwondo. The tournament, to be held April 22nd, is a chance for Kentucky athletes and those from adjoining states to earn an invitation to the AAU's national championship this July in Knoxville, Tennessee. Competitors will be of all ages and belt ranks, and can compete in both forms and sparring. The tournament is directed by Susie Jang in association with TKD Club (NKU).

## Lot A closes in preparation for Student Union ground breaking

Lot A will be closing on Feb. 1. The new Student Union will be taking up most of the lot, so it will be closed to prepare for the ceremony and construction which will follow it.

## Through the Looking Glass

Amusing, and downright strange news from around the globe

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**Pictures? What pictures, honey?** A Texas man secretly videotaped his girlfriend's 47-year-old mother as she got in and out of the shower, because he was curious as to what she looked like naked.

He stored the naughty pictures on his e-mail account and got caught when the girlfriend went through his e-mail. She printed them out and showed them to her mother. Then they confronted him.

**Hey, has anyone seen Wladislaw?**

A woman in Scinawa, Poland, became so frustrated that her 75-year-old husband kept coming home drunk that she chained him in a doghouse for three weeks. He was finally rescued by his drinking buddies who hadn't seen him in the local bar and wondered where he was.

**Well, it was like this...oops...snaps...** When his pals in a pub in Ipswich, England, heard that a man had caught his genitals in a mousetrap

when he was a boy, they urged him to show them what it happened. He was so drunk that he agreed. He exposed himself and walked toward a pool table with a mousetrap set up on it, but he tripped and got his manhood snapped off.

**For a good time, call...** When his girlfriend dumped him, a jilted man in Marburg, Germany, got his revenge by posting a video of her in the nude along with her name, address and phone number.

**This does not look good.** Firefighters in Shinohetogi, Japan, had a cookout at their fire station as part of a fire awareness promotion. The station burned to the ground.

**Quiet, industrious, a real hard worker.** A stage hand at a theater in Antwerp, Belgium, received annual Christmas cards from his employers commending him for his "good work over the past year." Problem is, he hadn't shown up for work in five years, having quit in a dispute with his boss. In addition to the Christmas cards, he has also been receiving his salary. This has been stopped.

**Indecisive? Me? Why do you say that?** In 2001, a British convict, serving a life sentence for attempted murder and kidnapping, had a sex change operation and was transferred to a women's prison. However, he has now asked to be changed back to a man's prison.

**It will be soon romantic.** When two ex-lovers decided to get together for a weekend at a Montreal hotel, the man apparently wasn't aware that his former girlfriend had taken their break-up pretty badly. She slipped some pills into his drink to knock him out so, poor guy, she could slash his throat while he slept. But the man sensed he was being drugged, so he fled the room. The desk clerk called the cops.

**A 'Hunka, hunka' burning love...** Ouch! No! A woman in Northham, Australia, enraged that her boyfriend kept playing Elvis Presley's "Burning Love" over and over, took a pair of scissors and stabbed him in the back, shoulder and thigh.

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# Alumni group alleges liberal bias

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SANTA ANA, Calif. A cash-for-tapes plan by a UCLA alumni group hoping to find professors who demonstrate "extreme views" in the classroom triggered the resignation of former congressman and lawyer James E. Rogan from the group's advisory board and drew condemnation from a variety of political groups concerned that such monitoring could impact academic freedom.

But some said the larger issue, alleged liberal bias in academia remains.

"It exists. It's all over the board. It's in the curriculum. It's in the establishment," said Michael Davidson,

former two-time chairman of California's College Republicans student group and currently executive director of the Newport Beach, Calif.-based Generation Next political action committee.

"The UCLA controversy sparked allegations of political 'witch hunts' from some in academia who said they were concerned that targeting of academia following sustained campaigns against 'liberal' media and 'activist' judges might signal the opening of a new fault line in the culture wars.

"This is the equivalent of Orwell's thought police," said Orange County (Calif.) Democratic Party Chair Frank Barbaro.

Some critics responded that faculty at American universities were "disproportionate-

ly" liberal in ideology and vocal in expressing their views regardless of its relevance to the subject matter.

"You have a science professor or an English professor making statements like: 'Bush is a Nazi.' And you're like: 'What has this to do with chemistry?'" Davidson said.

Perceptions that academia is dominated by left-leaning faculty prompted the Bruin Alumni Association, a fledgling group staffed by one full-time employee, Andrew Jones, to mount a Web site, uclaprofs.com. It offers money to UCLA students for tape recordings of their professors who allegedly are "actively proselytizing their extreme views in the classroom." Jones is the group's president.

The Web site purports to expose the rhetoric of profes-

sors of all ideological stripes. But it has so far primarily identified faculty critical of the war in Iraq, policies towards the Palestinians, capitalism and President George Bush. Rogan, a former two-term Republican congressman for California, said he had little knowledge of the Bruin Alumni Association other than recommendations by friends on the advisory board.

"My impression of it was this was just a mentioned group for Republican groups on campus to help them get speakers and such. It seemed pretty innocuous," Rogan said. "I allowed my name to be put on the advisory committee and then I never heard from them again."

Rogan, an adjunct professor of law at Chapman University,

said he withdrew his support after he found out the association planned to pay students \$100 in return for tape recordings of the classes of allegedly "radical" professors.

"As a law school professor myself ... if someone takes records my lecture I allow it because I assume they're using it for study purposes and not for some negative purpose," Rogan said.

"I just didn't have a good feeling about the whole thing." Another board member, Ben Shapiro, said he was "happy" about the tape recording payment plan.

Shapiro, who wrote the 2004 book "Brainwashed" based on notes he took of UCLA professors he felt were inappropriately one-sided, said tape recording was "the next logical step."

"What's good about this is then it's not a he-said, she-said kind of thing," he said.

Earlier this year, FOX News commentator Sean Hannity urged students to tape record "left-wing propaganda" by professors for broadcast on the show.

And concerns about balanced viewpoints and faculty in California universities prompted last year's "Academic Bill of Rights" sponsored by Republican state Sen. Bill Morrow.

The bill, which died in committee, instructed universities to maintain "a posture of organizational neutrality" in its hiring of staff, selection of curricula and grading of students.

University staff said such safeguards were already built into their academic policies.

## policebeat

The following reports were filed with the NKU Police Department between Jan. 18-25.

### Wednesday, Jan. 18

**11:35 a.m.** Subject reported the theft of his 2006 NKU Parking Permit from his parked vehicle.

**1:17 p.m.** Officer observed a vehicle disregard a stop sign on Kenton Drive. The driver was subsequently issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Traffic Control Device, No Operators License and No Proof of Insurance.

**3:12 p.m.** Subject reported that she has lost her 2006 NKU Parking Permit. Subject was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

**10:50 p.m.** Medical

Assistance was requested for a subject that had fallen at the University Center. Upon arrival, Officers located the subject who was being assisted by an EMT, who was on campus for an event. The subject refused the offer of a squad for transportation to a hospital.

### Thursday, Jan. 19

**9:07 a.m.** Campbell County Dispatch reported that an Auto Accident/injuries had occurred on University Drive at Campbell Drive.

**12:27 p.m.** Subject reported that he lost his 2006 NKU Parking Permit. Subject was referred to the Parking Office.

**12:40 p.m.** Subject reported that her 2006 NKU Parking Permit was lost sometime during a listed time period.

### Friday, Jan. 20

**9:25 a.m.** Subject reported that cash was taken from her wallet.

**9:28 a.m.** Medical assistance was requested for a subject believed to have passed out in the Kentucky Hall Dorms. Officers responded and the Central Campbell County Squad was dispatched.

**3:49 p.m.** Subject reported that she lost her 2006 NKU Parking Permit. Subject was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

**4:42 p.m.** Subject reported being harassed by an ex-boyfriend.

**6:49 p.m.** Officer heard glass breaking near U.S. 27 at the Old Thriftway lot and saw two subjects running from behind the building. Following pur-

suit and investigation, both were found to be juveniles. Both were arrested and issued Kentucky State Citations. First subject was cited for Criminal Trespassing-2nd Degree, Fleeing/Evading, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Second subject was cited for Criminal Trespassing-2nd Degree, Fleeing/Evading and Possession of Marijuana.

### Saturday, Jan. 21

**3:49 a.m.** Owner of a reserved parking space in the Woodcrest Apartment Doms requested that an illegally parked vehicle be towed.

**10:52 p.m.** Meredith Newman, 19, of Union, KY was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Speeding.

**11:25 p.m.** Timothy Greene, 22, of West Harrison, IN

was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Stop Sign and Failure to Maintain Required Insurance.

**11:35 p.m.** Subject reported the theft of a cellular phone from a vehicle parked in Lot E.

### Sunday, Jan. 22

**4:44 a.m.** Subject reported that an unknown subject broke out the window in a vehicle parked in Lot W, removed the in-dash stereo faceplate and damaged the center console.

**1:21 p.m.** Subject reported the theft of audio speakers from his parked vehicle.

### Monday, Jan. 23

**10:30 a.m.** Subject report-

ed that a cash register was damaged in the University Center.

**1:25 p.m.** Subject reported that a minor non-injury auto accident occurred in Parking Lot C.

**2:14 p.m.** Subject reported the theft of his book bag from the Norse Commons Dorms.

**2:21 p.m.** Subject reported that she lost her 2006 NKU Parking Permit. Subject was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement.

**5:31 p.m.** Subject advised that a possible assault may have occurred in the Dorms.

**11:14 p.m.** Subject reported damage to his vehicle while parked in Parking Lot W.

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## sports scene



with Seth Milhoan

Much to the chagrin of Bengals fans everywhere, the Pittsburgh Steelers are headed to Motown to participate in the NFL Championship Game. But how can one not be impressed with the recent play of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

The second-year gunslinger of Miami University is putting his mark on the NFL. Big Ben is the first quarterback in 35 years to lead his team to the AFC Championship Game in his first two years in the league.

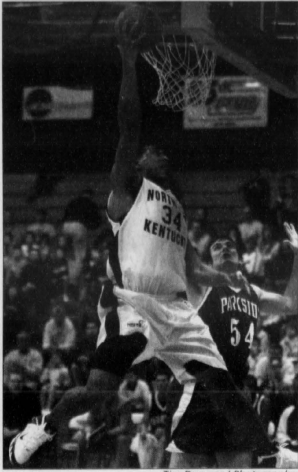
Admittedly, I was skeptical of Roethlisberger as a player. It just felt as if the run offense was allowing him to sit back and ride the bus straight to victory lane. And yes, before Sunday, Roethlisberger's highest passing yard total during the streak was only 226 yards against a questionable Cleveland defense, but he did win the games. Why not win with what works? Winning is the only important thing in the NFL.

Make no mistake about it: Big Ben is a fiery competitor. He wants to win. The offense is built around him; like it or not. With two all-pro linemen in Alan Faneca and Marvel Smith, Big Ben gets all the protection he needs to make big plays while in the pocket. That line and a power running game with the likes of Jerome Bettis and Willie Parker made Roethlisberger the third highest rated passer in the NFL this year.

Yet, the most impressive thing about Roethlisberger could be his poise on the field. The NFL hasn't seen a young quarterback with this kind of field presence in quite some time. The guy simply does not get rattled on the field. Even when he gets sacked, he gets up and acts as if he was expecting it. He blames no one but himself when the teams fail, unlike Peyton Manning, who was very critical about his offensive line's inability to block the ferocious run defense of the Steelers.

Roethlisberger may not be everyone's favorite player, and he may not have Manning's numbers. But, with one more win on Feb. 5th, he will have a championship ring. That's something that everyone would love to have in the place of popularity and a hall of fame stat sheet. Just ask Dan Marino if he agrees.

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Senior Gavin Ludgood drives to the basket in NKU's win.

## Winstel: We were almost unstoppable

Winning streak extends to a seven-game run

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The big game at Regents Hall Jan. 19 was the Lady Norse taking on the Lewis Flyers (10-6, 6-2). It was a match-up for first place in the GLVC East and by the end of the game The Lady Norse would prove that they were worthy of the No. 1 position.

The Lady Norse went to battle in the first half with Angela Healy, who had 12 points in the game. The Lady Norse's defense was excellent throughout the game, but the Norse would not come away with a victory without a fight from Lewis Northern Kentucky University led at the half, 37-25.

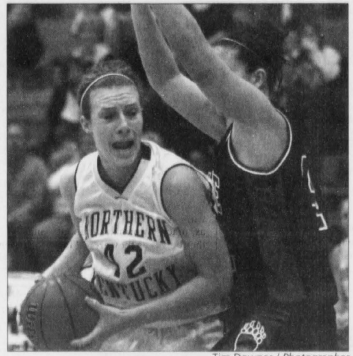
"Our kids played well. I thought in the first half, in some ways, we

were unstoppable. Then, once again, we stopped executing," NKU Coach Nancy Winstel said.

However, the Lady Norse held on to the game late in the second half with some clutch scoring by Junior Karmen Graham, who also had 12 points in the win. Graham hit two free throws late to help the Norse get a 54-49 lead with 1:18 left.

"We had some ups and downs in the second half, but we were able to pull away and win," Graham said after the game.

The Lady Norse did just that, winning the game with the final score being 62-51. The Lady Norse now have sole possession of first place in the GLVC East with a (13-3, 7-2) record.



Tim Downer / Photographer

Sophomore Angela Healy works in the lane. Healy had 12 points.

## in the hot seat with Tim Downer

I chose the NKU mascot for this week's guest in the 'hot seat'. During the Homecoming game this Saturday our unnamed mascot will receive his name.

Tim: Are you excited about getting your name during the Homecoming Game?

Mascot: Yes, it will be great to finally know what to sign when people ask for autographs and to just have a name in general.

Tim: Where do you come from, and when were you cre-

ated? How old are you?

Mascot: I come from a land way up north that's not indicated on any maps. I was created in the year 1968, so I'm old enough.

Tim: Are you a mean mascot or a nice one?

Mascot: I'm definitely a nice mascot. I like to hang out with all the kids who come to the games, but I can be mean when the time calls for it.

Tim: What has been the reaction to you from the students?

PB: The students' reactions have been great, they love me way more than the dragon...

Tim: Do you scare any little kids? Do they cry?

PB: Unfortunately from time to time I do scare the little ones, they just see me and start screaming. I guess I'm not as good looking as I thought I was.

Tim: Do you have a wife or a girlfriend?

PB: No I don't. I am available and looking for that special someone.

Tim: If any of our opponents brought a mascot, would you challenge them to a sword fight?

PB: Most definitely, and I would win. I'm much better at sword fighting than I am at free throws.

Tim: Do you speak? If yes, what language?

PB: I do speak and it's mostly English.

Tim: Are you a natural blond or is that a dye job?

PB: I'm all natural.



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Sophomore middle litter Litz

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# viewpoints



inmyopinion: by Joe Szydlowski

## Why sharing isn't always good

It seems like every time that a group of experts on television talk about the internet, the word revolutionary is unavoidable. It revolutionizes our social life, with more and more people hooking up via online profiles. Information hasn't escaped the revolution either, with most every publication, news source, and conspiracy theorist establishing their own bulletin board on a corner of cyberspace. But the internet is revolutionizing another aspect of our lives.

Law enforcement. Now, police and universities are beginning to use sites such as Facebook, MySpace, LiveJournal, and other websites to catch law breakers. These sites allow people, usually students, to create a profile of themselves complete with a picture, diary, and as much information about themselves as they are willing to give.

All of it, of course, is open to the public. But what is catching the attention of the law enforcement centers on students posting pictures of themselves or information in their blogs about illegal activities they've done.

This isn't exactly a new

phenomenon. Teenagers have videotaped crime sprees before and then wondered how they were caught after someone finds the tape. But this new form of surveillance has sparked some criticisms among the student populace, especially by those who have been caught.

One individual, Cameron Walker, was expelled from Fisher College after the university found messages on his profile suggesting that students should set up an officer to get him fired.

Walker felt that the university had stepped beyond its bounds with its use of what he published on Facebook. Other students at the University of Kansas also experienced the Internet revolution firsthand when they were charged with violating the code of ethics after trading information on Facebook without the professor knowing.

Students continue to complain about this practice, accusing authorities of fishing, blindly searching for a reason to investigate students.

NKU has also been touched by this digital development. Several students posted pictures on Facebook of themselves drinking in the dorms and were later fined and punished after an RA saw the

photos on Facebook.

One NKU student called it an invasion of privacy, saying he never expected anyone from the university to see them.

Expect the unexpected. None of these students seem to realize that Facebook, MySpace, and the other online journals are actually available to anyone who wants to read them. Anyone. And, despite popular misconceptions, not everyone over the age of 30 is computer illiterate.

Like teens who decide to videotape their vandalism, students who post pictures on the internet for anybody to see should not be surprised when someone does see them.

Nor should Cameron Walker be surprised that someone decided to report him after he wrote that his nemesis the officer who supposedly harassed students, needed to be "eliminated."

Privacy does include personal journals, but if its owner decides to staple a couple centimeters to a bulletin board, is it still private? Of course not. These sites are available to anyone with an internet connection. Which means that more sinister forces have access to individual's information than just police.

Identity theft has become

an enormous problem. Some of the information students frequently put on the blogs, such as their full name, birth date, and phone numbers, are practically gold to these thieves.

Facebook, MySpace, and all the other sites are fun, creative ways to meet people. It helps friends keep in touch despite going to schools on opposite sides of the country, or even world.

But some common sense is necessary to survive this revolution. I'm not going to say don't drink, because that would be like President Bush saying Americans should conserve. But don't post incriminating photographs on the internet, or write journals about setting up or eliminating police officers. And be very cautious about the information posted. There is no reason why "HoTuN669" has to know where you were born or when. And "MASTERdave333" will survive without knowing your exact name.

Instead, just post your hobbies, favorite movies and music, and maybe a sexy photograph. That should be more than enough to get the attention of the people you want, and avoid the people (and consequences) you don't.

mere 880 million people. And then she made another one, thinking it was funny though it wasn't, believing I would tolerate such comments, which I did not.

I told her to please stop, at least with me, and in my home. And so she did. And we continued on for a while.

Subsequently, though, there were other comments, and more derision about other people, and beliefs uttered that I couldn't stomach. The differences between us became more pronounced, a chasm, at least to me.

And so we drifted apart, civilly because we're like that, nice manners even in the face of ugly comments but, all the same, we're no longer friends. We're ghosts to each other.

In the long run, we didn't stand a chance. Because she's like that and I'm like this, and tolerance, as mentioned before, is a marvelous concept but even tolerance has its limits.

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think of the racism that we came from. We continue to go through it—although in most cases it is not in physical form.

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## norse poll responses

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Who will win the  
ultimate football  
game?



William Yancey  
Sophomore, Computer  
Science

"The Chicago Bears!"



Tiffany Jones  
Sophomore, Speech

"I don't watch football."



Yonsel Blanks  
Senior, Biology

"Steelers, because my man  
Jerome Bettis needs a win."



Sheena Dunn  
Senior, Public Relations

"I'll do it for my brothers, I'll  
say Steelers for them."



Stephanie Hellmann  
Junior, Communications

"The Steelers."



Ashley Reed  
Freshman, Education

"I concur, the Steelers."

## Tolerance: not so easy

'It's easier to promote than to put into practice'

"While most people  
profess to care about  
the poor, few people  
will tolerate spending  
time with them."

- Karen Heller

you can't abide say (march, comics, science fiction or monogrammed handbags, canvas or Vuitton), or has even paid full price to see "Cats" eight or nine times.

You might wake up one morning to find that the person you've long adored and believed you knew well holds the Eagles, the band, that is, in the highest regard, while you've never thought to buy a single one of its recordings, not even "Hotel California."

But love is crazy like that.

True question is how far will that tolerance go? In college, I roomed with not one but two business-school students, conservative Republicans and charming women both, who went on to reap absurd quantities of money while I, genius that I am, went

into journalism, flooded as it is now with opportunity and optimism.

Our political discussions disintegrated into tatters in a time flat, and socioeconomic issues were subject to verbal smack-downs as was out-numbered 2-1. It wasn't easy but I was enlightened, learning more than I would have been coddled by companions who offered a constant chorus of agreement on most matters.

Which would describe how most of us go about our daily lives. Why? Because, it's easier, and easy has its place.

Most of us have a few companions, possibly more, who don't fit with the rest. I'm like that Sesame Street song: They're the ones who are not like the others.

For a couple of years, I was friendly with a woman whose values were as different from mine as I could imagine, but we made each other laugh and offered mutual support and were happy to be in each other's company.

One day, she made an ugly generalization pertaining to a

## Does NKU care about diversity?

As a student here at Northern Kentucky University, I am concerned with the leaving of Ms. Cheryl Nunez and the dissolving of the Office of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs. I was led to believe that things were changing for the better after meeting Dr. Dennis Weatherly in his posi-

tion of Associate Provost for Student Success.

That is a conclusion that I am now questioning. After coming back from Christmas break I was looking forward to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration that has occurred each year since my freshman year here at NKU. I have won-

dered since Nunez's departure if the university is no longer concerned with the life and legacy that Dr. King has passed on—which needs to be remembered each year.

Dr. Martin Luther King day should be remembered because it is likely that the one day this life is celebrated is the only day that most people

think of the racism that we came from. We continue to go through it—although in most cases it is not in physical form.



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Above from left: Brienne Carter sings and Lincoln Lewis and Jamale Gibson rap during the annual APB Homegrown Talent Show on Jan. 23.

## Hitting Home:

### Homecoming spirit captivates students with week-long festivities

By Whitney Tidwell  
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Student Life is conjuring up Northern Kentucky University spirit once again.

It's Homecoming Week — and the on-campus organizations have put on a number of activity-loaded events for the students, faculty and staff to partake in.

Kicking off the week, Service on Saturday offered students, faculty, staff and alumni a chance to serve several local organizations on Jan. 21.

Later that same day, the annual Norse Day at Newport on the Levee gave people in the community a chance to gather and enjoy appearances from NKU's new mascot, the dance team as well as athletic teams. Local vendors offered discounts to people affiliated with NKU.

Beginning the week-long evening activities, the APB Homegrown Talent Show showcased student talent on this campus Jan. 23 in the Otto Budig Theater. Dance team Ebony Fire snagged first place; vocalist Annie Donnellon took second place; and salsa

duo Kelli Shultz and Angelo Culvert finished third.

Students also got the chance to show their improvisation skills during the APB-sponsored Free Style Battle in the University Center game room. Hailing from the University of Cincinnati, Jason Waller took home the battle's bread.

To mark the half-way point of homecoming week, Dean Kent Kelso was set to present the history of the NKU with "Founding of a late 20th century university" at 11 a.m., Jan. 25 in the Otto Budig Theater. According to the Norse News Network, the historical presentation has been cancelled.

Later that day, the mini-Fresh Fusion of the spring semester will be in the UC lobby. The Norse Festival will be open to all departments and the bookstore will offer NKU gear for discounted prices. This event will be from noon to 4 p.m., Jan. 25 in the University Center.

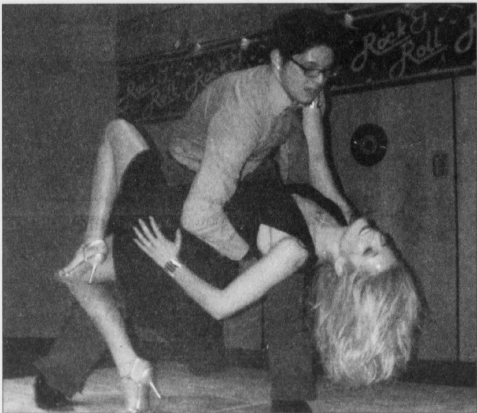
To end Jan. 25, the pep rally, Yell Like Hell, features student organizations competing in the Albright Health Center beginning at 8 p.m. The organizations were required to make up a 30-second chant or cheer to support the men's

basketball team.

New to this year's homecoming lineup is the White and Gold Gala. This is a formal party to not only crown the prince, princess, duchess and dutch candidates, but to also offer a night of fun to students. This party will be at the Madison Hotel in Covington on Jan. 26. Tickets are on sale now and are \$5 per person. Winners of Yell Like Hell will also be announced during the gala.

Closing the school-week activities will be a program organized by the Alumni Programs. The annual Alumni Chili Cook-off will be starting at 4 p.m. on Jan. 27 in the Albright Health Center. Alumni will bring in a home-made pot of chili to compete for various prizes. Students will taste them and vote on which pot they deem the best.

Lastly, students will find out who the 2006 Homecoming King and Queen during the men's basketball weekend game against Bellarmine. Tip-off will begin at 7:45 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28 in Regents Hall.



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Kelli Shultz and Angelo Culvert placed third in the APB Homegrown Talent Show.

## musicreview



Photo courtesy of Virgin Records

We Are Scientists

## 'Scientists' good in theory

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I recently spent a week examining the We Are Scientists' debut album "With Love and Squalor," and I have concluded this JD Salinger-obsessed band serves its listeners an expected, but still enjoyable, music experience.

The Scientists might generally be described as the New York version of Phantom Planet with a Hot Hot Heat twist, though influences from The Smiths and Devo are heard throughout their music. Pop-sensibility is a definite theme on this album, and the

music can be predictable and repetitive at times, but that by no means makes this album bad. In fact, We Are Scientists is quite comparable in song writing skill and musical talent to many of today's upper crust hipster bands. Lead singer and guitarist Keith Murray has mastered both of his crafts quite well, while drummer Michael Tapper and bassist Chris Cain provide more than adequate support for Murray. Most importantly to today's music scene is the fact that almost every track is danceable.

The most prominent tracks on the album are "Nobody Move, Nobody Get Hurt," "This Scene Is Dead,"

"Callbacks," and "The Great Escape," as all three incorporate the best combination of the Scientists' talents, and very catchy hooks. Is "With Love and Squalor" a work of musical genius? Not quite. Is it incredibly entertaining, cheeky and infectious? Absolutely. It fulfills most needs any music fan might ask of an album: You can sing with it, you can dance to it, or you can simply sit around and bask in its loveliness for awhile, until it starts getting repetitive.

Then you can take a break and come back to it later, where you will be drawn right back in — for a bit.

## Friends common victims of drunk dialing, texting

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Uh oh.

You woke up with a headache and an intense thirst. You're still wearing last night's bar clothes. And your cell phone is lying dangerously close to the bed.

"Uh oh" is right. You were drunk dialing.

"It's not very normal," Martin says. "But there's a very drunk text message."

In Martin's case the message was sent by an old friend, but some would argue that bar-hopping dialers call only a) someone they used to hook up with or b) someone they want to hook up with.

It's less likely you'll want to make the call when you finally crash out on your couch, and texting makes it all too easy to send an "I'm over you, you heartless jerk" message while conversing at a noisy bar.

Obviously alcohol should be blamed more than technology. "At the beginning of getting wasted, you're a lot more assertive," says Robert Jay, 38. Such assertiveness might be a catalyst for asking out a crush or standing up for oneself to a jerky ex. Both are arguably good things.

Jay says that once drinkers pass a certain point, they turn blubbery. "You'll say all these

things to the United States, but plans are not yet firm.

With an increase in text messaging, drinkers have one more reason to dread the morning after.

A drunk text message could be as simple as "I know ur going to go to bed but I need a place to crash please please please," which is what a friend sent recently to Kimberly Martin, 23, of Overland Park, Kan.

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Jay says that once drinkers pass a certain point, they turn blubbery. "You'll say all these

things about how you were hurt. If you're going to drink and dial, do it before you get submissive," he advises. "No one likes someone who is pathetic."

Jay should know; he's a former bartender. "I saw how people changed as the night went on," he says. "I'm the same way. (Tonight) I'm not picking up the phone after 1 a.m."

Crosby says two things lure partying people to pick up their cell phones and start dialing: love and hate.

"Calling your ex is what most people associate drunk dialing with," Crosby says. But instead, he says more often the calls are simply to get friends out of their homes to come join the debauchery.

"When you're out and your friends aren't with you, you do kind of miss them a little bit," Crosby says. "Or you're calling to brag that they're not out. I've had e-mails from people who say that's the only way they've kept touch with — checking out the site Monday morning after the call has been downloaded."

Crosby is against drunk texting but says, "I'm all in favor of the drunk booty call."

Even one you'll regret later?

"Even one you're going to regret," he says. "Why not?"

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## The FIX

Regan Coomer Satisfying  
Your Celebrity-Gossip Craving  
One Paragraph at a Time.



Nick Lachey has a dark side – and it's dirty. The former Mr. Simpson-turned-ESPN-announcer told Elle Magazine in an interview that he is a phone sex connoisseur: "I haven't even realized my full dirty-talk potential," Lachey said. He even went on to explain that he used to put on his ex's shoes and walk around in them. That begs two questions: Just how big are ex-wife Jessica Simpson's feet, or how small are Nick's? Despite how juicy the image of Nick walking around in Jessica's shoes is, there is reason to believe Nick is not referring to her. An Elle representative confirms that the "ex" mentioned in the interview is someone other than Jessica, as the interview took place before Simpson filed for a divorce.

Prince Harry of England, third in line to the throne, gets to one-up his bro Prince William at Sandhurst, the Royal Military Academy, People magazine reported. William recently became a cadet at the academy, as his brother

holds a higher ranking. Representatives – from Sandhurst say William won't have to worry about being specially treated. He'll have his hair buzz-cut, and he'll be scrubbing latrine floors – not to mention being expected to salute younger brother Harry, who will be of senior rank. Major General Andrew Ritchie of Sandhurst told People magazine that Harry would be well within his rights to "get his brother to salute him."

Two issues ago, we reported actor Lindsay Lohan's admittance to Vanity Fair that she had suffered from bulimia last year. People magazine reported that Miss Lohan, however, has had a change of heart and recently wrote an open letter to the press denying the claims of the magazine, calling them, "Lies." As for her mother Dina Lohan, she also denies the claims, stating, "Words were twisted. Lindsay is very honest." A representative of Vanity Fair, despite the Lohans' hoopla, said, "We stand by our story." The rep added that the interview with Lohan was tape-recorded.

### Quotes of the week:

"Aliens came down here in peace show us a new level of creativity, and it worked man."  
— R. Kelly on the true purpose of aliens.

"You call it morning, I call it afternoon. I haven't been to sleep since 1988, anyway."  
— former Van Halen frontman David Lee Roth on why he's a good replacement for Howard Stern.

# Student playwright produces first show

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A group of Northern Kentucky University students will examine contemporary concepts of love and longing at 8 p.m. Jan. 27, 28 and 29 in the Black Box Theatre with "Falling Hearts." This two-act drama is written, directed and produced by sophomore theater major Christopher Karr.

Karr, his cast and crew have been practicing since November to portray the psychological, emotional and sexual relationships between 12 interconnecting characters. This is nothing you're likely to see on the Theatre Department's main stage, cast-member Jonathon Pernisek is quick to point out.

"It's harder, tougher, more complicated and edgier than what you would normally see on a university stage," Pernisek said.

Set in the year 2015, all the characters are in their late 20s and early 30s, which is the age most of the performers will be in the same year. Karr, who draws from his own life experiences and conversations, chose the near future for his drama so the show would speak directly to the age bracket of most college students.

"I want people to think," Karr said. "I want people to recognize themselves and their relationships or not recognize themselves and then decide if they want to

change." When the show isn't demanding self-examination from the audience, the central theme is what Karr calls the greatest theme of all – love.

"Ultimately, it's a love story about our generation," he said, "but it's a story on a CD and that CD keeps skipping and it just won't play right."

While Karr explores contemporary relationships in his play writing, he's also been in charge of casting, directing and producing. Theater department faculty weren't involved in the show, but Karr credits a directing class he took with theater professor Brian Robertson as giving him the tools he needed to guide the project. Robertson, who read an early version of the script called the story "a fascinating interplay of relationships."

"This is a monumental undertaking," Robertson said. "Chris has quite a potential as a playwright. He'll speak a language to contemporary situation. His voice will resonate with his fellow students."

Karr hopes that curiosity will bring people to the show.

"I want people to be intrigued enough to come," Karr said. "It's a sad show, but there are a lot of funny moments. I'm just curious to see what people will laugh at."

Admission to the show is donation only. Karr is encouraging people to pay what they can. All proceeds will benefit a yet-to-be chosen charity.



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Students serve as actors in Karr's production.

### movie review

## Vampire sequeel doesn't suck

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If you liked "Underworld," then you'll love its sequel "Underworld: Evolution." The movie stars our favorite death dealer Selene (Kate Beckinsale) along with the hybrid-Lycan Michael (Scott Speedman). These dynamic lovers must find the oldest immortal of the vampire clan to explain the death of Viktor (Bill Nighy) before the vampires and Lycans destroy each other. On the way, Selene reveals her vulnerable side, turning this tale of blood lust into a love story.

The movie is rated R for violence, gore scenes and mild nudity. Movies.com rated this movie at a C- to a D, but the fans were kinder with a rating of B+. My rating is an A- because it has great action scenes and realistic virtual effects.



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## campuscalendar

### Wednesday

- Last day of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Daily Meditation at noon in Budget Theatre.
- Homecoming Event: Norse Festival from noon to 4 p.m. in the U.C. Expect food and activities.
- Homecoming Event: Norse Festival part deux from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the Albright Health Center. Expect food, activities, and Yell Like Hell at 8 p.m.

### Thursday

- HIV testing from 1 to 4 p.m. in U.C. 300. Call X5650 for more information.
- Celebration of the Life and Work of John Thieriet at 2 p.m. in SC 207.
- Seminar: "Buying the Right Business" at 6 p.m. in BEP 461.
- Presentation: "Students Today as Residents Tomorrow" (START) at 7 p.m. in Norse Commons 117 for Spring 2006 Transfer Students and Freshman Refreshments provided.
- Homecoming Event: Gold and White Gala at 7 p.m. in the Madison Convocation. Admission is \$5, tickets now available in the office of Student Life (UC 10).

### Friday

- Undoing Racism Workshop at 4 p.m. in Norse Commons 115.
- Showings of "The Indigo Evolution" at 7:30 p.m. in Greaves Center Hall Friday and Saturday. For tickets, call 859-491-7885.

### Saturday

- Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus meeting at 10 a.m. in BEP 200.
- Undoing Racism Workshop from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Norse Commons 115.
- Homecoming Event: Fourth Annual Chili Cook-Off at 4 p.m. in front of Regents Hall.
- Homecoming Event: Women's basketball game vs. Bellarmine at 5:30 p.m. in Regents Hall.
- Men's basketball game vs. Bellarmine at 7:45 p.m. in Regents Hall.

### Sunday

- Spring 2006 Fraternity Rush at 6 p.m. in Budget Theatre.
- Undoing Racism Workshop at 5 p.m. in Norse Commons 115.

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### Tuesday

- Texas Hold-'Em Tournament at 6 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center.
- KMEA Showcase featuring the Connor High School Chamber Choir and the Ryle High School Symphonic Band at 7:30 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Admission is free.
- RA Information Session at 9 p.m. in Norse Commons 117.
- Free Chili and Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the United Methodist Student Center.

To include the event you're planning in the calendar, contact Regan Coomer at coomer@nku.edu, or call The Northerner at 572-5859.

## Sudoku

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No math skills required. Neurons a plus! Here's a puzzle with numbers. Nothing has to add up to anything else. Yippee! Instead, you solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Where do you start solving a Sudoku puzzle? You can begin in any square, but one mistake early in the game and you'll be in a mess later.

In each row, fill in the numbers one through nine (1-9) in any order without repeating any number. In each column do the same. Using the given numbers, fill in each three-by-three box with the correct answer. No number should be repeated in any row, column, or three-by-three box.

There is only one solution, and it can be reached

using logic. Guessing is not necessary! An EASY puzzle (Neural Numbering May Occur) might take you half an hour the first time, but practice should lower your time. MEDIUM difficulty (Migraines Likely) will probably give you a headache.

On the other hand, if you were on death row, scheduled for execution in the morning, and the guard told you if you solved a HARD puzzle (Risk of Brain Aneurism) your life would be spared — you'd probably die.

Solutions, tips, and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com). You can visit this Web site to practice, learn strategies, and improve your time.

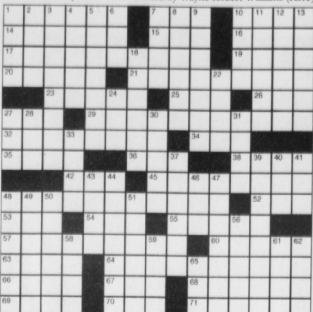
### Migraines Likely

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2		5			
		5	8		
7	4		1	5	
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		8			4
	6	9			1
3	9	7			

Answers to this week's crossword puzzle will be posted on The Northerner Web site at [www.thenortherner.com](http://www.thenortherner.com).

## Crossword

"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)



### Across

- Traffic tie-ups
- Doggish comment
- Eastern nursemaid
- Not so tough
- Canine Ew...
- Military post
- Certain culinary contest
- Speech therapist's concern
- Refrigerant gas
- Lacking interest
- Make cloth gathers
- Fairness-in-hiring
- Cool dude
- Trunk title
- New York griddle
- Embroidery-like tapestry
- Mileage recorder
- Original
- Occupied
- Fairy queen
- Caesar's question to Brutus
- Viscous liquid
- Election slate
- 2003 World Series MVP
- Classic Jag
- Actress Hagen
- ASCAP rival
- Map feature
- Shabby
- 1964 A.L. Rookie of the Year
- Skin opening
- Boxer born Geraldo
- Gonzalez
- Mideast carrier
- Tennison's twilight
- Command
- "Ed Wood" star
- FICA-funder
- Pastry shells

### Down

- Loosely worker
- Neet rival
- Brake-lining material
- Big name in copiers
- Lima Simba
- No seats-a-vailable
- Cockeyed
- Palmeiro of baseball
- XV
- Up to it
- Fruity cocktail
- Select for duty
- Abdul-Jabbar
- Aspire
- Part of IRA
- Specific task
- End of some URLs
- Quaffed
- Writer Wister
- Legendary tale
- Big plane name
- Shaven novel "War"
- Application
- French cleric
- Creates again
- Alma abbr
- 1964 Roy Orbison hit
- Moved upward
- "Lawrence of Arabia" star
- Subordinate bureaucrat
- Urban centers
- Benefactor Yale
- Lend a hand
- Writer Ferber
- Enormous
- Picnic invaders
- Opening letters

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## Horoscopes

By Lasha Senkri (KRT)

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) Long-term friends will expect your undivided attention over the next five days. Although new relationships are appealing, loved ones will vie for obvious displays of affection and loyalty. Respond with honesty and optimism; private doubts need to be publicly resolved. **TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) Home finances and short-term spending demand caution over the next two days. Before mid-week, expect loved ones to reveal added expenses, opt for expanded renovations or initiate large purchases. Final solutions will take time; review established routines, family plans and group expectations before introducing new ideas or habits.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Before Wednesday, a new friend or lover may reveal important social information. Past relationships, old habits and repeated family patterns may be on the agenda. Listen carefully and reserve judgment. Intimacy, trust and ongoing support are now extremely important to loved ones. Go slow and wait for clear signals.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) A trusted friend or close relative may this week need extra time to finalize family issues or long-term property contracts. Over the next five days, home decision, parental obligation or group expectations may be more demanding than anticipated.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Early this week, minor physical ailments may require attention. Areas affected are kidneys, circulation, chest irritations or skin irritations. Some Leos will soon begin a confident regime of activity, fitness and social involvement.

Positive results will be quickly established: trust your instincts and work hard to change unproductive habits. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Outdoor activities, exercise regimes or revised dietary programs will increase physical energy in the coming weeks. Some Virgos will this week bring dramatic improvements to their daily habits, emotional outlook and social routine. Listen to the advice of loved ones: close friends or relatives will offer

unique suggestions. After Thursday, a previously shy friend may request an unusual romantic introduction. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Love relationships will offer pleasing distractions over the next few days. A recent phase of social or romantic isolation is now due to end. Take extra time this week to fully explore new invitations; someone close may wish to be more deeply involved in your personal life.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Private attractions and subtle flirtations may trigger unnecessary gossip in the workplace over the next five days. Romantic speculation will not work to your advantage. Define clear boundaries with new employees and overly familiar officials. Boredom and restlessness may be a driving influence: avoid group participation. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Over the next six days, workplace tensions may be on the agenda. Listen carefully and reserve judgment. Intimacy, trust and ongoing support are now extremely important to loved ones. Go slow and wait for clear signals.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Social proposals and public discussions may this week provide faulty information. Over the next four days, a close friend may request special favors or express bold opinions. Group politics and private romantic triangles are involved; expect accurate times, dates or facts to be unavailable.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Physical vitality is now improving. Minor aches, pains or irritations may this week be replaced with an emerging sense of confidence. Confident expression and public acceptance may be a motivating factor. Stay strong. **PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Business demands now intensify: after Monday, expect employers or older partners to ask for special consideration and improved daily routines. Managers may soon increase pressure or request completed duties; remain determined to finalize small details. Offer advice; your acceptance is needed.

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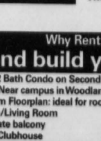
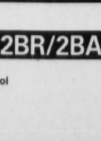
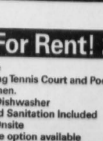
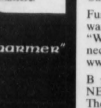
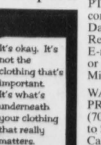
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by Alex Campbell

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